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TWO MEN MISSING IN KNOWLES CANYON AREA
Two men and dog found alive

Mesa County, Colo. — Yesterday about 6 p.m., Mesa County Search and Rescue members located two missing men and their dog near the Mee Canyon opening at the Colorado River. The men, and their dog, left the Knowles Canyon Trailhead parking lot on April 12, 2013, for a day hike.

The men were located by SAR members who were on board the CenturyLink helicopter (volunteering their services), intended on being dropped off at a remote location to hike back to the staging area—in their effort to locate the missing men. Rescuers told deputies the dog wasn't as excited to see them as the men were, but besides being cold and hungry, everyone was okay.

Deputies remind the public to sign-in at trailheads, notify friends/family of your whereabouts and when you are expected home. Report anyone overdue to dispatch, immediately.

Photo: Staging area for Deputies and Mesa County Search & Rescue, Inc. for the missing men from the Knowles Canyon Trailhead.

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Previously Released April 15, 2013 – Deputies and Mesa County Search and Rescue, Inc. responded to Knowles Canyon Trailhead today after getting a report of two adult men who were overdue returning home. The call came into our Regional Dispatch Center about 8:45 a.m.

The men are in their mid-40's and have a dog with them, and their vehicle was located at the Knowles Canyon Trailhead today by deputies, approximately 15 miles past Glade Park. The pair logged their hike on the sign-in trailhead sheet, and dated their trek for April 12, 2013. It is unknown what provisions they have or how they are dressed. Currently, snow is falling in the area.

At least one of the men is from the Denver area, and it was his family who reported him as having not returned home when anticipated. Multiple SAR teams and resources are

being used and deployed in the area of Knowles Canyon to locate the missing men and their dog.

Deputies are asking the public, if anyone was hiking Knowles Canyon Trailhead (or that area) over the weekend and saw these men, please call non-emergency dispatch at (970) 242.6707, to provide details about where exactly they were seen and any other descriptions.

MEDIA NOTE: Details from on-scene are limited because of the remote location of this mission.

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