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**Date: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Climber Killed At Dike Wall**

On July 5, 2009, at approximately 12:00 p.m., the Mono County Sheriff's Department received a report of a fallen climber at the Dike Wall, a popular climbing area near Mammoth Lakes, California. Mono County Paramedics, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue Team personnel responded to the scene. The fallen climber was identified as Mr. John Bachar, age 51. Mr. Bachar is a well-known, world class climber who resides in Mammoth Lakes, Ca. Bachar sustained numerous, severe injuries in the unwitnessed fall. Other climbers nearby heard the fall and were able to reach Bachar in less than a minute. He was evacuated from the scene using a wheeled litter, and then via boat across Lake George to a waiting ambulance. He was transported to Mammoth Hospital where he shortly died thereafter due to his injuries.

This press release was prepared by: Sergeant Jeff Beard

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