

PCT hiker rescued in Alpine County

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A teenage hiker said Tuesday he was down to his last drops of water as he waited for rescuers on the Pacific Crest Trail in remote Alpine County on Sunday night.

A California Highway Patrol helicopter crew found D'Artagnan Driscoll, 18, of Apache Junction, Ariz., on Monday, roughly nine hours after he sent a rescue signal from a hand-held GPS device.

"I had about 8 ounces of water left when the California Highway Patrol found me," Driscoll said, as he traveled Highway 395 on the way back to Arizona. "If I wasn't dehydrated then, I would have been very soon."

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