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Rain

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50 cents **Highs 40s/A7**

HOMETOWN PAPER OF KEN CORNING

Snowboarder found safe

SANDPOINT — The Bonner County Sheriff's Department reported a missing Washington man was found safe Sunday evening after losing his way while snowboarding on Schweitzer Mountain.

Larry Fields was last seen around noon and was reported missing to the ski patrol around 4:15 p.m. The sheriff's department deployed several search and rescue teams to the area.

"We found him about 3,500 feet down the mountain," said Mike Nielsen of Priest Lake SAR. "He was cold and very wet."

Fields had veered off the trail and was unable to find his way back. He was found about 7 p.m. just south of Coolin. He was taken back to the top of Schweitzer Mountain Resort, where he was left in the care of resort employees.