



## Plane crashed, occupants missing

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**Rabbit Peak, Santa Rose Mountains**  
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Our only mission for February came when the Indio station of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department called requesting our services in locating two people who had apparently walked away from their airplane after it had crashed somewhere below Rabbit Peak. We were asked to meet at the Thermal Airport, and then be flown into the crash site to start searching. While enroute to Indio, the pagers went off, and the mission was aborted. After checking with the Indio station we were informed that the two missing people had walked out, and were not seriously injured.

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