

RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

Repeater on Tahquitz Peak

Nov 14, 2020

Tahquitz Peak by South Ridge Trail
2020-T112

Written by Thomas Blanke.

RMRU and several members of DSSAR reported to the Keenwild Heli-base at 5am for pre-briefing for the emplacement of a new radio repeater in the vicinity of the Tahquitz Peak Fire Lookout. Several members stayed back at the Heli-base to begin preparing loads to be longlined up to the peak.



Sling Loads ready to go at Keenwild Heli-base.

The rest of the team reported to the Southridge trailhead to hike up to the peak. Getting to the trailhead required a little more work than everyone had thought. But all cars finally made it.



**Teamwork pays off again.
Image by Beth.**

The first team reached the peak around 8am and relaxed and began coordinating with STAR-9 to start helicopter longlining operations.



**Tyler, James, Blake, Cameron, and Kase in Lookout.
Image by Beth.**

STAR-9 did a fly-by of the peak and determined it was too windy to safely execute operations. Image below by Beth.



The team then locked up the lookout and headed back down to the Trailhead.



Image by Beth.

The first ones back to the Trailhead had extra time, so why not have some fun in the snow. **Image by Beth.**



The team retrograded to Keenwild Heli-base for debriefing and the installation will be rescheduled to a later date.

RMRU Members Involved: Thomas Blanke, Coby Brown, Kase Chong, Cameron Dickinson, Blake Douglas, James Eckhardt, Joe Erickson, Michael George, Glenn Henderson, Eric Holden, Beth Jeffery, Kaitlyn Ellison, Shani Pynn, Tyler Shumway, and Raymond Weden.