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Mtn Lion Frequencies

- #1 - 9.867 Cabin Cr - ♂ G/Y  
 #2 - 9.254 - Cave Cr - ♂ G/Y  
 #3 - 9.820 - Cliff Cr - ♀ GRN  
 #4 - 9.564 - Rush Cr - ♀ Blue  
 #5 - 9.778 - Cabin Cr - ♀ BRN/Purple

Wolf - Chamberlain Pack

- B-9 - 8.105 - ♂  
 B-16 - 8.045 - ♀  
 Mica - 8.860 - ♀  
 B-50

Wolf - Thunder Mtn Pack

- B-22 - 8.710 - ♀  
 B-57 - 8.864 - ♂  
 B-58 - 8.810 - ♂  
 B-59 - 9.652 - ♂  
 B-71 - 8.995 - ♂

Wolf - Stanley Pack

- B-72 - 8.975 - ♀  
 B-38 - 8.770 - ♀

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Drug for Mtn Lion

100 lb Lion %

Ketamine @ 200 mg/ml = 1-2 ml

Ketamine @ 100 mg/ml = 3-4 ml

Rompun @ 100 mg/ml = 0.2-0.4 ml

Taylor Ranch e-mail's

tayranch@idaho.eder.

Hawke Hill e-mail's

hwiz@orbcom.net

hwiz1@orbcom.net

Mtn Lion Blood Sample

- collect  $\geq 15$  ml
- Add 1.5 ml to each of 4 storage tubes containing 13.5 ml buffer
- Store tubes at Room Temp.
- Rest of Blood in Blue top tubes

Flew from McCall to Sofk Ranch to pick up Pete. Flew to Taylor R.  
 Jim + I did telemetry flight for mtn lion + wolves - wolves in cow Cr Area - Saw 5  
 - Located 3 mtn lions - Cabin Cr - Tocher Busin + Pioneer Cr

1-3-00-3

- Received project objectives & protocol wif Jim in evening  
 → May have heard a wolf howl  
 near Taylor Ranch ± 1630 hrs  
 → 7 elk between -2 + 3 benches -  
 1 calf + 6 ♀  
 → ± 30 big horn sheep with the elk  
 counted 28 however it was ± 170 hrs  
 as they were bunched up.

1-4-00-1

Jim & I packed and Rode to  
 Cabin Cr. - Arrived ± 1300 hrs -  
 saw 3 elk on 1st Bench at Taylor  
 Ranch in early AM -

After up packing & talking to Holly  
 Jim & I hiked up to the Ridge line  
 East of the Cabin - Received a  
 signal from the Alpha ♂ + ♀, plus  
 the Sub-adult ♀ - ~~The ♀~~ we  
 saw 5 wolves on the Face  
 across from us - 3 of the 5 had  
 Transmitter collars. I took some  
 video footage. We watched the  
 wolves for nearly an hour

1-4-00-2

Jim & I hiked south down the  
 Ridge Separating Spring Cr + Cabin  
 Cr - The wolves moved out of  
 sight to the NE into Cow Creek.  
 while traveling down the Ridge  
 Jim & I encountered wolf sign  
 on the ridge - Beds - Tracks +  
 scat - All the scat had deer  
 hair. Neither Jim or I had any  
 sacks to collect the scat so  
 we protected it for collection  
 tomorrow -

While returning to the Cabin it  
 began to snow hard - It just  
 snowing about 1730

→ saw 10 elk on Unegar  
 Ridge West + a little North  
 of the Cabin  
 → While walking South on the Ridge,  
 Jim & I heard a Raven in Spring Cr

1-5-00-1

Jim & I hiked up on the Ridge  
 between Cabin Cr + Spring Cr

1-5-00-2

We collected wolf scat & classified  
34 elk on Vanner Ridge & 23  
below where we saw the wolves  
yesterday. We also saw a  
Razhorn bull, one cow & 2 calves  
on the ridge near where we  
last saw the wolves.

From our location we picked  
up signals on all 3 wolves -  
up Cow Cr., plus the cabin  
Cr. & mtn lion.

