

Search underway for missing Crescent snowmobiler

by Cheryl McDermott

Klamath County Sheriff's deputies plan to issue a statewide request for more help in searching for a missing 65-year old Crescent man who never returned from a snowmobile ride Tuesday morning if he is not found before this evening. Robert Plumb - photo provided by KCSO Robert Plumb left his home in northern Klamath County, Oregon on snowmobile around 11 a.m., January 15, deputies said, and was reported missing when he hadn't returned by 7:30 p.m. last night. Searchers on snowmobiles followed tracks in the snow believed to be those of Plumb throughout the night. The tracks continued for miles south until they met with a more heavily traveled trail where they blended with tracks from other snowmobiles, a news release stated.

Jackson, Douglas and Deschutes Counties joined Klamath County search and rescue operations Wednesday, and air support has been requested to help cover the dozens of snowmobile trails in the area. Plumb is described as a white male, 65, with grey hair and hazel eyes. He is 5-foot 9-inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. Plumb was riding a black Polaris snowmobile and was wearing a black helmet, tan coat and blue snow pants when he disappeared. According to deputies, he is known to frequent rural taverns near snowmobile trails and has a medical condition. A command post has been established in Crescent at the Crescent Forest Service office on Highway 97. Anyone who has information is asked to call 541-883-5130 or contact deputies at the command post.

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