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Searchers Find Lost Mountain Biker

Missoula, MT. – Volunteer searchers with Missoula County Sheriff's Search and Rescue found a lost mountain biker today at approximately 1:30 p.m. on the Stuart Peak Trail in the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area of the Lolo National Forest. Trevor Boilek walked up to rescuers, uninjured, but cold, wet and dehydrated after spending the night in the forest. He told searchers he became disoriented late yesterday after taking a wrong turn on one of the trails in the area.

Searchers arrived at the main Rattlesnake trail head at approximately 11 p.m. last night and searched through the night for Boilek, who is in his early thirties and an experienced mountain biker.

Family members and Boilek's girlfriend alerted searchers after he did not arrive home in Missoula last night as he had planned. Boilek had called his sister from one of the trails at approximately 3:30 p.m. after riding from his Missoula home. He told his sister he was in the Curry Gulch area and was going to an overlook, then down to Sawmill Gulch and back to Missoula. He did not report any problems at that time and he was not heard from again until searchers located him this afternoon.

Approximately six searchers looked for Boilek throughout the night. Today the number of searchers doubled to about 12. Boilek told searchers he spent most of the night walking the trails in the area to stay warm.

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