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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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Search for Missing Woman Continues

Brecksville, Ohio – Assistance from experienced river paddlers is being sought in the search for Hillary K. Sharma. Paddlers on the Cuyahoga River are asked to report any out-of-the-ordinary items that they might see along the river between the Village of Boston and Station Road in Brecksville.

Sharma, age 30, is a resident of Eastlake, Ohio. She is 5'3" tall, weighs 120 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes. Her car was found in the Boston Store Visitor Center parking lot in Cuyahoga Valley National Park shortly after midnight on Friday, August 22. A three-day intensive search has covered areas where she is likely to be located without success. Sunday focused on a remote area north of Boston along the Cuyahoga River where some of her personal items were located.

The National Park Service will continue to search on Monday with support from additional emergency response agencies. The National Park Service is also expanding the investigation to determine why Sharma is missing.

People who may have information about Sharma are asked to call the National Park dispatch office at (440) 546-5945.

Paddlers need to be aware of hazards on the Cuyahoga River, including the impassable low-head dam just north of Station Road and potential poor water quality. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/naturescience/waterquality.htm.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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