

New Mexico 2019 SAR Missions (through May, 2019)

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Missions are listed in mission number order (Date-District-Mission)

Mission #	Open Date	Closing Date	Field Coordinators	Teams Responded	Location Where Subject Was Found	Incident Summary	Total Personnel	Total Vol Manhours
SAR19000002	1/1/2019	01-Jan-19	Richard Goldstein			Reported that subject went hiking out of the ski basin trail head at 7am and had not returned, no report on gear etc. Subject walked out at approx 1648 ans was met by his family, mission closed at 1649	1	0
SAR19000003	1/4/2019	05-Jan-19	Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, LAARC	429468 3964247	Subjects went for a short hike leaving at noon from the Santa Fe Ski basin trail head, Plan was to hike to the Rio Nambé Bridge and decide to either return or go farther out. Instead they hiked down trail 403 and up 160 to La Vega. The sun set and they couldn't find trail back in dark, texted reporting party their coordinates and stayed there, till SAR teams found them and hiked them out.	15	108
SAR19000005	1/21/2019	22-Jan-19	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	135 0366896E 3897300N	Bernalillo County Fire Department contacted the State Police dispatch concerning 2 lost subjects on or near the La Luz Trail. Contacted Bernalillo County Fire Department Battalion 7 for details on subjects. Provided cellphone phase 2 coordinates from the 911 call that placed the subjects about 5 miles up the La Luz trail. Two subjects reported, 21 year old male and 21 year old female, from Texas. Incident Base was established at the Sandia Crest Parking Lot, 1.8 miles (trail distance) from the parking lot. Shortly after the first 2 teams were deployed, the teams report difficult trail conditions and recommend deploying remaining teams from the lower trailhead. Incident Base was moved near the lower trailhead (unable to access trailhead due to construction and locked gate). Subjects were located 6-tenths of a mile from the original coordinates, farther down the trail. All 3 subjects were suffering from mild hypothermia, but alert. Subjects were provided warm dry clothes by the SAR team members and walked out to the Incident Base. Bernalillo County Fire Department and Albuquerque Ambulance Services assessed the subjects. Subjects did not wish to be transported to a medical facility and Bernalillo County Fire Department/Albuquerque Ambulance Services completed EMS releases. Bernalillo County Fire Department transported subjects to their vehicle at the Sandia Tram parking lot.	23	98
SAR19000009	1/25/2019	26-Jan-19	Laurie Wlosinski	GCSAR, MVSAR, OMTRS, BORSTAR, SSAR	FR858, Gila NF near Silver City UTM 12S 0750233 x 3635816 WGS 84	Subject is a 76 yr old male with high blood pressure and heart issues. He departed their vacation rental house on his motor assisted bicycle at 1030 and was to go no farther than a 10 mile round trip, returning no later than 1400. The RP notified SCPD at 1630 to report him overdue. Subject had little water, light weight clothing, no food or supplies to spend the night out. The RP, his wife, was very confused as to his intended route. The subject biked out to Bear Mountain Road where he exited the road onto an unmarked trail. He came to a steep hill, climbed it to get his bearings and was unable to see SC. He went to another hill but became exhausted and made camp 3/4 of the way up the hill. He still could not see town and so the next morning he left his bike and headed in what he hoped was a southerly direction. He hiked miles until he finally found the CDT, and followed it to FR858. He now had cell service and called his wife, but said he was on Little Walnut Rd instead of FR858. His cell then died. Ground and ATV teams searched all possible roads and trails throughout the night into the following day and found possible tire tracks and foot prints. NMSAR Able 6 flew the major roads and began an area search. After the phone call, ground and atv teams searched the length of Little Walnut Rd, and were then redirected to search other roads including 858. A BORSTAR team encountered the subject being transported by citizens giving him a ride to SC, evaluated his physical condition and transported him to the ICP. The subject was treated by EMS at the ICP, transported to Gila Regional Medical Center and was admitted.	32	255
