



# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



SHERIFF **BEN WOLFINGER**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

On January 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 at around 6:30 PM the Kootenai County Sheriff's office received a call about a missing snowmobiler in the Panhandle National Forest. It was reported that Fredrick Goodwin a 62 year old male from Rathdrum was leaving the Skitwish Warming Hut with his riding party. While heading back to the Fernan Trail Head, Fredrick was separated from his riding party.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office mobilized its Back County Unit and the Volunteer Search and Rescue unit and responded to the Fernan Trail Head. They began a search of the area, however due to the weather and visibility they were not able to immediately locate the missing rider. As visibility and the weather conditions continued to deteriorate, the initial search was suspended until morning when weather conditions were forecasted to improve.

Additional resources were also being called in to include a helicopter from Flathead County, Two Bear Air.

At this time this is still an active search and more information will be released as the search continues.

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger  
By: Lt. Ryan Higgins

