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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**Date of Incident:** February 15, 2009

**Time of Incident:** 12:24 PM

**Incident Type:** Missing Person Investigation

On February 15, 2009 at 12:24 PM deputies from the Crook County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement responded to a report of a abandoned vehicle on USFS Rd 42 about three and half miles East of the Ochoco Ranger Station, 27 miles East of Prineville.

The vehicle a 2003 Chevy Tracker was found along side the road apparently stuck in the snow. A vehicle check through DMV was run and the vehicle was associated with a missing person, 73-year-old Roger Huffman out of Eugene. Family members reported Mr. Huffman to Eugene PD as missing on February 6th 2009.

The Crook County Search and Rescue team was called to the area earlier today to check the surrounding area using snowmobiles and ATV's. The SAR team suspended its efforts at nightfall and will return to the area at daybreak to resume the investigation. The Sheriff's Office and USFS LE were given information that Mr. Huffman was last seen in Prineville on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Family members in Eugene told us they checked his credit card activity and discovered he purchased gas at the Towne pump in Prineville on the 11<sup>th</sup>. That was the last information recorded by his credit card activity and all we have to work with at this time.

If anyone has further information that will help in the investigation please call Sgt. Russ Wright at the Crook County Sheriff's Office at 447-6398.

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