

Missing PCT Hiker

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**PCT Fuller Ridge Trail Area
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On Thursday the team was notified that we had a search on Saturday, the 12th, in the Fuller Ridge area for a PCT hiker from Ireland who had been missing for some time. The team had recently conducted trainings in the region along the trail and in some of the drainages. Our assignment for Saturday was to search the upper part of four drainages coming down from the trail.

We were to meet at the Marion Mountain trailhead at 6AM. I met up with Glenn and Cameron at the station and rode with them to the trailhead where we met Corey and the Deputies. Glenn stayed at the trailhead to run base and Cameron, Corey, and I set out up the trail just before 6:30 AM. We decided to check the farthest drainage first and work our way back from there. We reached the drainage a little after 10 AM. The three of us split up and, staying within view of one another, we canvassed the area for signs of the missing hiker.



**Searches hiking in on Fuller Ridge Trail
Photo by Shani Pynn.**

We repeated the process for the second and third drainages and returned to the trailhead shortly before 3 PM. Unfortunately, we found no sign of the missing hiker. Despite the team's best efforts and the various agencies who have also worked to find him, he remains missing at the date of this write up.

RMRU Members Involved: Cameron Dickinson, Corey Ellison, Glenn Henderson and Shani Pynn .

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