

Names of Keyhole Canyon fatalities released

The seven Keyhole Canyon canyoneers who were overtaken by a flash flood in Zion National Park have been identified. They are Mark MacKenzie, 56, of Valencia, Calif.; Linda Arthur, 57, of Camarillo, Calif.; Steve Arthur, 58, of Camarillo, Calif.; Gary Favela, 51, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; Don Teichner, 55, of Mesquite, Nev.; Muku Reynolds, 59, of Chino, Calif.; and Robin Brum, 53, of Camarillo, Calif.

Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh noted, "Our heartfelt sympathies go out to those affected by the flash flooding in Keyhole Canyon. We have witnessed an incredible community of the family members and friends of the canyoneers come together to support one another. The canyoneers, along with their families and friends, are in our thoughts."

The families of the canyoneers extend their deepest gratitude for all of the Search and Rescuers and have also requested privacy during this difficult time.

During the Search and Rescue Operations, over 60 searchers from multiple agencies

contributed over 1,135 hours in their efforts to find the missing people. Agencies assisting Zion National Park include Washington County Search and Rescue, Kane County Search and Rescue, Sanpete County Search and Rescue, Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Springdale, Rockville-Springdale Fire Protection District, Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs Unit, Color Country Interagency Fire Center, Bryce Canyon National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Grand Canyon National Park, and Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. "We appreciate all of the support from our cooperators and staff for all of their care and assistance," stated Bradybaugh

Four bodies, those of Steve Arthur, Gary Favela, Muku Reynolds and Don Teichner, were recovered on Tuesday afternoon. The bodies of Robin Brum and Mark MacKenzie were found late Wednesday morning, and the body of Linda Arthur was located on Thursday morning.

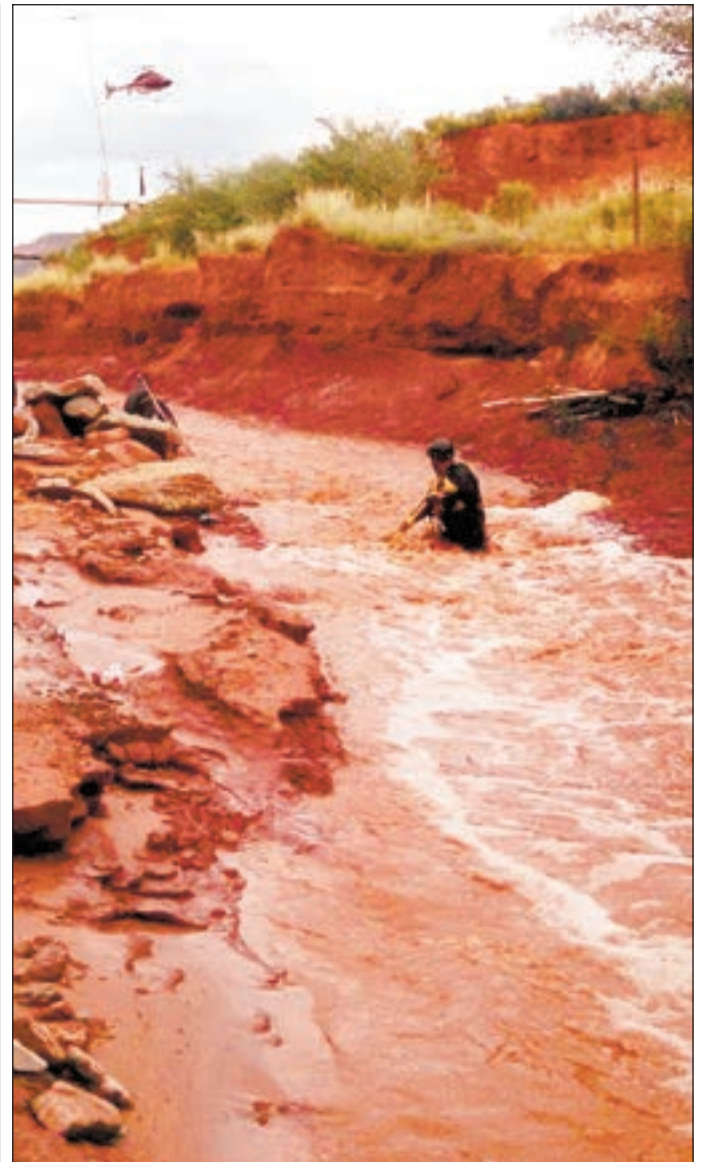
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Kane County Sheriff Deputy Dathan Chamberlain stands on the bank of the receding Short Creek, while Deputy Rod Willis and team member Bob Irwin search the far bank. Shawn King and a Washington County SAR member explore the floodwaters. Captions and photos by Jeff Frey.



Shawn King patrols the last segment of the three-mile stretch of Short Creek covered by KCSAR. The last adult woman was found over a mile downstream from this location, over six miles from where the 16 people entered the wash.



A Washington County SAR member in a wetsuit working with the KCSAR team probes the wash bottom for victims. Helicopter searches located two of the four victims that were found that day. A six year old boy is still missing.



Grand to Grand Ultra Marathon organizers Colin and Tess Geddes pose with the participants before the start of the 2015 race on Sunday. Photo by Susana Young. More stories and photos on Page 5.

G2G going strong (for some)

By Susana Young

Day one of G2G was probably surprisingly difficult for most of the participants: surprising because it was clear, calm, temperatures in the high 80s – yet the course seemed unrelenting to those unfamiliar with the terrain around Kanab: dry air; endless cactus, foxtails and tumbleweeds; mile-high altitude; direct sun under cloudless skies.

Stage 1 (30.8 miles) is longer than a marathon, and worse. To go that distance carrying a heavy backpack is tough even for the elite runners. The finish line closed after 13 hours (9 p.m.), leaving some runners outside the cutoff time. Nine people had dropped out before the beginning of Stage 2.

Some participants dropped out due to injury. One was Toby Luxford, 57, UK. He injured his hip. What would you do if, as a teenage marathoner, you developed a serious infection in your hip, requiring a total hip replacement? What if your doctor told you you'd not walk again, and recommended stamp-collecting instead?

If you're Toby Luxford, you take that as a challenge. He was looking forward to passing 1000 miles in marathons during G2G. "I will run again," he promises. Yet Luxford was anxious to return to the UK – quickly, before his second grandchild was born. Sometimes priorities get changed unexpectedly, yet happily. There are always more races.

The favored male participants are Mohamad Ahansal, 42, Morocco – legend from Marathon des Sables, owner of an ultra running camp, and operator of his own marathon in Morocco – the Trans Atlas Marathon; and Yen Po (Tommy) Chen, 29, Taiwan, has completed marathons on all seven continents and the North Pole.

The favored female participants are Laurence Klein, 46, France – three-time winner of Marathon des Sables, and record holder of 100KM in France; Sandy Suckling, 55, Australia – many extreme stage races in the last five years; and Sophie Power, 33, UK ultra runner.

You can follow the daily race results of G2G at <http://www.g2gultra.com/race-coverage/breaking-news>.



KCSAR Lieutenant Commander Rod Willis briefs search members, while Chief Deputy Alan Alldredge (in black at the top of the steps) instructs the Kane County SWAT team prior to initiating the search for the five missing victims on Tuesday morning.

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| 21 | 85 | 52 | |
| 22 | 81 | 54 | |

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