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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### **National Park Service and Others Continue to Search for Missing Hiker Larry Conn at Kings Canyon National Park**

*Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, CA* – On Saturday, October 28, a total of 40 staff from the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, in cooperation with Yosemite National Park, Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue (“YODOGS”-canine search and rescue team), and Sierra Madre Search and Rescue, continued to search for missing hiker, Larry Conn, at Kings Canyon National Park. Efforts included ground search teams (nine), three dogs, and two contract helicopters (AStar B3, Bell 206L4). Search efforts were focused on specific high-probability areas around Pinchot Pass, Taboose Pass, and Split Mountain, including likely travel corridors/camp locations. Conditions continued to be challenging with snow (up to 1-1/2 feet), ice, high elevations (8,000-13,000 feet), and cold temperatures in the mid-40s in the daytime to the low-20s at night (degrees Fahrenheit). No clues were connected to this hiker today. *The search is expected to continue on Monday. Managers continue to evaluate any new information to determine the direction of search efforts over the next days.*

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**News Media:** Additional information about this search was posted on the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks’ website at [www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/newsreleases.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seki/parknews/newsreleases.htm) today, including:

- a slide program (with captions)
- the same photos (saved individually)
- a map of the search area