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Subject: Aid to a Lost Hiker

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The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR) Team was called out on Friday, July 15, 2011, to aid a lost hiker. Nick Gomez, age 28, of Los Angeles, CA, was on the June Lake Loop and wanted to go "touch the snow" in the Devil's Slide couloirs. While hiking, he stepped on what he thought was a beehive, ran, and then became disoriented. Mr. Gomez was visible from the road and had cell reception. He was given instructions on how to reach the Yost Creek Trail, just to the east, and as an alternative, instructions on walking back downhill to the road. He had difficulty in following these instructions and the SAR team was dispatched to locate Mr. Gomez and bring him to the road. The first field team located Mr. Gomez quickly and he was brought back to the June Lake Loop within an hour of the SAR team launching.

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