



The Monument and the Military: A Winning Combination



Military before a search and rescue mission

The shimmering dunes of White Sands National Monument are certainly beautiful, bringing enjoyment to visitor and ranger alike. But the pristine serenity of the dunefield can be deceptive. Distances may seem shorter than they are, the wind erases footprints, and the mountains themselves look very similar to those not familiar with the area. Indeed, it is very easy to become disoriented in this vast expanse of sand.

Fortunately for us, we are surrounded

by a network of partners who are willing to help us to recover those who've gone missing amidst the dunes. The U.S. Border Patrol, Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base, and White Sands Missile Range are quick to respond, diverting pilots and resources to search for lost visitors. Their assistance drastically cuts down on the time it takes to locate and rescue an errant visitor, which in turn increases the chances we will find them in good health.



Military helicopter landing



Holloman Air Force Base Honor Guard