

Overdue Hikers San Jacinto Peak

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We had just had a call earlier in the evening and now we were asleep in bed when the call came at 11:30pm. The report was that a man and his son had not returned from a day hike to San Jacinto Peak from the Tramway. The Sheriff's Helicopter was searching and we were requested to be at the Tramway at 5:45am for the first morning car up at 6am. Around Midnight the Helicopter spotted the hikers and they were OK, just waiting for daylight. The San Jacinto State Park Rangers said they would go escort the hikers down at first light. So we were told we would not be needed and went back to sleep.

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