SAR19000007	1/25/2019	25-Jan-19	Bruce Berry	NMSARSPT	35° 1.0' N 106° 52.7' W	AFRCC called NMSAR, PLB @ 35° 1.0' N 106° 52.7' W. Location indicates Cerro Colorado Land Fill. Located PLB in landfill 2.5 feet deep	0	0
SAR19000010	1/26/2019	27-Jan-19	Tony Gaier	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	WGS 84, 135 0368157E 3896771 N	Bernalillo County Fire Department contacted the State Police dispatch concerning 2 lost subjects on or near the La Luz Trail. Contacted Bernalillo County Fire Department Battalion 7 for details on subjects. Provided cellphone phase 2 coordinates from the 911 call that placed the subjects about 0.5 miles from the top of the La Luz trail. Two subjects reported, 54 year old male and 59 year old male. Incident Base was established at the Sandia Crest Parking Lot. Upon arriving at Incident Base, Bob Rodgers sent one of the subjects a SARLOC message and determine they were 0.7 miles from the top of the trail. Subjects were located within a few meters of the SARLOC coordinates by the first team deployed from 18 approximately 45 minutes after departing. Both subjects were suffering from mild hypothermia. Subjects were provided warm dry clothes by the SAR team members and walked to Incident Base. Bernalillo County Fire Department assessed the subjects. Subjects did not wish to be transported to a medical facility and Bernalillo County Fire Department completed EMS releases and released the subjects.	19	72
SAR19000011	1/28/2019	29-Jan-19	Nate Lay, Richard Goldstein	PhilSAR, TSAR, CISAR, NMMSAR, Parjito Search Dogs, SSD, MCC	unk	After killing elk subject got lost trying to find UTV. Large number of family and friends search Monday and Monday night into Tuesday with Phil SAR. Many more family and friends searched Tuesday and family found subject in good condition just hungry and thirsty. Subject was never in care custody or control of NMSAR	29	188
SAR19000013	1/29/2019	29-Jan-19	Bruce Berry	NMSARSPT, SSD, CISAR, NMWK9s	At home, Gibson/Carlisle	15yo autistic walked away from Eldorado HS, 2:30pm, 1/28/19. APD Open Space located backpack and cell phone near foothills. Subject walked home from Montgomery/Tramway to Gibson/Garlisle, arrived 01:30, 1/29/19. APD did not notify NMSAR or SAR on find	0	0

SAR190000015	2/2/2019	02-Feb-19	Bob Baker	CISAR, NMSARSPT	13S 365776E 3897766N (approx)	Subjects embarked on their hike at 0930. Subject's plan was to hike the La Luz then take the tram back down. At the 4.6 mile point, the subjects were cold and couldn't continue on. They called for assistance. BCFD received the call and notified NMSP to contact NM SAR. Teams from NM SAR deployed on trail, located the subjects (approx 1.6 mi up trail), medically assessed them and walked them off the mountain. BCFD assessed and released the subjects.	12	22
SAR190000017	2/17/2019	17-Feb-19	Tony Gaier		13S 0366550E 3885139N	State Police dispatch called indicating Albuquerque Fire Department (AFD) had received a report that a hiker had fallen approximately 35-40 feet near Embudo Canyon. AFD indicated the subject was severely injured and required a helicopter rescue. AFD was coordinating with Metro 1 to perform the extraction, but would like to have the National Guard Helicopter on backup in case Metro 1 was unable to assist. No ground resources were need in case of a failed air evacuation (AFD had sufficient resources on scene, per AFD on-scene Incident Commander). Bob Rodgers contacted the Area Commander to request a National Guard Helicopter be placed on standby. Metro 1 successfully extracted the subject at 14:32 and transport the subject to University of New Mexico Hospital.	1	1
SAR190000020	3/8/2019	09-Mar-19	Wes Crownover	CISAR, AMRC, NMSARSPT, NMMSAR	13S 369169 3818681	26yo male subject called 911 stating he was lost and severely dehydrated. His vehicle was stuck and he had walked south from vehicle a couple hours. Subject was located a short distance from 911 location and transported to hospital	14	75
