

Lost Hiker Found After Night in Wilderness

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A Kodiak Fish and Game employee went missing on a hike near Saltery Cove Monday, prompting a multi-agency search by the Alaska State Troopers, Kodiak Island Search and Rescue and a Coast Guard helicopter.

According to a trooper report, Matthew Dias, age 35 reportedly left a Fish and Game camp in Ugak Bay for a hike around 1 p.m. By 11 that night, Troopers received a call saying the man failed to return to camp.

The Coast Guard launched a helicopter with four KISAR volunteers aboard Tuesday morning at 6:30, and returned to Kodiak after dropping them off.

Dias was spotted atop a bluff around 10 a.m. Tuesday by searchers in a Fish and Game vessel, which recalled the helicopter. Dias was hoisted aboard and returned to Kodiak without injury.