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Smokejumper Obituary

Hentze, Mark (Redmond 2000)

Mark, 37, died March 6, 2012, when he drowned in a flash flood on the Santo Domingo River in the South American nation of Colombia.

He graduated from Eastern Oregon University in 1999, and while studying, he worked as a Forest Service seasonal firefighter.

Mark jumped from Redmond from 2000 through 2011. He was also a freelance writer and photographer and had made kayaking and photography expeditions around the globe.

He first traveled to Colombia in 2005, returning every year thereafter to explore and document rivers for the book Colombia Whitewater, which he co-authored with Aaron Rettig.

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