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Found Hiker Airlifted from Kings Canyon National Park and Reunited with Family

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA –Hiker Austin Shedd, who was reported yesterday as missing, was airlifted from the Bench Lake area of Kings Canyon National Park on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 10:03 a.m. Before transport, a Parkmedic** evaluated Shedd and found him to be uninjured and in good condition. At 10:33 a.m., the helicopter arrived at the Ash Mountain area of Sequoia National Park (near Park Headquarters, Three Rivers, CA). Shedd has been reunited with a member of his family.

Incident operations concluded on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. A total of 28 National Park Service employees from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks were involved in rescue operations today. Efforts included assisting Shedd to the helicopter landing zone and returning searchers to their normal work locations.

Background:

- Austin Shedd is a 13-year-old male from Carlsbad, CA, and Mammoth Lakes, CA.
- *For previous news releases, a map of the general area, a flyer of the hiker, and his photograph:*
<http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/newsreleases.htm>.

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*** From the UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program website--<http://www.fresno.ucsf.edu/em/parkmedic/>
Parkmedics are park rangers with specialty medical training. Their training is similar to an EMT-Intermediate, but with an expanded pharmacological and procedural scope of practice. Parkmedics in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park provide EMS services under protocols written, reviewed and revised by Parkmedic residents. Parkmedics call for medical direction from the field to the UMC emergency department, where trained residents provide advice and consultation via radio.*

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