

Missing Hunter Found Deceased

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A friend of the family helping in the search for missing hunter Jon Hill discovered the body of the Hillsboro man a little after 5 p.m. today. He was found more than a mile away from where deputies located his pickup truck on Sunday afternoon.

At 5:13 p.m. today, Columbia 9-1-1 dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from the family friend advising he had found the missing man and that he believed he was deceased. Deputies made their way to the location near Clear Creek Rd. The caller met deputies at the intersection of Timber and Clear Creek Roads, leading them to the missing man's body.

Columbia County Undersheriff Andy Moyer said officials delayed public notification until positive identification could be made and family members could be notified. "Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Mr. Hill," Moyer said. "We are glad he was found, although we are saddened by the fact that he was not found alive."

Columbia County Searchers spent more than 50 hours in the rugged area off of US Highway 26 and Timber Rd searching for Mr. Hill. Also assisting in the Search were the following organizations:

- Metro West Ambulance (providing a standby medical presence at the command post)
- Mountain Wave Search and Rescue (Providing Communications support and additional searchers)
- Pacific Northwest Search and Rescue
- Clatsop County Sheriff's Office
- Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
- Yamhill County Sheriff's Office
- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Tillamook County Sheriff's Office
- Oregon State Police
- Oregon Air National Guard

Moyer expressed gratitude to all those who helped with the effort, especially those friends and family members who came to do whatever they could do to help. Many also donated food and refreshments to keep the searchers in the field.