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PRESS RELEASE

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To: All News Outlets

From: Jennifer Hansen, Public Information Officer

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RE: Search efforts for missing hiker, Matthew Greene, continue throughout the Eastern Sierra

On July 29, 2013, avid outdoorsman, Matthew Greene, age 39, was reported missing to the Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD). Mr. Greene was passing through the Mammoth Lakes area to do some hiking, camping, and conquer peaks throughout the Eastern Sierra. Mr. Greene is believed to have expressed interest in climbing Mt. Lyell, south of Tuolumne Meadows, Mt. Ritter, and Mt. Banner.

The Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team has sent ground teams to search around the Ritter/Banner area. As a training mission, a CHP helicopter, along with the assistance of Mono County SAR, did a brief search of the area, including the Minarets. To date, Mr. Greene has not been located.

Due to the potential climbing destinations of Mt. Ritter and Mt. Banner being outside of Mono County, the Mono County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (SAR) Team has not been officially activated. The SAR team, to actively aid the family and friends of Mr. Greene in their search efforts, has utilized training opportunities to try and locate him. The SAR team has verified that no summit register entries have been entered by Mr. Greene at either peak. The SAR team is currently analyzing forest service permits and emailing permit holders to try and gather additional information regarding Mr. Greene's location.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office has sent information in reference to this investigation to Madeira County and the Yosemite Search and Rescue Team as their jurisdiction is potentially involved. At this time, Mono County SAR has not been formally requested as mutual aid in this search.

Mr. Greene is 5'11" and weighs approximately 160 lbs. Anyone with any information on Mr. Greene's whereabouts or other tips for this investigation are encouraged to call Detective Hornbeck at the Mammoth Lakes Police Department at (760) 934-2011 or the Mono County Sheriff's Office at (760) 932-7549 ext. 7.

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