



**K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc.**  
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**LOCAL K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSISTS WITH SEARCH FOR MISSING  
MAN WITH ALZHEIMERS**

Local search team helps to look for missing man on Engineer Mountain

K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc. based in Dolores responded to a request from the San Juan County Sheriff and La Plata County Search and Rescue on Sunday afternoon to assist with the search for a missing 69-year-old man with Alzheimer's.

Reported missing since noon on Sunday, the man was hiking with friends on Engineer Mountain near Silverton when they lost contact with him.

The K9 team from Dolores joined the search at 9:30pm on Sunday and continued until approximately 11:00am Tuesday when search teams were told to stand down as the missing man had apparently been found alive and well in Rico. He had apparently walked the trails without equipment or food and water.

The search and rescue efforts included teams from five counties including San Juan, La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, and Mesa County, as well as members of San Juan Sheriff's Office, La Plata County Sheriff's Office, and K9 teams from La Plata County and the K9 team from Dolores. Assisting with the search was a helicopter from Durango, and many private searchers using ATVs, horses, mountain bikes, and on foot.

The K9 team was assisted in their efforts by Kimberly Kelly, nationally recognized expert on searching for missing persons with Alzheimer's who coordinates Project Far From Home, a national law enforcement educational program designed to teach law enforcement and search and rescue teams about missing at risk Alzheimer's and dementia subjects.. Based in San Diego, California, Kelly kept in touch with the team via cell phone throughout the search.

For more information about the K9 Search and Rescue Team, visit their website at [www.k9team.org](http://www.k9team.org).