

Search suspended for missing Truckee plane



Mark and Brenda Richard

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After six days of scouring a remote section of the northern Sierra Nevada, authorities announced Monday they had suspended their search for a missing Santa Rosa couple presumed to have crashed while flying from Truckee to Petaluma.

“They’ve exhausted the search,” said Sgt. Michelle Anderson of the Sierra County Sheriff’s Office, which worked with the Civil Air Patrol, the California National Guard, the California Highway Patrol and other agencies to locate the plane.

Brenda and Mark Richard flew out of the more than mile-high Truckee Tahoe Airport April 17 headed for Petaluma. At the time of their takeoff around 4pm, the temperature was 41 degrees with overcast skies and wind gusts exceeding 20 mph.

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