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Sheriff Brian Burnett reports that a missing Cashmere man was located Monday afternoon in good condition after wandering away from his residence.

At 11:56am RIVERCOM dispatch received a 911 call reporting that 79 year old Richard C. Holmer of Cashmere was missing after he failed to return home from a walk near his residence on Red Apple Rd. Holmers' wife reported that he suffers from severe dementia. She stated that he had gone for a walk around 9:30am but failed to return home.

Chelan County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue coordinators responded to the area to organize the search. With the assistance of approximately 40 volunteers from the Chelan County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit, members of the community and family members a massive search of the area was initiated. A Chelan County Sheriff's Office helicopter (Air30) also responded to the area to assist in the search.

At approximately 2:20pm Holmers' grandson reported that he'd located his grandfather's hat on a very steep hillside southeast of Holmers' residence. The helicopter responded to the area and at 4:27pm located the subject sitting by a bush. The subject was not injured and was eventually transported down the hill by volunteers and members of the Chelan County Sheriff's Office High Angle Rope team.

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