SAR190000021	3/10/2019	11-Mar-19	Spenser Moreland	AMRC	Near upper Sandia Tram Terminal	Subjects began hiking up from base of La Luz trail in late morning, intended to take the tram down. They reach the top after the tram had closed for the evening. They became disoriented on the way down and encountered a fence they could not get around. Hunkered down there. BCFD crew at the tram terminal made voice contact with them, then hiked down the spur trail a short distance and encountered them. Subjects were medically evaluated by BCFD personnel and released	9	8
SAR190000022	3/12/2019	13-Mar-19	Rick Overmier	CCSAR, OMTRS, DACSAR, SSAR, NMMSAR, AISAR, AtSAR, CISAR, WMSAR, Lincoln Co SO, LCEMS, NM Game and Fish	13S 0425966 x 3710970 Norman Canyon Trail and Tortalita Trail	Group of three hikers split up on Pensylvania Canyon Trail. They were going to meet up on Nogal Canyon Trail but subject never showed. Family and friends began search area on both Canyon Trails with no luck. SAR responded and teams sent to start search of Norman and Tortalita Canyon areas. Subject was able to call Lincoln Co Sheriff office approx. 0900 hrs, 3/13/19. Thought he was near Tortalita Springs near Norman Trail and Tortalita Trail. Teams directed to continue to that area. Subject found cold, wet, slight ankle pain. Location 33° 32.146 105° 47.842.	21	234
SAR190000023	3/16/2019	16-Mar-19	Richard Goldstein			Snowboarder went out of bounds by the Big Tesque creek and was stuck in waist deep snow. Ski patrol director of Ski Santa Fe, called and requested SAR and told me that ski patrol was in route to rescue the subject. Bob Rodgers obtained a mission number and then directed the ski patrol director to keep Bob advised as to status and if ski patrol could not rescue subject, Bob would call resources. The director called and advised that the ski patrol had contact with the subject and was walking him out on snow shoes.	1	2
SAR190000024	3/16/2019	16-Mar-19	Bruce Berry	AMRC, CISAR, NMSARSPT	.34 mi down La Luz from top. 35.19969200 - 106.4384460	Hiking up La Luz from bottom, got stranded due to snow and ice .3 mi from top. Self-rescued with some help from others to tram. Tram transported the down to the bottom. No SAR resources put into field.	12	16
SAR190000025	3/17/2019	17-Mar-19	Bruce Berry	NMSARSPT, CISAR, AMRC	Upper La Luz, 35.199852 - 106.438315	Subject went up La Luz, got stuck in ice and snow. BCFD attempted rescue, called SAR. BCFD deployed Metro 1 and they affected short haul rescue. SAR ground teams available but did not deploy.	14	18
SAR190000026	3/18/2019	19-Mar-19	Richard Buhite, Richard Goldstein	SFSAR, AtSAR, NMMSAR, CISAR, NMSARSPT, CAP, SSD, NPS, NM Game and Fish	13S 243306 E by 3876799 N	Subject went for a hike in the Malpais without proper gear and left midday. Subject went off trail and got lost on Sunday. On Tuesday she, after wandering for two days was able, despite dehydration and exhaustion made her way to Hwy 17 and was rescued by National Park service.	41	183
SAR190000033	3/23/2019	24-Mar-19	Laurie Wlosinski, Marc Levesque - Deputy	GCSAR, MVSAR, OMTRS, NMSP, NMNG ,USCBP	Gila River below Bill Evans Lake and above Red Rock 12S 0721451 x 3626747 W84	Three kayakers entered the Gila River below Hwy 180 at the Bill Evans Lake area at approximately 1200 hours on 03/23/19. The kayakers later capsized in rapids several miles below, and one was separated from his kayak and gear. This individual was a diabetic with an insulin pump but had no food, water, sugar, or medication with him. The other two kayakers left the subject on shore to retrieve his kayak and other belongings. When they returned, however, the subject was gone. They later heard him while traveling downstream and yelled back and forth to meet downstream, but the subject never arrived. They then reached a phone in Red Rock to call 911 and returned to Silver City. SAR responded, and ground and ATV teams searched throughout the night on local roads/jeep trails but found no sign. Terrain along most of the river was cliff face, and the river was running fast and high with snow melt. A USCBP helicopter searched the river after daylight, making multiple passes before locating subject on a hillside at 1430 hrs but were unable to land. They dropped survival supplies to the subject before RTB. A ground team was able to get a voice message via their drone to the subject to reassure him that another helo was on the way and to stay put. A NMNG Blackhawk extracted the subject via hoist at 2135 and flew him directly to Gila Regional Medical Center where he spent the night for treatment of diabetes complications and dehydration.	26	303
