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MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Incident: February 15, 2009
Time of Incident: 12:24 PM
Incident Type: Search for Missing Person

This is a follow up release to the Missing Person Investigation by the Crook County Sheriff's Office.

On February 16, 2009 at approximately 9:00 AM the Crook County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Division along with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Division and the USFS Law Enforcement responded to the Ochoco National Forest to continue with the search efforts and recovery of the reported missing person Roger Huffman 73 years of age from Eugene.

The search involved approximately 20 members of search and rescue along with a search K-9 from Deschutes County. The area of the search covered approximately 20 square miles in the area of USFA Road 42 along Canyon Creek. The terrain consisted of a steep canyon that runs about 8 miles long. The vehicle that Huffman was operating was found in the middle of this 8 mile stretch of canyon on the 42 road stuck in the snow. The search efforts were hampered by the steep terrain along with heavy ground snow. At 5:00 PM the search was completed in the area with negative results on the whereabouts of Huffman. Due to Mr. Huffman's suspected lack of preparedness for the winter condition and the heavy snow fall last week, along with the fact that he has been in this area for at least 5 days the outcome of his survival is very slim to none.

Search efforts have been discontinued until the snow depth lessens and searcher can have a better reading of the terrain. The family members have been advised of the outcome of this search and the results.

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