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Air Search for Missing 4x4

Santa Fe—State Police aircraft are searching a large area in northern New Mexico for a dad and two missing children. Nathan Garcia, possibly another male adult, a five year old and a three year old went for a ride in the mountains in Garcia's red Nissan Xterra Monday afternoon.

Family members were not able to give a good description of where the group went initially. They said he left his home in Rio Chama, just north of Espanola and was headed for either Hopewell Lakes on US 64 between Tierra Amarilla and Tres Piedras or Canjilon Lakes near US 84 between Abiquiu and Tierra Amarilla. Witnesses did see him in Ojo Caliente yesterday afternoon.

Aircraft will look from the air and direct ground teams to an area if they are spotted. Air operations will concentrate on Hopewell Lake first and also search Canjilon if there is enough daylight.

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