

# Body found in Gila Wilderness

SILVER CITY (AP) — A Quemado school teacher who had gone on what apparently was supposed to be a 45-mile hike in the Gila Wilderness died of exposure after falling down a cliff, authorities said.

Search and rescue personnel were working today to retrieve the body of Jeremy Robinson, 23, said state police Lt. Forrest Smith in Santa Fe.

"It's apparently in a real bad spot below a cliff," Smith said. "It's a real, real rugged area."

The body was discovered Monday — 10 days after Robinson left on his solo trek, Smith said.

Robinson was due back March 15, and was reported missing by his parents that day after he failed to show up, Smith said. Robinson's parents did not know the exact place where he planned to hike, Smith said.

A U.S. Air Force helicopter ferrying search personnel spotted Robinson's body about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, nine miles southeast of Snow Lake in the Gila, Smith said.

Robinson had written a note March 9 in a diary-type letter to his girlfriend that he was cold and tired and was going to get some water, Smith said. The note was found at his campsite.