SAR190000030	3/24/2019	25-Mar-19	Grady Viramontes	OMTRS, DACSAR	13S 356531E 3543543N	Subject called friend who called 911. Subjects dog had bloodied its paws and would not walk. Subject had lost the trail and had no lights for night hiking. We sent in teams to assist with clothing and extract. AAA mission.	7	26

SAR190000032	3/26/2019	27-Mar-19	Tony Gaier, Bob Rodgers, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee)	CISAR, AMRC, NMSARSPT, APD, BCFD, BCSO	135 0371164 3894290	Subject was dropped off at the Pino Trail head with intentions of hiking to the top Tram terminal. Subject encountered snow and ice and decided that going back down was not an option. He continued onto the Crest Trail and encountered even more snow and ice. Darkness stopped the subject and he decided to spend the night at the location he was discovered. Subject was reported overdue to a known SAR volunteer who reported the incident to 911. Subject was not properly equipped for the snow. Discovery team warmed the subject, provided additional clothes and hiked the subject down the mountain via the Tree Spring Trail.	17	80
SAR190000034	3/28/2019	29-Mar-19	Marc Levesque	Gila Regional EMS, NPS, NMSP, Grant Co SO, USFS, GCSAR	UTM 12S 0756331 E 3681168N W84	A 62 y/o female backpacker fell and severely fractured her ankle on Forest Trail 729 in Little Bear Canyon approximately 2.5 miles north of T J Corral. When the RP reported the incident to NPS staff at the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument Visitor's Center, the staff incorrectly followed procedures and called for Gila Regional EMS to respond rather than NMSP SAR. When two EMTs arrived on scene, they went up the trail to the subject's location without requesting any assistance. After noticing that the ambulance was still at T J Corral a few hours later, a NPS volunteer went up the trail with a radio and later contacted the Visitor's Center to report that the litter party was dehydrated and needed assistance with the evacuation. NMSP was then contacted, but the responding officers also failed to contact SAR. Eventually, an EMS coordinator contacted NMSP Dispatch to request SAR assistance, seven hours after the incident was initially reported. SAR immediately responded and arrived on scene to deploy four teams with a wheeled litter, which facilitated the subject's evacuation to T J Corral, at which point she was transported by ambulance to Gila Regional Medical Center.	12	32
SAR190000033	3/28/2019	29-Mar-19	Al Webster	TVSAR, SART, AtSAR, SFSAR	36.5697773 N X 105.426926 W	Subject parked her car at Williams Lake TH to hike up 'new' trail to Wheeler Peak. On reaching the ridgeline she turned left, away from Wheeler and continued along ridgeline, becoming disoriented. Seeing what she thought was a 'ski run' she started descending along an avalanche chute toward the Williams Lake Trail. She was caught in a slide, buried to her waist, extricated herself and held onto a tree to prevent further slide. Was able to call 911 who got a Phase 2, called NMSP and then SAR. SAR wanted a Black Hawk to extricate her but, upon realizing the steep slope (55%) and determining Black Hawk would cause an avalanche SAR put Black Hawk on standby. SAR deployed teams with avalanche expertise directly below the subject but about 1000 feet lower and about .36/mile distance. Team analysed snow with ambient temp about 40°F and waited until sun had gone down behind mountain to the west and the temps had dropped for snow to become solid. Teams then skied and snowshoed to subject, stabilized, assessed and walked her downhill kicking steps into the snow for the subject to step into. Med. Doctor at bottom assessed and returned subject and all teams to IB.	20	130
SAR190000036	3/31/2019	31-Mar-19	Vern Lyautey		32.219413 -108.01552	Plane crash, No search	0	0
SAR190000036	4/13/2019	13-Apr-19	Laurie Wlosinski, Russ Imler Deputy	GCSAR	Gila NF, Gila River 12S 0760129 3671845 WGS 84	The IERCC (GEOS) notified SP Dispatch that an emergency beacon was received from the subject and they were unable to reach the subject to confirm the SOS signal. The subject was known to be through hiking the CDT. The emergency beacon continued and indicated that the subject was moving upstream. Teams were dispatched to a nearby trail head and were sent to the last known emergency coordinate. Subject was located and was ok. The beacon had been accidentally activated. Subject deactivated the beacon and continued on with his hike.	5	17
