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MISSING DENVER MAN, OVERDUE ON DIRT BIKE
Search & Rescue Mission in desert north of airport

Mesa County, Colo. — A 34-year-old Denver man came to Grand Junction on Saturday for a few days of dirt biking in the desert area north of the Grand Junction Regional Airport. He was expected back in Denver, by his friends, on Monday, June 10, 2013. When he became overdue, they reported him missing on Monday evening.

Deputies and Mesa County Search & Rescue volunteers have been on scene, on 27 ¼ Road—north of the airport, since 9 p.m., last night. About 9:30 a.m. today, a local helicopter owner and SARC volunteer deployed his helicopter for this mission, searching the Bookcliff area in north Mesa County. A fixed wing airplane is joining the mission today from the Colorado National Guard/Civil Air Patrol and will be used to search the vast open desert space.

The missing man was reported to be on a Honda 125cc dirt bike with aftermarket performance accessories, red, black and white in color. He was wearing standard dirt bike riding gear, but no detailed description is available. It is believed he was riding in the desert north of the airport starting mid-day Saturday, June 8th. Anyone who may have seen this man—riding alone, is asked to call **non-emergency dispatch at 970.242.6707** and provide location, time/date and description, along with contact information for deputies to follow-up if needed.

MEDIA NOTE: Should this search continue through the day, an information news briefing is scheduled at 3 p.m., at the 27 ¼ Road incident command location.

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