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Search for missing man continues

West Sand Lake man last seen on Saturday

Search crews scour the area around 74-year-old William Lee's home in West Sand Lake. (Photo: WNYT)

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USA - WEST SAND LAKE, N.Y., Sept. 7 -- The search has resumed in Rensselaer County for a missing West Sand Lake man. William Lee, 74, was last seen Saturday afternoon. Authorities believe he is lost somewhere near his own home.

Lee does not drive and has not left his home in the last 10 years. He has no car and lives without running water.

Lee's son told the sheriff his father may be suffering from dementia. He reported his father missing on Monday when he noticed his dad never picked up the Sunday paper.

Lee is most likely wearing green pants, a blue shirt and sandals.

No sign of missing man

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Crews spent a third day searching for a missing Rensselaer County man.

They combed the woods looking for 74-year-old William Lee.

His son last saw him on Saturday afternoon on the Sand Lake property they share. He told police he started to get worried when he didn't pick up his newspaper.



Officials said they have almost 100 volunteers helping with the search, with crews coming from as far as New Jersey.

They've searched more than 14 acres of rough terrain, and there's still no sign of Lee.

Sgt. Sidney Legg of the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department said, "We actually expanded the search area from around the immediate residence and out into areas we had leads on, following up as possibilities of sightings. That changed the scope of the search from acres to miles, many miles."

His family said Lee is in the early stages of dementia. Investigators said he lived without electricity or a phone.