Search and Rescue Teams Search for Missing Man in Packwood

Local News

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PACKWOOD, Wash. - Lewis County Sheriff’s Office and several Search and Rescue teams are searching for a missing 68 year-old Auburn man. The man left Saturday from his residence in Auburn to pick mushrooms. The Sheriff’s Office received a phone call from the family on Sunday saying he had not returned. The family was unsure where the man was headed and said he could be anywhere between I-90 and Packwood. An attempt to locate was put out for the man, with no success.

Late yesterday afternoon, the vehicle the missing man left in was found on Forest Service Road 4715, approximately five miles northwest of Packwood.

Search and Rescue teams searched for the man for six hours last night. They resumed their search at 0600 hours this morning. Teams from King, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Pacific County assisted Lewis County teams. The teams included ground, 4x4, and K-9 teams. Over 25 members are involved.

The man is an experienced mushroom picker but was not equipped to be outside for more than a few hours. The man was wearing street clothes and had a small amount of food with him.

The weather on Saturday and Sunday was heavy rain and winds. Monday and Tuesday had light rain. The temperatures have reached the 40’s, in that area, over the past few days.

Updates will be provided as information become available.