



# SHERIFF

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**Date: 07-27-11**

**Case No. 11-0831**

**Event: Lost Hiker**

**Location: Forest Service Road 2630**

## Media Release

On July 27, 2011 at about 4:23 PM a lost hiker was reported in the area of Walton Lake. James Bushaw age 59, of Bend contacted the Crook County Sheriff's Office by phone stating that he had left his camp at Walton Lake for a hike and had gotten lost. He reported the he had walked for about two hours northeast of the campground and gotten turned around.

Members of the Crook County Search and Rescue and I responded to the area to begin searching for Mr. Bushaw. At approximately 6:21 PM he was located on Forest Service Road 2630 about a mile and a half from Walton Lake. Mr. Bushaw did not need any medical attention and was transported back to his camp site at Walton Lake after making phone contact with his relatives in Bend.

Mr. Bushaw took correct measures that led to him being found quickly. He carried with him enough food, water, a whistle, and a fully charged cell phone. He also made the correct decision to call law enforcement as soon as he realized he was lost and the sun was going to go down soon.

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