

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 2009-1758

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 10:06PM on 03/04/2009

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 12:30PM on 03/05/2009

NATURE OF STORY: Search and Rescue Mission

LOCATION: Lost Creek Road/ Mount June area

**INVOLVED: Smith, Willis Jack DOB:06/25/1964
8903 Finucane - Hayden, ID**

DETAILS: Smith stated that he went for a drive off Lost Creek Road near Mount June the evening of March 4. He parked his car near Mt. June and went for a short walk. He then became disoriented due to snowfall as dusk approached and was unable to relocate his vehicle. Having only light clothing and a flashlight he walked for 3-4 hours then was able to contact 911 and ask for help.

Search and rescue volunteers from the Sheriff's Special Vehicles Group, assisted by enhanced 911, was able to drive nearly right to him using current cell phone GPS technology. Smith was located cold but in good condition at 1:00AM the morning of March 5. It had snowed between 4 and 8 inches during the night causing searchers several more hours of work to locate and reunite Smith with his vehicle.

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