We hiked up the Ridge separately  
Cabin Cr & Cow Cr. to ± 5850'.  
The wolf signals were North  
up the ridge from our location.  
The mtn lion signal was in  
Cabin Cr. It appeared the  
wolves were moving as the  
signal from all 3 got weaker.  
We dropped off the Ridge & the  
East & hit the Cow Cr Trail  
& back to the air strip.  
No sign of wolf activity in the  
creek bottom.

1-6-00-1

Wolves howled at 0030  
and again at ± 0300 - Both has  
sounded close by -  
Got a signal from the cabin  
on all 3 wolves ± 0230.

Jim & I hiked to T Rovess  
camp to use his backcountry radio.  
We saw wolf tracks on the  
air strip near the spring.  
~~I found~~ After using the radio  
Jim & I returned to the cabin  
and were going to go up the  
draw near the spring & cross  
over into Spring Cr. Near the  
water spring on the air strip  
I found some elk hair  
& calf tracks. I discovered  
a cow elk carcass in the  
brush off the west side  
of the air strip - it was  
basically 100% consumed.  
Jim & I could see  
2 wolves on the hill to the  
east of the air strip. They both  
moved up the hill & out of

1-6-00-2

Sight.

Jim decided to follow our original plan. I decided to hike up Cow Cr. to see if I could determine how the wolves were moving between the area east of the airstrip & the Ridge separating Calf Cr & Cow Cr.

At the upper end of the airstrip I found 7 sets of wolf tracks coming off the Ridge Separating Calf Cr & Cow Cr and onto the airstrip. I continued up the Cow Cr trail to where Jim & I hit the trail yesterday about 25 yds from that spot I found lots of elk sign above & on the trail. I also found a single wolf track on top of the elk tracks turning down the trail. The wolf track left the trail and continued down stream above the trail.

I followed the elk tracks on the trail upstream until the elk left the trail. I did see 1 wolf track going upstream

1-6-00-3

on the trail. It left the trail & went up hill about 25 yds upstream from where Jim & I hit the trail yesterday.

I began hearing ravens so I began working up hill for a location.

I encountered 1 set of coyote tracks about 4y miles upstream from where Jim & I came down yesterday. It was traveling upstream. While working uphill the wolves began howling at 1430. They continued to howl for about 1/2 hr. I could see 1 wolf on the Ridge separating Calf Cr & Spring Cr. It was howling as I would see his head twice & then hear the howl. While listening to the wolves, I saw a Raven fly from the top of the Ridge <sup>near</sup> where Jim & I stopped yesterday to the ridge separating Cow Cr & Calf Cr. It landed in a tree, called a couple of times

1-6-00-4

and flew back to the ridge above me.

I continued up to where the ravens disappeared. Along the way I saw 6 elk. I also noticed fresh deer sign in the area.

When I got to the Ridge junction I hiked yesterday I found wolf tracks coming down the Ridge. I saw 2 ravens leave the saddle area. The elk were very keyed in on the area the ravens were calling from.

I could find no evidence of a kill despite the raven activity. I took some video of the wolf tracks (Forgot to mention I took video of the carcass at the airstrip) and began to follow the Ridge toward the airstrip. About 100 yds from the saddle I encountered more ravens but no evidence of a kill.

While following the wolf tracks down the Ridge I

1-6-00-5

noticed several places they appeared to be chasing each other. I also found a place where they ran an elk for a short distance. One really went down close & tried to cut the elk off.

I followed the tracks down the Ridge to the airstrip & returned to the cabin at 2130.

1-7-00-1

Wolves travelled down Cabin Cr past the Cabin around 2330-2400 hrs - lots of howling.

Monitored the wolves & I met Lion in Cabin Cr on 1st. The wolves were across Big Cr toward Canyon Cr. Received a signal on the adult ♀ & Sub-adult ♀ - Not on the ♂. The Mountain lion was in Cabin Cr drainage - West Side.

All of us travelled to Travis' camp and the radio to Call Pete

1-7-00-2 -

and Arnold Arntzian. Told Arnold Arntzian Jim + I would travel to Taylor Ranch to make a telemetry flight. ~~He~~

Holly tried the wolves + mtn lion after we got national to the cabin on Arntzian Cr. She picked up a signal on the ♂ wolf where the ♀'s were located. The mtn lion had moved into the N. Flk of Cabin Cr.

