

Hitchhiking B.C. marmot to get ride back home

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KAMLOOPS, B.C. — A marmot who hitched a ride from the Interior city of Kamloops to Vancouver will be back on familiar ground on Monday.

Lanny Sheldon of the Wildlife Rescue Association of B.C. says the driver of an oil tanker realized he'd carried some extra furry cargo with him.

Sheldon says several people have called offering to transport the marmot back to his hometown area since the association appealed for help.

She says the Environment Ministry recommends the marmot be dropped off along a logging road in the Skull Mountain area of Barriere.

He would have been picked up about an hour away in Kamloops, where the oil tanker last stopped.

Sheldon says the stowaway is in good health after his long voyage.