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63 YEAR OLD MAN RESCUED FROM THIMBLEBERRY RIDGE

Date: Thursday October 28 th 2010	Contact Information: Under Sheriff Terry Rowan
Place: Hermiston, OR	541-966-3630
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At about 2:07pm, on October 27th 2010, The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office received a report via Oregon State Police of a 63 year old male, Jim Muhly, in distress in the area of Thimbleberry Ridge. This is an area East of Meacham near the Umatilla and Union County line. Apparently a group of hunters hiked into an area near that location, but as the group was returning the 63 year old man became exhausted and couldn't continue. Muhly was with his son, as other members of the party were able to contact Oregon State Police Game Troopers.

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office activated the Search and Rescue Unit, coordinated by Deputy Jan Good. The report also reflected there was approximately one foot of snow in the area. A small unit of rescue personnel was deployed to the area with four-wheelers and was able to reach the man, and transported him from the location to an ambulance that was waiting at the intersection of Forest Service roads 31 and 158 (Thimbleberry Ridge). The man was significantly dehydrated and taken to St. Anthony's Hospital for treatment. All units left the scene at 7:45pm.

*** " I have to say thank you to the people from our Search and Rescue team, as well as the Sheriff's Office regular and reserve deputies for quickly responding to this call for service. This had the potential of becoming a tragedy with the incoming winter weather."

For additional information contact Undersheriff Terry Rowan at 541-966-3630.