Holly + Renan were going to look for sign where the wolves have been hanging out. Jim + I took the stock to Taylor Ranch.

Saw a coyote in Cabin Cr below the cabin + on east side of draw. Also saw lot of coyote sign on the ice along Big Cr between Cabin Cr + Taylor Ranch.

Saw a bobcat track on the trail, plus a mtn lion track at Cliff Cr - It came up the trail from the Taylor Ranch Bridge.

Saw 6 Bighorn sheep between the 1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Bench.

1-7-00-3

Unloaded Stock

Called Arnold Arntzian - No flight today - Scheduled one for tomorrow am.

1-8-00-1

It was snowing at Taylor Ranch this am.

Pete hiked up Pioneer Cr to check on the Rush Cr ♀ mtn lion. Jim + I discussed the protocol re the wolf/mtn lion work. We also discussed his bear paper and the editor comment.

Pete did not return so I assumed he was having trouble getting a signal. I took a Receiver/Antenna + hiked to the high point behind the cabin. I tried the Rush Cr, Cliff Cr + No signals - I also tried the wolves - No signals. Retd to cabin - Pete had returned + reported a signal from the Rush Cr ♀ in Pioneer Cr.

1-8-00-2

Pete & I hiked to the Big Cr Gorge below Boat M - on the way we saw a fresh bobcat track at the U of ID Property fence on the Lower Postone. It went to Big Cr & turned up stream.

Between the Fence & the point downstream near the lake we found another set of Bobcat tracks on the trail. The tracks left the trail on the Creek side. ± 50 yds later the tracks crossed the trail & went up hill. I noticed some sloshing in the track. Pete saw a dead deer below the trail. It was a ♀ Mule Deer fawn. The carcass was still somewhat limber ad warm to the touch. The canal area showed evidence of scavenging. There also appeared to be some claw marks in the eye area. I visited the carcass. We didn't see anything of interest on our trip to the gorge & back.

1-8-00-3

The bobcat was on the deer carcass when we returned. Pete saw the cat cross the trail & head up hill. The cat had eaten more of the carcass, again in the anal region.

I found the postume 1/2 of a weasel at the U. of ID gate. Because of the afternoon snow storm & could not determine what killed it.

Returned to Taylor Ranch. Holly & Renan had just returned from Cabin Cr.

1-9-00-1

After breakfast; Holly Renan, Pete & I hiked east of the old Lab and got in position to look at the deer carcass the bobcat killed yesterday. The bobcat wasn't on the carcass, however Holly spotted it to the left of the carcass. Several times the bobcat moved to the carcass but was very

1-9-00-2

cautious & would leave. It finally moved up hill above the trail. Holly took still photos & I took video.

After the cat left we hiked around and performed a necropsy on the fawn mule deer (♀). It appeared death resulted from the bobcat biting into the Trachea - Because of the snow fall from yesterday, we could determine how the Bobcat caught the deer.

After returning to the Ranch for lunch, Pete & I hiked up Pioneer Cr to check on the Rush Cr & mtn lion. ± 1/4 mile above the water intake we saw 1 elk on the west side of the trail - 8 Ad ♀ + 3 calves. Another 1/4 mile up the trail we saw 3 mule deer, 2 adult ♀ + 1 Fawn.

We arrived at the old Luck site below the stone camp ± 1515 hrs. Pete ~~had~~ got a signal in the

1-9-00-3

notch lion NE of the trail & below the trail. I played w/ the receiver and concluded we needed to go down hill. As we went down hill the signal faded out. I was working my way to a knob to get a better shot down hill when Pete found the Lion kill, a ypl MDO. I videoed the site, Pete took a couple of still photos and we filled out the Prey Corrosion Investigation Form. We finished up I 1630/45 - Annual Taylor Ranch 1 1/2 hrs later

GPS for Kill: 0668678  
4993777

1-10-00-1

WP 0663546 ] = 350°  
69 500 1885 ] = gain -9

WP 0663692 ] = 322°  
70 500 2055 ] Top of Ridge  
Gain 8.

