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NATURE OF STORY: Search for Xu

**LOCATION: French Pete area of the Three Sisters
Wilderness**

INVOLVED: Daming Xu

DETAILS: Searchers worked their way through the French Pete Creek drainage area over the weekend. The focused effort was generated by a person locating part of the guide book that Xu was using during his hike. 17 members of Eugene Mountain Rescue and 3 support staff managing the base-camp searched a large portion of the drainage Saturday with a number of teams either spending the night out or retuning to base-camp well after dark. The search, which is considered a recovery operation, was hampered by heavy rains and localized flooding of the drainage. No additional clues were located during the search effort.

The search will continue on a limited basis as weather and resources permit. Hunters and persons recreating in the area are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office if they locate any clues or items of potential interest.

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