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LOCAL K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE FINDS DOWNED PLANE DURING TRAINING EXERCISE

Plane reported downed in 1964 not where it was supposed to be

During a recent training exercise near Wolf Creek Ski Area K9 search and rescue members from Dolores and Taos, New Mexico, discovered a small private airplane that had crashed 44 years previously - except the wreckage was not where it was supposed to be.

K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc. based in Dolores was training with K9 handlers from Taos on the weekend of August 23rd and 24th when they came across the propeller-driven Moonie-M20E. NTSB records report that the plane crashed on October 30th 1964 in South Fork, Colorado due to failure of the left wing. The crash resulted in the deaths of the four occupants.



A Moonie-M20E similar to the one found

However, the wreckage was discovered less than a mile from the Wolf Creek Ski Area, over 16 miles by air from South Fork. The team reported the crashed plane to the Mineral County Sheriff's Office.

Wolf Creek Ski Area was the location of a recent search in June for two snowboarders who went missing in early January. The team was part of a larger search effort that located the bodies of both snowboarders.

For more information about the K9 Search and Rescue Team, visit their website at www.k9team.org.