Location attempts for mtn lion # 5 from the Ridge between Cabin Cr + Cow Cr. Never did get

1-10-00-2

a good signal. Also signal varied in intensity at both locations - i.e. faded in & out. Probably getting a bounce.

AM - Packed up Board & Cricket. Pete & I went to Cabin Cr. Arrival  $\pm$  1200 - Unloaded, got water, took care of the stock and had lunch.

After lunch Pete went up Vinaison Ridge & I went up the Ridge between Cabin Cr & Cove Cr. We were trying to get a signal & triangulation on mountain #5 - as we did not get a signal from the Cabin / Air Strip area.

I got a signal & plotted a compass bearing at 2 locations. The last place was the top of Ridge.

Collected 6 elk pellet groups on way back to the cabin - arrival  $\pm$  1745.

Travis visited in evening

1-11-00-1

Snowed  $\pm$  10" during the night.

I hiked to Travis's camp to tell Taylor Ranch as the batteries in the E-Meter went dead. ~~Taylor~~ Ask for direction/plans in light of snow depth. Talked to Holly - She wanted Pete & I to try for a better fix on the #9 mtn line #5 in upper Cabin Cr. Originally Pete & I were to take horse fed & our personal gear to Coxey Camp. Holly said she & Renon would travel to Cabin Cr later today.

When I returned to the cabin, Pete had the gear ready to go. We talked things over & decided to go to the Coxey Camp. It took us 1 hr 20 min to get to the mouth of Cove Cr. Due to my fatigue, Pete had to break trail.

There was fresh wolf sign on the ice & hill sides at the mouth Cove Cr. It appeared the wolves went up Cove Cr. We unpacked the stock & rode up Cove Cr. The wolves traveled the trail almost

Cougar Locations 1/15 - 1/16  
Mike's GPS

C-5 - WP #73 - 0663178

500 2981

lure

WP #71

0663040

500 2993

calf

WP #72

0663976

500 1861

668678

499 3777



1-11-00-2

To the old Log Cabin. We tried for a signal on the wolves & Mtn Lion - No signals.

We rode to the Big Cr trail & packed the stock. Then

→ Picked up a fresh wolf scat at the Big Cr/Cave Cr Trail Junction.

(\*) Worked out the wolf tracks & found they went east in Cave Cr.

When we got to the Cabin Cr. Cabin we got a signal on all 3 wolves up Cabin Cr & on the West side of the drainage.

After unpacking the stock, Pete & I rode up Cabin Cr to locate & mtn lion #5. We tried the stock near where we thought we located her yesterday. We hiked up the hill on the East side of the drainage. We got the strongest signal near a Rock Bluff area on the West side of Cabin Cr (the same area I have been getting signals). Pete went a little higher & one ridge upstream for another fix.

1-11-00-3

He said the strongest signal was now on the ridge downstream from the Rocky Bluff.

While I was returning to the stock I saw one group of 4 elk (3 ♀ & 1 spike) on the east side of Cabin Cr & 1 ♀ on the west side.

Holly & Reman had just arrived at the cabin when Pete & I got there at ± 1800 hrs.

No signal on the wolves - apparently they went back into Cave Cr. Travis visited again tonight.

1-12-00-1

Helped pack the stock - Pete & Reman left with the stock for the Coxey Camp.

Holly & I hiked up Cabin Cr to the M-Fk Junction trying to locate & mtn lion #5. Got a signal on her where Pete & I tried last night. Could not tell exact location. We were not able to get a signal as we went

1-12-00-2

upstream to the N. Flk.  
We came back down stream & hiked  
up a ridge on the west side of  
Cabin Cr. - The ridge downstream  
from the Rock Cliffs - Signal best  
Both downstream and on the  
east side of Cabin Cr. - We contoured  
downstream until we both concluded  
the signal was coming from the  
east side of cabin cr in the draw  
between where Pete + I separated  
and the Ridge he made his last  
location - - Saw both deer +  
elk in the immediate area -

Tomorrow Holly + I plan to hike  
up on the east side - where Pete  
and I went last night.

