
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 2011-4684

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 06/29/2011 at 17:30

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NATURE OF STORY: Dickerson Search

LOCATION: Northeast of Oakridge in the Willamette National Forest

INVOLVED: Dickerson, Steven W, 32 year old
Wildland firefighter from Oakridge, Oregon

DETAILS: Steven Dickerson, a US Forest Service employee who went missing after failing to report to an out of state fire suppression deployment on June 29 has been located. He was found deceased the afternoon of July 3, northeast of Grasshopper Mountain in the Willamette National Forest.

Law enforcement personnel from 4 agencies, K9 tracking dogs and a helicopter participated in the initial 3 day search. County SAR volunteers, employees of the Forest Service and members of the community assisted on July 3 when Dickerson was located. The location is characterized as remote forest with no trail access and very rough terrain.

Approximately 35 personnel consisting of members of Lane County search and rescue and employees of the US Forest Service are currently conducting or assisting with the recovery which is expected to take most of the day. There appears to be no indication of foul play. The case has been referred to the Medical Examiner's Office and is still under investigation at this time.

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