SAR190000037	4/15/2019	15-Apr-19	Vern Lyautey			Got a call about a missing rancher with heart problems and diabetic. Got mission number and had SAR on standby. Waited for a call where to go but received a call that the family had found him.	0	0
SAR190000038	4/16/2019	16-Apr-19	Spenser Moreland, Bill Dyea (FC Trainee)	SSD, CISAR, AMRC, NMSARSPT, NMMSAR	South-southwest of Cedro Peak, north of FR 542	Subject departed her residence on 4/16/19 after an argument with her boyfriend. He received a text from her about 1400 stating he wouldn't see her again. At 2100, he located her vehicle at a trailhead and called 911 at midnight after searching the area. Canine and aerial search by BCSO had negative results and SAR was activated. Canine and area search around vehicle by SAR personnel resulted in locating subject approximately 200 yards to north, deceased.	13	31
SAR190000039	4/17/2019	18-Apr-19	Spenser Moreland	SSAR, NMNG	Diamond Peak	Subjects were backpacking the Grand Enchantment Trail when their gear was ruined in a storm during the night. One subject hiked to top of Diamond Peak and was able to call 911. Plan was to attempt rescue via NMNG Blackhawk, with ground rescue as a back-up due to weather concerns. Black Hawk was able to extract subjects just prior to ground resources beginning the hike in. Subjects flown to Silver City.	7	28
SAR190000041	4/22/2019	23-Apr-19	Marc Levesque	GCSAR, MVSAR, SSAR, CCSAR, USFS, USAF	Noonday Canyon, Gila National Forest@ UTM 13S 0232148E 3647565N WGS84	A 59 y/o male employee of the Gila National Forest failed to return from a field work assignment in the area of Cureton and Noonday Canyons by mid-day on 04/22/19. A preliminary air search was conducted that afternoon by the USFS but failed to locate the subject. A ground search by USFS personnel then located the subject's track and followed it until just before dark. At this point, NMSP SAR was contacted for assistance, and a mission initiated. SAR field teams were deployed that night and located the subject who was hypothermic and dehydrated at approximately 0230 on 04/23/19. The subject was treated on scene, and a helicopter rescue was activated for the morning. After a USFS fire crew expanded an identified landing zone, a USFS helicopter was able to land and evacuate the subject to Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, where he received further medical treatment.	27	269

SAR190000042	4/23/2019	23-Apr-19	Al Webster	SFSAR, SART	WGS 84 368684E x 4029921 N	Subjects parked their car at the Ghost Ranch Parking lot and hiked to Kitchen Mesa from the Kitchen Mesa trail head at Ghost Ranch. Subjects made it to the end of the trail and became confused, assuming that the trail was a 'loop'. They called the office for help. G. Ranch deployed a few people who turned back owing to rain and slippery footing. NMSP Officers arrived prior to SAR arriving -they, seeing the subjects on the mesa, hiked with a game warden and a member of G. Ranch to the subjects and brought them out. Rio Arriba ambulance arrived, having been summoned by NMSP, assessed the subjects and released them. Santa Fe SAR arrived at 18 owing to not knowing the condition of the subjects and were prepared to litter them out if necessary.	13	18
SAR190000043	4/27/2019	27-Apr-19	Russ Imler	GCSAR	Grapevine Campground	Subject was rafting on Gila River above Grapevine CG. Subject wanted to quit before her companions. They let her out at the Forks area to walk back to Grapevine CG. Subject became overdue walking back to CG. Subject eventually walked into the CG and was met by NMSP prior to SAR teams' arrival.	9	24
