



Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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Body of Missing Hiker Found at Kings Canyon National Park

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – The body of Gary Dankworth, a 60-year-old man from Carson City NV, has been found and recovered from the Middle Palisades of Kings Canyon National Park. Dankworth was found on the south face of Norman Clyde Peak during search and rescue operations managed by the Inyo County Sheriff's Department and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Dankworth was an experienced backcountry hiker who was camping north of Norman Clyde Peak. According to the reporting party, Dankworth embarked from his campsite at Finger Lake to summit Norman Clyde Peak (located above Big Pine, CA) on Saturday, July 28. He was expected to return to his campsite that evening. His companions contacted the Inyo County Sheriff's Department and reported him overdue on the morning of Sunday July 29. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

In addition to the lead agencies, the following organizations were part of the search efforts:

California Air National Guard (air support), California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), California Highway Patrol H-80 (air support), China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Inyo County Search and Rescue, Inyo National Forest, Kern County Search and Rescue, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Marin Search and Rescue, Montrose Search and Rescue, San Diego Search and Rescue, Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, Tehachapi Search and Rescue, and the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

Search operations ended late in the day on August 2. A total of over 40 people and 4 helicopters were involved in search operations. This incident was highly supported by the efforts of volunteer search and rescue team members coordinated by Cal EMA.

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