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At approximately 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2009, Garfield County Emergency Communications Center received a call via cell phone from 3 hikers that were lost in the Coulter Mesa area north west of Rifle Gap Reservoir. The hikers advised that they were in good condition with no injuries, but had spent the night in the rain and were cold and lost. Garfield County Sheriff's Deputies were advised of the call, and immediately paged out Garfield County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Units. A search of the area was initiated by a team of 7 Search and Rescue members at approximately 10:00 a.m. ATV's were used to reach the remote area approximately 8 miles up Forest Service Road 837 outside of Rifle, CO. Garfield County Sheriff's Search and Rescue members were able to reach the hikers, and brought them to a safe location at approximately 5:00 p.m. All of the members of the hiking expedition were reportedly in good condition.