SAR190000044	4/28/2019	30-Apr-19	Ashley Smith, Russ Imler, Laurie Wlosinski	GCSAR, OMTRS, MVSAR, DACSAR, ALASAR, CSAR, LCFD, Native Air, Air Nat'l Guard, BORST AR		Despondent subject left his home following an argument/possible suicide attempt. Abandoned vehicle located on ranch land. DASO AND NMSP investigated and located tracks leading to the north. OPS 3 continued to try to follow tracks north of hills but could not. Efforts were made to determine/verify subject's footprint, get a direction of travel and follow tracks to locate subject. Established containment lines in all directions using aerial assets, ground, vehicle and drone teams. Interviewed wife for information on husband's actions before he left home, tried to determine his financial activity during search, and had State Police check other locations that subject may visit outside of search area. No further clues were found during OP3 and search was suspended at 1936. Second OP for despondent subject, who abandoned his car and possibly walked away. Ground and air assets searched areas to the north and around the vehicle, and re-searched areas previously searched in OP1.	21	17305
SAR190000045	4/30/2019	30-Apr-19	Richard Goldstein	CiSAR, SFSAR, NMMSAR, SFCSP, NMWK9, SSD	Cedar Crest Store in Cedar Crest NM	Subject walked away from Black Mesa Casino at 0636 4-29-19. Family reported that he had done this before and returned by that evening or the next morning, when he did not return they searched and then reported to San Felipe PD who issued a BOLO. Subject left Pueblo land and then hike on St Rd 14 to Cedar Crest store. Store staff became concerned since subject was not buying anything and called BSO who responded and ran subject's information and found BOLO and called Lt Earl of San Felipe PD who brought subject to 18 where family was waiting. BSO had EMS evaluate subject	27	44
SAR190000047	5/3/2019	04-May-19	Nate Lay, Richard Goldstein, Bill Dyea FC Trainee	PhilSAR, SFSAR, SART, CISAR, NMMSAR, SFCSP, AMRC, Ocate VFD, NMSARSPT, SSAR	135 4837679 398422	Subject separated from partner at approx at 1700 5-3-19 and was rescued at approx 1450 5-4-19	64	453
SAR190000048	5/5/2019	05-May-19	Laurie Wlosinski	GCSAR, NMSP, State Conservation Officer	12S 0702016 3610683 along county road known locally as Fishermen-s Rd	Subject left his mother's home in Lordsburg on Friday, May 3 in the morning to return by vehicle to his residence in Las Cruces. Subject had made earlier comment about possibly looking at the Gila River and taking a nap on his way home. He called mother Friday afternoon saying he was lost and thirsty. Later that night he called to say he was desperate for food and water, was on foot and lost. His last call was at 2236 to say he was bleeding and dying near Adams Creek Road. No further cell phone communication was possible after that. AFR CC cell phone forensics narrowed down the location for an IPP. Tracking, ground and aerial teams located the subject by following his footprints from his abandoned vehicle in an arroyo many miles from Adams Creek Road. Subject was transported by family members to Gila Regional Medical Center.	10	16
SAR190000049	5/11/2019	12-May-19	Bruce Berry	AMRC, CISAR, SSD, NMSARSPT	13S 0366174 3897594, 2 miles up the La Luz from the bottom	Rode tram up- hiked down La Luz. Separated from subject and his 10 yo son, was to go to la Cueva. Located 2 miles up La Luz	20	65
SAR190000050	5/11/2019	11-May-19	Una Smith			BIA requested NMSAR assistance to locate a missing male on the Santo Domingo Pueblo. Subject ran off from his father and his father and a BIA officer pursued him. The son was subject of a recent prior NMSAR search. NMSAR response on this incident was suspended despite cold, off-and-on rainy weather because the IC learned the son had been active in the same weather all day, chose to run off, is an adult not adjudicated incompetent, has a long criminal record including violence, and is known to NMSAR to be capable of running 15+ miles straight line cross country in the dark in this terrain. Clouds were scattered and a quarter moon was up. BIA subsequently informed IC that subject was tracked to forest roads near highway NM-4 and then spotted in the Bernalillo metro area. As of 5/25/2019 IC has received no more information from BIA.	3	43
SAR190000051	5/14/2019	14-May-19	Richard Goldstein	CiSAR, SART, ARMC SFSAR, Los Alamos Fire, Coyote Fire, ATsAR	approx 13S 0346185 4010368	Subject seemed to have gone climbing with improper gear got stuck on side mountain, after initial voice contact with subject no further contact until LAFIRE repelled down to subject who from injuries from a fall soon thereafter died.	30	175

