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Overdue Hiker Rescued at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

The National Park Service, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), initiated an aerial search and rescue operation for an overdue hiker on Wednesday, November 16. The Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Dispatch Office received confirmation of the missing male solo hiker, age 54 from Porterville, California, at 8:33 a.m. The man had originally planned a five-day trip in Sequoia National Park from the Wolverton Parking Lot to the Black Kaweah/Big Arroyo area. During the search, an orange tent was spotted by the CHP helicopter along the expected route. By 3 p.m., the helicopter returned to the Ash Mountain helibase, which is located near Park Headquarters in Sequoia National Park, with the missing hiker in tow. The man was in good physical condition despite having encountered challenging snow and avalanche conditions in the backcountry.

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ABOUT SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which lie side-by-side in the southern Sierra Nevada in central California, serve as a prime example of nature's size, beauty, and diversity. With the world's largest trees (by volume), grand mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the highest point in the lower 48 states, it is a place that attracts 1.6 million visitors a year from across the U.S. and the world. Visitor activities vary by season and elevation. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/seki or call 559-565-3341.

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