While hiking up the Cabin Cr.  
trail this AM we encountered  
3 sets of elk tracks crossing the  
trail. On our way out in the  
PM saw 22 elk feeding down  
the trail ± 1/4 mile upstream from  
Travis's camp. There were 6 calves +  
16 ♀'s. ~~♂~~ We also saw 14

1-12-00-3

unclassified elk on the face between  
Cabin Cr + Long Cr. Plus approx  
15-20 to the south of where we  
got the best signal on the mtn. line.  
Saw 2 bedded deer in this area  
too -

Travis's hunting. Flew in today -  
The plane did not have skis +  
got stuck. It took them to  
nearly 1700 hrs to get it in the  
air.

No signal on wolves today - Picked up 2  
elk pellets on

1-13-00-1

Holly + I hiked up Cabin Cr Trail to  
work on Mtn lion #5 again. Elk  
were on the trail again. We saw 16  
from the trail while hiking up the trail.  
We got a signal on #5 from the  
Cabin this AM. ~~it~~

We got a signal off the trail  
± 1/4 mile downstream from where  
Pete + I tied up the afternoon  
of the 11<sup>th</sup>. We decided to hike  
up through the open timber and

1-13-00-2

were in on the downstream side of the drainage we got the best signal in yesterday. We were getting a signal all along the way but again difficult to pin-point.

Upon arriving at the Ridge looking into the drainage we wanted to check, we got a strong signal in the drainage but we were certain of the accuracy. 3

We decided to cross the upper end of the drainage and try the signal from the upstream ridge.

While crossing the drainage the signal continued to be the most directional from the drainage bottom. We hiked down the ridge to the west, trying to sort out the signal. The signal indicated we had passed the signal and it was now a little up the drainage. We cut up into the drainage & began working down toward Cabin Cr. Post way down Holly spotted the kill, an adult ♀ elk that was ± 60% consumed.

1-13-00-3

The kill had been made prior to the snow dump on 1-10-00. There was little sign away from the kill. The lion had a bed site at the base of a large Doug Fir ± 5 meters from the kill site.

I took video footage of the kill site and after we exposed the head area.

The lower nasal area was broken and the skull was crushed. The head was not frozen. The lion left the kill site to the south when we approached the kill site.

We covered the kill w/ snow & hiked down the drainage to the Cabin Cr trail and back to the cabin. Pete & Renan were at the cabin when we arrived.

While Holly & I were hiking up the hill we saw 3 mule deer plus ± 20 elk on the west side of Cabin Cr.

1-13-00-4

Pete & I packed up & took all the stock to Taylor Ranch. Saw a mature bull elk along the way just downstream from Brown's Basin.

At the U of ID gate across from Rush Cr - we encountered fresh mtn lion tracks.

There were several places on the trail between Cabin Cr & Taylor Ranch where we saw tracks but deep snow prevented ID.

Pete saw elk & deer I did not see on our return trip to Taylor Ranch.

1-14-00-1

No sign of mtn lion from 1st Bench.

No sign from ridge on West side of Cliff Cr

1-14-00-2

Mule left Cabin Cr (one team borrowed from the Flying B) - broke the fence down & continued down Big Cr.

Could not sort the lion track out at the gate - I assume the lion walked up the trail & we didn't notice the track yesterday until we got to the gate. The snow yesterday was real dry & powdery and tracks were hard to identify.

Tom & Dick Weber rode to Taylor Ranch looking for the mule. They stopped & visited for a while.

Saw sheep tracks on the west side of Cliff Cr - went into Cliff Cr

Jim made a Fixed Wing Flight in the

1-14-00-3

early afternoon - Could not find the Rush Cr & Mtn Lm - Lm's #5 and #2 were in the Cabin Cr drainage - 1 in Cow Cr & 1 in Calf Cr. The wolves were in Ramsey Cr.

Pete + I moved the supplies that came in on the plane -

I worked with both Receivers during the afternoon. The Telmex Receiver provided a much more directional signal.

The gain on the Communications Specialists, Inc Receiver appears to be very critical - Too much and/or too little gain fails to provide a good directional signal.

Trois rode down to tell us a mtn lion killed one of his hounds - the injured one -

1-15-00-1

Rained most of the night -- Out by ± 0800 hrs.

