

New borehole fails to find missing miners

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HUNTINGTON , Utah - A seventh borehole into the Utah mine where six workers have been trapped for more than three weeks failed to find any signs of life. The hole drilled into an area of the Crandall Canyon Mine called the "kitchen," where miners used to eat their lunch, failed to find any sign of missing miners -- Luis Hernandez, Manuel Sanchez, Don Erickson, Carlos Payan, Brandon Phillips and Kerry Allred, the Salt Lake City Deseret News reported Friday. Workers searching for the miners found only two and a half feet of space between the top of the rubble pile in the kitchen and the ceiling. However, family members of the missing miners pushed for the search to continue, despite its setbacks and the low probability that any of the men are still alive, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. "They've got to keep looking," said Cesar Sanchez, brother of Manuel Sanchez. "They should keep looking until they can find a way up in there." Meanwhile, Mine Safety and Health Administration officials said Richard Gates, the agency's district manager in Birmingham, Ala., will head a team investigating the cause of the Aug. 6 collapse, the Deseret News said.

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