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## **PARKS STAFF CONGRATULATED FOR EFFORTS IN RESCUE**

Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour today thanked Parks and Wildlife Service rangers for the significant role they played in locating a missing tourist in Central Australia this week.

An extensive search for the missing 32-year-old Korean woman was conducted after the woman went missing on Monday while bushwalking along the Giles Track around Reedy Creek Waterhole, Watarrka National Park.

"I would like to congratulate the seven NT Parks and Wildlife Service rangers based at Watarrka who all played a major role in the search for the tourist," Ms Scrymgour said.

"The initial call came through NT Emergency Services, who themselves deserve praise for their efforts in working with Parks and Wildlife Service rangers to conduct initial on ground searches and information gathering.

"The search on Monday night included rangers driving along a parallel road to the track where the missing tourist was last seen in the hope of providing light and noise from the vehicle so the tourist could make her way to the road.

"Our rangers assisted NT police in subsequent ground and aerial searches of the area that were conducted today and yesterday until the tourist was eventually located on the Luritja Highway by a passer-by."

Ms Scrymgour reminded visitors to adhere to safety requirements when visiting remote parks in the Territory.

"The Territory has some of the most beautiful parks in the world. Whilst it is tempting to want to explore our breathtaking parks, it is particularly important that tourists who are unfamiliar with our terrain stay on marked trails and remain in the group they are travelling with."

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