Jim, Pete + I packed the Stock.

Jim + I Rode to Cabin Cr -

While packing the Stock, we heard a coyote howling near the 1<sup>st</sup> bench. While traveling to Cabin Cr we saw 1 set of coyote tracks cross the trail. Also saw 4 cow elk on the Southside of Big Cr & just downstream from Lowbear Basin.

Jim + I unloaded the Stock at Cabin Cr. We then Rode up the Cow Cr trail. Saw 11 cow elk on the face between Cabin + Cow Creeks -

We Rode to the saddle between Cow Cr + Calf Cr. got a signal on # mtn lion #5 in the general direction of the saddle on the Ridge separating Cow Cr + Cabin Cr. Slightly to the North of the Saddle.

We got a signal on the

1-15-00-2

Cliff Cr & river Lien #2. We got a strong signal in Calf Cr just below the saddle <sup>where</sup> we trail up. The signal suggested the bear was moving. We left for camp at ± 1630 hrs.

On the trip back to Cabin Cr we saw an adult mule deer on the west side of Cow Cr just downstream from where Holly + Renan found an <sup>old</sup> elk kill today.

Holly + Renan were at the Cabin when we arrived.

1-16-00-1

Rained most of the day -

AM-8 Jim, Holly, Renan + I rode the Stock up Cow Cr to where Holly + Renan got the location on C-5 and where Jim located her from the air. There were lots of Magpies + Ravens working in the area. Jim + Renan Rode up Cow Cr

1-16-00-2

to the saddle looking into Calf Cr where Jim + I located the Cliff Cr & river Lien - #2.

Holly + I hiked up the hill to check on the bear activity. We found a ♂ elk calf C-5 had killed. It was partially eaten but not covered. The bear tried to cover the carcass but there wasn't much ground material available. We photographed the carcass - both still + video - we also examined the carcass for kill wounds - Found puncture wounds in the throat area.

The GPS coordinates at the kill site are 8 066 3976  
500 1861

It appeared the calf was killed uphill from the consumption site. Photographed what appears to be ~~a~~ a drag trail in the snow.

- Signal on #5???

Holly + I returned to the Cow Cr trail + ride the stock up

1-16-00-3

the Cabin la, trail to the draw where we found the adult cow elk kill #5 made concave. No signel from the area so we hiked up to the carcass. There were magpies, Ravens & a golden eagle on the carcass - No evidence that #5 had returned since Holly & I found the kill on 1-13-00.

We examined & photographed the carcass. Also collected the lower jaw & the femur and scats.

The lungs, liver & heart were still in the carcass and not much meat had been consumed from the rt front leg/shoulder or along the back bone. The Ribs had been chewed on but not devoured.

The appearance of the uteruses indicated the cow was pregnant - Both horns enlarged. A fetus was not found - There was a hole in the uterus.

There was fat around the heart, the liver looked good and there

1-16-00-4

was fat in the muscle areas. Holly & I returned to the Cabin. Jim & Benon were there. We packed up & went to Taylor Ranch.

I left B & the stock and walked saw where Travis & his hunters were working a mtn line between Cabin la & Taylor Ranch.

When the stock arrived at Taylor Ranch took care of stock & personal gear.

1-17-00-1

Plotted some of the GPS UTM coordinates on topo maps.

Received & commented on Jim's Bear manuscript. Received my comments with Jim

Packed & flew to McCall

2-3-00

Ron Shaver + I flew to Taylor Ranch w/ 2 of Ron's hounds.

Stayed the night at Taylor Ranch

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2-4-00

Loaded supplies + equipment onto stock. Also dog boxes w/ dogs - Ron, Pete, Renan, Rondo.

Rode/walked to Cabin Cr. The dog boxes worked great.

Saw lion tracks across Big Cr coming into Cabin Cr Flat. - See Jim's notes for speccies as we all contributed to his notes.

Stayed the night at Cabin Cr.

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2-5-00

Loaded stock + rode/walked to Coxey Cr Camp.

Found Jim killed elk

2-5-00 cont

just down stream from Gordon Cr.

Got sign on both ♀ wolves near mouth of Beck Cr.

