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Press Release

For Immediate Release

Body of Deceased Climber Recovered

Pitkin County, Colorado, September 14, 2011 - On Wednesday September 14, 2011 at approximately 0745 hours 16 members of Mountain Rescue Aspen and the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office resumed the recovery of deceased hiker, David Morano. Morano, a 41 year old male from Dillon, Colorado fell 200-300 feet on September 10, 2011 while climbing at least two of the peaks in the Pyramid Peak area. Pyramid Peak is located southwest of Aspen, Colorado in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

Early Wednesday morning one two-person team from Mountain Rescue Aspen boarded a helicopter provided by DBS helicopter services. The helicopter and crew left the Aspen Airport at around 0815 hours and arrived at the scene shortly thereafter. The crew was positioned by the helicopter approximately 50 feet above the location of Morano, near Thunder Pyramid Peak. Also on standby at the T Lazy Seven Ranch was Flight for Life. T-Lazy Seven Ranch was used as a landing zone for the mission.

The MRA team was able to package and long line recover the body using a 150 foot cable. DBS helicopter transported Morano back to the landing zone without incident. All MRA members were out of the field at approximately 0930 hours.

Press release issued by Deputy Jason Kasper.

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