



## Two overdue climbers

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**Tahquitz Rock**  
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Idyllwild Fire received a call regarding a fire in the Tahquitz Rock area late in the afternoon. A fire team, including our own Bob Baker, responded and could not locate any sign of fire.

Mid-evening two climbers were reported overdue from Tahquitz Rock. RMRU responded to the call out with 10 team members. Base was established at Humber Park and two teams were sent into the field. The climbers were located near the top of the rock; the fire they had build for warmth had led the team to them.

They were unfamiliar with the down-climb rout and had elected to spend the night on top. The climbers were escorted off the rock and were at base by first light.

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