Continued to Coxey Camp - See Jim's notes

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2-6-00-1

Investigated bear kill near Fork of Coxey Cr ± 1/2 mile upstream from camp. No fresh sign - 3 wolves traveled up Coxey + went up the rt fork.

We went to Big Cr + traveled upstream. Rough going in deep snow.

Ron + I started walking back to camp. Saw 2 lions ± 1/4 mile downstream from camp.

The dogs ran w/ the stock. Ron + I watched 1 of the lions for ± 25 min - when the

2-6-00 cont

Stock arrived - we decided to turn out on the Lions even though we knew they were young. It was also ± 1630 hrs.

Tried on of the cats, arrived at the tree ± 1730, Decided against shooting.  
Ret to camp

2-7-00-1

Ron + I went to location we tried the lions yesterday to see if the lion was still in the tree + for the adult ♀ had returned. The cat was gone + we did not see any adult tracks.

Ron + I returned to the trail + headed for Cabin Cr. We stopped at the kill near Garden Cr. No signs from wolves at Buck Cr. There was

2-7-00-2

however bird activity there. Also, no lions or wolf signs at kill site - we found on 2-5-00. Ronan, Pete + Jim led a write-up on the kill. Ron + I headed down stream.

We encountered wolf tracks on the trail ±  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile upstream from Cabin Cr. I tried for a signal up Cabin Cr. - None.

We continued toward Cabin Cr. Wolf tracks all the way and they appeared very fresh. Still no signals.

Jim, Pete + Ronan caught up w/ Ron + I just downstream from Cabin Cr - again very fresh wolf tracks but no signals.

Ron + I hiked to Taylor Ranch + flew out to McColl

3-1-00

Pete & I Flew to Taylor Ranch  
around ± 1200 hrs.

We hiked up Big Cr to Linn  
Kill just above Rush Cr. Did  
a write-up on the deer kill  
& Ret to Ranch.

I hiked down Stream to Cocagon  
Cr. - Saw an old lion track  
near the Indian tippee sets  
plus an adult mule deer.

Ret to Taylor Ranch at 1800 hrs

3-2-00-1

Packed for trip to Cabin Cr.  
Saw 30 deer near 3rd Bench.  
7/8 Fawns in the group. Also  
Saw 22 sheep between the  
2nd & 3rd Bench - 17 ad. ♀,  
(1 w/ collar) 4 Lambs + 1 ♂-1 ♂.

Pete, Jim & I hiked to  
Cabin Cr. - Got a faint signal  
on 1 of the wolves near Brown's  
Basin.

Jim Ret to Taylor.

Pete & I got a signal on all

3-2-00-2

3 wolves. The signal was  
coming from the drainage between  
Spring Cr & Big Cr Cabin Cr.  
We hiked up the ridge to  
isolate the signal.

Saw ± 30 elk on the ridge  
between Spring Cr & Cabin Cr.

Also 1 roeboom + 2 ♀ in heat  
of spruce. The wolves were in.

Later in P.M. saw 3 deer  
with large group of elk

- Also saw 2 deer on the  
ridge between Cabin Cr & Cow Cr.  
Saw 4 elk on Vangas Ridge.  
Cut signal on the Cabin Cr.  
Linn Cr - 5

3-3-00-1

I went to the drainage downstream from  
Spring Cr where we got the signals yesterday  
pm. No signal from wolf or Rush  
Cr mountain. I hiked up the ridge  
on the left hand side of the drainage to  
where the drainage turns north. Just upstream  
from the bend I crossed the drainage & hiked

3-3-00-2

To the top of the Ridge - looking into Browns Basin. Tried for wolf/lion signal - None. I hiked the ridge to the N-NE to the head of Browns Basin  $\pm$  6700'. Tried for signal -- again. Nothing. Saw 1 adult mule deer on the head of Browns Basin. Also saw 2 groups of elk on the North side of Spring Cr. 1 group of 7 + 1 of 4. No comp data. Returned to Cabin via So Ridge of Spring Cr  $\pm$  5200'. Then dropped into the So Flk of Spring Cr + took Spring Cr trail to Cabin. Overall  $\pm$  1730 hrs.

