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RE: Missing Hiker Brian Yang

The coordinated search by the Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Office, Skamania County Sheriff’s Office, and U.S. Military continues today for Brian Yang, the person missing in the Mt. St. Helens area and who was believed to have arrived sometime between Sunday July 18th and Monday July 19th. Today’s search is focusing on the south side of the mountain.

Joining the search for Mr. Yang are Cowlitz County Search and Rescue, approximately 100 soldiers, a variety of aircraft, the Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Office drone, and others.

Mr Yang, a 1st Lieutenant from Joint Base Lewis McCord, was believed to be training for an upcoming Ultra Marathon event. Those who know him say he has no known health problems and that he is in excellent physical condition. Mr. Yang’s vehicle was found parked at the Coldwater Trailhead Monday sometime between 9 and 10 p.m.

Mr. Yang is described as a 25 year old male of Asian descent, 5 foot 8 inches tall, with a fit build. He was last observed wearing a blue vest, black or red t-shirt, black or red shorts, with blue shoes.

The Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Office wishes to thank the public for information already received regarding possible sightings of Mr. Yang, and asks that further information be reported to the Tip Line at 360.577.3183 between 7a.m.- 5p.m. Monday through Friday and 360.577.3098-Option 3 after hours and weekends.

Due to the volume of personnel on scene at this time, the Sheriff’s Office respectfully requests that others wishing to assist do not attempt to join the search and instead continue to check the Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page which will post if further assistance is needed.