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REMARKS:

Yukon Coroner's Service confirms that the body of a Yukon resident was found in Kluane National Park and Reserve on August 2, 2021. The 47 year-old male had been camping at Yukon Government's Congdon Creek campground and apparently doing day hikes in the park. A fellow camper reported him missing on Saturday, July 31 when he did not return to the campground the previous day. Haines Junction RCMP searched the area and on Sunday, August 1 his vehicle was found located at the parking area for the Bullion Creek trail. A ground and aerial search was conducted in the area and the man's body was found at km 12 of the trail in the Thechàl Dhâl area of the park.

The initial investigation suggests the death was the result of natural causes and there are no safety concerns for other hikers. An autopsy will be held in Abbotsford, B.C. on August 10 as our investigation continues.

The man's identity is not being offered at the request of his family.

Yukon Coroner's Service expresses appreciation to the Haines Junction Detachment of the RCMP, Parks Canada, Yukon Wildland Fire and Yukon Search and Rescue for their assistance with the search and then recovery of the body. All join Yukon Coroner's Service in offering condolences to the family and friends of this individual.