Aggressive mountain lion in Desolation

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Backcountry ranger Shannon Maguire is used to seeing evidence of mountain lions in Desolation Wilderness.

But a report of a lion encounter went well beyond what Maguire considers typical for the popular hiking and backpacking area near Lake Tahoe.

Maguire said on July 15 hikers reported an odd feeling while hiking from Camper Flat to Middle Velma Lake.

Looking around, they spotted a mountain lion.

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