

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** 07-9349

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** 11/04/07

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 11/12/07 - 12:20 PM

**NATURE OF STORY:** **SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION**

**LOCATION:** Three Sisters Wilderness  
Forest Service Road 1993  
MP 14

**INVOLVED:** Daming Xu  
Eugene

### **DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office will be changing the status of the search and rescue operation for Daming Xu. The operation will change from an active search to a passive search this afternoon.

The on-site command post will be taken down and the ground search teams will be scaled back. As weather permits and resources are available, search teams will continue searching for Xu.

Sheriff's Officials have consulted with medical personnel and learned that it is highly unlikely Xu survived nine days in the wilderness given the weather, elements, and the clothing he was wearing.

Posters have been posted in and around the area. The posters include a picture of Xu. The area will be opened back up to hunting and the Lane County Sheriff's Forestland Emergency Team will continue to patrol the roads in the area.

The Sheriff's Office would like to emphasize that this case is still open and active, search efforts will continue as resources and weather permits.

## **On Tuesday 11/13/07 at 11:00 AM the Sheriff's Office will be holding a News Conference.**

Lane County Sheriff's Office  
125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Room 175  
Eugene, OR

Sheriff Russ Burger will be reading a statement prepared by the family members of Mr. Xu.

Search and Rescue Coordinator John Miller and Lt. Randy Smith, the Incident Commanders and Public Information Officers during the rescue operation will also be at the conference.

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