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Notebook No. 391

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WINTER - SPRING 1999

Book 2 of 2

3/19/9

CABIN CR. → COXEY CR.

w/Jim

Carcass #21 Cow elk at Garden Cr. Killed
 & left by wolves. Poor condition,
 Carcass #22 Mule Deer Fawn at Coxey Camp.
 Killed & consumed by wolves. Fair condition

Checked for signals around Cabin Cr - none.
 Cabin Cr → Coxey Camp: no deer or elk
 seen. Jim saw ~65 elk at Vinegar Hill.
 No wolf or Cave Cr ♂ signals.

Carcass #20 had been eaten some since our
 last visit but ~40% remains of muscle. Wrote
 up another predation form. Wolves went
 by this kill, but cant tell if & how much
 they fed.

Carcass #21 located: A cow elk, med. age
 in poor condition with previous injuries
 (herniated abdominal wounds). She
 was killed by wolves (Chamberlain Pack)
 by a bite to throat that severed her
 jugular vein. The wolves ate heart, lung,
 uterus and <10lbs of rump. Est. 3 days
 dead. Is this another wolf "kill & leave"
 due to lack of body (immarrow) fat?

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We saw 8 sets of wolf tracks
travelling across Vines Ranch meadow
30 m from each side of the trail.

Carcass #22 A mule deer fawn
with soft pink-white bone marrow.
Wolves had killed deer. Deer had
canine holes in skull (& brain cavity)
Blood in snow. Kill 3-6 days old.
May have been made as wolves
(Chamberlain Pack) travelled from
Coxey forks to Cabin Cr & Cow
Cr. via Big Cr trail on night of
3/16-3/17 (aerial telemetry).
A tree had fallen at Coxey Camp
& elk, deer, & moose had been
feeding on its lichens - maybe
this deer too. The kill is at
Coxey Camp - 10' upstream from
our water hole. Mostly consumed;
much of hide intact; semi-disartic-
ulated skeleton; skull chewed,
femur broken; ribs intact. Some
bird scavenging.
No elk or deer seen along trail
today!

3/20/99

w/Jim @ Coxey Camp

Carcass #23 Cow elk wolf kill at
WFK Coxey below Chamberlain Pack location
of 3/16. Broken neck, partial
consumption. Older cow w/ arthritis.
Fair body condition. Bird scavenging
on abandoned carcass.
Heavy elk use of shrubs in bottoms.

Up Coxey Cr WFK with mules; 2 feet
of wet snow. Riparian shrubs (CST) browsed
CELE & PUTR use high also. Deep snow - 24" in bottoms heavily.
Carcass #23 An old aged cow elk.
It was jumped out of its bed by
wolves and attacked - bit in neck
at atlas & neck broken. Site is 1/4
mile downhill of aerial telemetry & visual
of Chamberlain Pack on 3/16. Arthritis
- worn cartilage (mushy or pitted or
striated) in shoulder, elbow, acetabulum,
patella - every joint I looked at.
Teeth well worn. Humerus fat soft
whitish-pink. Consumption ~ 70%
although it looks like ravens & eagles
have eaten a large quantity of kill.
Another abandoned wolf kill?
Rode/snowshoed up Coxey Ridge to W @ 6000':
ran out of time to search Lime Cr for kills.
Wolf tracks on ridge. Lime Cr: BE (7C, 1SP) HE (3C, 1C)

Collected parts from kills 22, 13
 Wolf signals at Spring Cr / Cabin Cr.
 No subadult wolf signal.
 Cabin Cr ♀ near her kill
 Rush Cr ♀ has moved off her kill.

Collected femur from Mule Deer
 carcass #22 & finished predation form.
 Packed up gear at Corey Camp & headed
 downstream with 5 head of stock. Snow
 still soft but melting.

Checked carcass #21 at Garden Cr
 - golden eagle feeding.

Collected jaw & checked bone marrow
 on Carcass #13 at Garden Cr. Skull with
1" dent in
brain area.
 Marrow is whitish-brown (old) and
 smells / looks greasy - Good condition.

Stopped at Cabin Creek Cabin to drop
 off food & pick up additional gear

Checked radio signals from Corey to
 Taylor Ranch every 1/2 mile:

- Chamberlain Wolf Alpha pair signals
 in upper Spring Cr / Browns ridge
 - heard from Vines Rich to Goose neck.
- Chamberlain subadult wolf - no signal.

- Cabin Creek ♀ cougar: On ridge just w
 of her kill. Sounds low on ridge, direct.
- Cliff Creek ♀ cougar: Weak signal
 heard in Lobauer Basin - not direct.
 She is no longer on Cabin Cr ♀s
 Mule Basin kill.

- No other cougar signals heard. Greg B
 reported Rush Cr ♀ and Cave Cr ♂
 are both up Rush Cr / Lewis Fork
 on 3/20. He did not get Rush Cr ♀
 signal from Sagebrush Flat on 3/18
 - and I did not get a signal from
 the Rush Cr. gate on trail on 3/18 and 3/21.

#13

→ Only jaw, skull, 2 legs, and 2 ears remain.
 Skull has 1" dent in brain case. There
 is evidence carcass slid in talus.

- 8 Elk (7 cows, 1 calf) at Vines Ranch
- 18 Elk at riparian downstream of Lobauer
- 4 Elk (4 cows) at Mule Basin.
- 3 M. Deer Mule basin
- 2 Bighorns in talus slide, Mule Basin
- 4 M. Deer Lobauer

3/23

3/22 8 hr field notes, bone labelling, camp gear organiz.
3/23 2 hr

Rush Cr ♀ located in Pioneer Cr.

