

Soldier may be evading searchers

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Helicopter flights suspended because of poor visibility resumed in the Gila Wilderness today in the search, now in its seventh day, for a 19-year-old military police officer.

About 15 ground searchers and horse and dog teams also are participating in the search, according to a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman.

Timothy McGee, a native of Fort Collins, Colo., was reported missing when he failed to return to White Sands Missile Range on schedule from a bowhunting trip.

According to a spokesman for the New Mexico State Police, the search mission is likely to be suspended sometime this afternoon.

"We now have reason to believe that McGee doesn't want to be found and is trying to leave the area," Officer Michael Avilucea said today.