Did not see any Fresh wolf or mtn lion sign today. Did see 2 sets of coyote tracks - 1 at  $\pm$  5800' on the Ridge on the West side of Browns Basin + 1 in the So Flk of Spring Cr at  $\pm$  4600'.

3-4-00-1

Pete + I hiked up cabin Cr to the draw on the East side where C-5 made kill #4. We hiked up the upstream

3-4-00-2

side of the draw  $3-400$  feet. Located C-5 in the draw just downstream from the Rock face on the west side of Cabin Cr.

We saw ravens at the Kill Pete saw yesterday. His kill was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw downstream from the Rock face. We decided to set tight to see if we could see birds working the draw C-5 was in. While watching we heard a mtn lion vocalize twice. The first time - was between 1025 and 1030. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time was 1055-47. The 1<sup>st</sup> was the loudest + most variety.

We waited until  $\pm$  1200 hrs w/o seeing any bird activity.

We hiked up to the Kill site downstream from C-5. It was near some rocks. Holly + I tramped past on 1-12-00. It was an old ♀. Est. age at 18/20. Elevation 5570'

47M = D662281 + 5003308 (WT 76)  
Collected data + specimens + ret to Cabin -  
2 sets of Lion tracks on trail - one small

3-4-00-3

probably a juvenile - headed upstream.  
The other appeared to be an adult  
& was headed downstream.

Cleaned up at cabin & built hitch  
post.

In PM hiked to Cabin Cr Flats -  
No sign of Rush Cr & mountain  
on the ridges.

Saw Redwing black birds along  
cabin cr.

Saw 11 elk (10 in group) on the  
slope I hiked yesterday - ~~but~~ headed  
down stream from Spring Cr.  
Also saw 4 mule deer at least 1 from  
on slope across from end of Cabin  
Cr strip. Ret to Camp & Woods

3-5-00-2

Pete and I skinned the rock  
on the upstream side. Pete & I  
met at ± 5800'. Pete checked  
another ± 300' up the draw. We did  
not find a kill or any evidence of  
a kill. Also no indication the  
lion was moving up or down  
stream from the Rock area she  
has been frequenting.

I did find elk & moose sign  
in the draw.

Pete & I returned to the cabin,  
cleaned up the cabin, packed  
our personal gear and hiked to  
Taylor Ranch right Cabin Cr  
at 1400 hrs & arrived at Taylor  
1635 hrs.

- Saw 2 elk skylined on Voyager  
Hill Ridge from the cabin in the AM.  
No other game observed.

Did see coyote track on the Cabin  
Cr Trail near where C5 has been  
located.

- We Relocated C5 in the draw  
on the upstream side of the Rock

3-5-00-1

Pete & I hiked up Cabin Cr to check  
on C-5. She was not where she  
was seen the past couple of days.  
moved upstream. We looked for a kill  
around the Rock area we located her  
yesterday. I hiked up the draw on  
the downstream side of the Rock

3-5-00-3

face. She appeared to be moving  
and our last location was  
on the Center Ridge in the  
drainage.

3-6-00-1

Hiked to "Vern's Saddle" & checked  
for wolves, the Rush Cr & mountain &  
the Cliff Cr & mountain. No signs.  
Hiked to the Ridge looking into Pioneer  
Cr & check for signs - again, none.  
Hiked down the Big Cr trail to  
Big Cr Gorge - saw 8 Ad ♀ elk in  
the timber flat ± 150 metres upstream  
from the Great Cr. Saw a Pileated Woodpecker  
just downstream from the salt lick plus  
a Kingfisher on the up stream side of  
the salt lick.

Did not see any predator signs on  
the trail to the gorge & back.

Hiked to the 3rd Bench at Cliff Cr.  
Saw 11 sheep on the 3rd Bench  
in groups of 5 & 6 (1 lamb). Also  
saw 11 Mule deer - 3 F & 8 Ad.

3-6-00-2

Ret to Taylor Ranch.

Visited w/ Renn re the Bone  
Marrow drying technique & results.

- Saw 2 more groups of sheep on  
the 3rd Bench - 10 & 7
- 2 sheep along the trail on the face  
between the 3rd Bench & The Ridge top  
to the east.

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