

*[Belfast, Maine – July 22, 2015]* An 89-year-old Belfast man was located early this morning after becoming lost in the woods behind his home. Game wardens and Belfast police responded to a residence on Shepard Road owned by Ulmer Russ at about 8:15 Tuesday evening.

According to family, Russ had taken his ATV for a ride behind his home at approximately 6:30 PM and did not return home. Family searched behind the residence and located his ATV but could not find Russ and called police. Canine handlers from the Maine Warden Service, MESARD (Maine Search and Rescue Dogs), and Waldo County Sheriff's Office responded. Belfast Fire Department also assisted.

At 3:50 this morning, Retired Game Warden and current MESARD member Deborah Palmen and her K9 located Russ. Russ had become lost after leaving his ATV to inspect a recent logging operation. He was cold but otherwise in good health. Russ was taken to Waldo County General Hospital in Belfast by Belfast ambulance for evaluation.

*(No photos were available of this incident.)*

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*Corporal John MacDonald - Maine Warden Service*