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Continued Search for Missing Hiker at Kings Canyon National Park and Inyo National Forest

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA – On October 26, 2012, the search continued for missing hiker Lawrence (Larry) Conn at Kings Canyon National Park and in the adjacent Inyo National Forest. A total of 35 staff from the Inyo County Sheriff's Department and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, in cooperation with the Air National Guard, were involved in today's search-and-rescue operation. Efforts included ground search teams and three helicopters. Search conditions were challenging with icy conditions and 1 to 1-1/2 feet of snow at high elevations (from 10,000 -12,000 feet). Temperatures range from the mid-30s in the daytime to the low-20s at night (degrees Fahrenheit). The search is expected to continue during the upcoming weekend with additional ground search teams and ongoing helicopter support.

On Friday, October 19, 2012, Conn started his hike at the Taboose Creek Trailhead in the southern portion of the Sierra Nevada in the Inyo National Forest with plans to travel over Taboose Pass toward the John Muir Trail in Kings Canyon National Park. His route may have included Split Mountain and areas to the south, including Pinchot Pass. He planned to return to the Taboose Creek Trailhead on Monday, October 22, 2012. (*See flyer.*)

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