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Smokejumper Obituary

Kelly, Michael P. (McCall 2012)

Mike died, November 16, 2013. He was a 1999 graduate of Eagle H.S. (Idaho) where he was an accomplished wrestler.

Mike began his career with the USFS in 2002 on the Inyo N.F. While on the Inyo he was on the Mammoth Fire Use Module, rappelled on helicopter 525 out of Independence, CA, and also detailed with the Redding Hotshots. Mike was working with the Tahoe Hotshots at the time of his death.

He was injured during rookie training at McCall in 2011 but completed that training in 2012 and jumped out of West Yellowstone during the 2013 season.

In the off-season, he traveled the world from the Amazon to Switzerland with Brazil holding a special place in his heart.

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