Searched for jaw & femur from carcass #5 a coyote killed doe on E Pioneer ridge. Only hair, hide piece 6"x6", 1 scapula, 1 rib found!

18 elk (17 cows, 1 calf) on flat E & downstream from Taylor Rch on W side of Big Creek.

Snow has melted significantly in 4 days all of benches bare; N aspects partly bare & < 6" of snow in most places.

Checked all wolf & cougar signals from weather station & E Pioneer Point.

No signals except:

Rush Cr ♀ signal is directly up Pioneer Cr. I hiked up Pioneer Creek trail 1/2 mile & signal was still upstream (to South) - maybe not direct, but seems to be low in elevation. Her last location was toward Lewis Fork on 3/20.

Jim & Greg to Cabin Creek & ret. w/ remote camera. Did carcass form #24 on m. deer and found new kill (m. deer) by Cabin Cr ♂

No cougar nearby @ Lobauer X G. neck.

3/24

4 hr w/ Jim

Aerial telemetry (Jim) - subadult wolf on Vinegar Hill

Set up camera on carcass #25.

C-2 "way up cow cr in snow"

Jim flew aerial telemetry 50 min:

Alpha wolves @ mouth of Ramey

Subadult wolf on Vinegar Hill, golden eagle near signal - a kill?

(Jim saw 2 sets of wolf tracks in Greg & my tracks at E Cabin Cr / Spring Creek yesterday. Are there 2 wolves.

Rush Cr ♀ in Pioneer Cr bottom - same as yesterday. Greg hiked up today & she is low on E side before 1st stream crossing.

Cliff Cr ♀ way up Cow Cr. in snow.

Cave Cr ♂ went 1 mi up W FK Rush Cr. near some elk.

Cabin Cr ♀ is on (Rush) Big Creek ridge 1 1/2 mi from Rush Cr. mouth. (No ground telem. signal)

Cabin Cr ♂ is near his Lobauer Basin kill

We rode to Lobauer then to carcass #25 mule deer kill. Set up remote camera. Most of deer had been eaten in 24 hrs. Possible wolf fur at carcass. Jim says cougar belly fur. 65° sunny, snow < 50% in riparian.

3/25

w/ Greg

Carcass #26 Mule Deer Buck - unk cause, ^{long dead}
 No wolf sub, no Cliff Cr ♀ at Cabin Cr,
 No Cabin Cr ♂ at his kill, but Cabin Cr ♀ nearby,
 139 Elk at Cabin Creek

To Cabin Creek:

Rush ♀ cougar signal up Pioneer Cr.

Cabin Cr ♀ cougar signal in vicinity of
 carcass #25 (Cabin Cr ♂'s kill) near

Lobauer. Signal seems to be from E aspect
 draw on S side of Big Cr, but not direct.

Cabin Cr ♂ cougar: no signal TR → Cabin Cr
 Subadult wolf: no signal.

Cougar tracks → downstream at Gooseneck

Brown's and downstream at Mule Basin

Wolf tracks on Cabin Cr flat trail →
 upstream.

Carcass #25. Removed camera. <5%
 meat left. Carcass moved since yesterday
 ~ 2', piled up w/ legs attached to body
 hide. 6 ravens, 13 magpies. Photos
 #10-24 taken.

Carcass #18 Cabin Cr. Little remaining meat,
 dried up hide, legs attached to hide &
 piled like #25.

4 bull elk above TR @ Rush Cr.

No deer elk, bighorns seen: TR → Cabin Cr.

Prairie Falcon circle over Vinegar Hill
 Bat flying in, and out of Cabin thru cracks

Arrived at Cabin Cr. & hiked to Vinegar
 Hill.

No signals at Cabin Cr cabin or Vinegar
 Hill except weak signal of Cabin Cr ♂
 from Vinegar Hill toward Big Cr at E
 end of Cabin Cr flat (upstream of
 his kill). Where is Cliff Cr ♀ today? -
 Cliff Cr? ♀ wolf is gone from
 here.

Elk in 8 groups seen from Vinegar
 Hill. Total = 139 elk (104 cows, 10 calves,
 4 spikes, 5 sub. branched, 2 lepts, 15
 unclassified). All in grassland or snow.

- 24 E (23C, 1sp) lower Cow Cr ^{Midslope.}
 - 25 E (25C) Spring Cr, mid slope
 - 13 E (9C, 3cf, 1 4pt) Vinegar Hill - ^{Cave Cr Top}
 - 13 E (9C, 3cf, 1 spike) Vinegar Hill - ^{5200'}
 - 39 E (30C, 4cf, 2 spike, 2 5pt, 1 6pt)
 Spring Cr side of Spring Browns ridges
 - 4 E (1C, 2 5pt, 1 6pt) Vinegar Hill ^{midslope}
 - 6 E (6 cows) Vinegar Hill midslope
 - 15 E (mostly cows) above cabin, East
 6 mule deer (4D, 2F) Vinegar Hill low slope
- Carcass #26 Mule Deer Buck @ Vinegar Hill
 ~ 5 weeks dead. Cause unknown, leg bones
 chewed

Carcass #27 Bobcat killed near carcass
#7

Cliff Cr ♀ signal up Cabin Cr

From Cabin Cr to Taylor Ranch

Rained last night after 65° yesterday.

Snow cover down to 20% - mainly
N-NE aspects. Greenup on AGSP 1-2",
still mostly inaccessible. