



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Grand Canyon
National Park

PO Box 129
Grand Canyon, Arizona
86023-0129 USA

928-638-7903 phone
928-638-7609 fax

Grand Canyon National Park News Release

Release date: Immediate

Contact(s): Leah McGinnis
Phone number: 928-638-7903
Date: March 27, 2008

Update on the Fatality on the Bright Angel Trail

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Park dispatch at Grand Canyon National Park received a 9-1-1 cell phone call yesterday afternoon of a man found lying unresponsive on the Bright Angel Trail about ¼ of a mile below mile and a half house.

Jack Mayfield, 72 from Idaho was on a day hike. He and his hiking companion had hiked 4 ½ miles to Indian Gardens and were on their way back up the trail when Mr. Mayfield collapsed. CPR was started by a Good Samaritan after receiving instruction from park dispatch. Park personnel arrived on scene and continued CPR without success.

Mr. Mayfield's body was carried by litter ¼ mile to a helicopter at mile and a half house where it was transported to the South Rim Helibase and turned over to the Coconino County Medical Examiner's Office. An investigation is being conducted by the National Park Service.

-NPS-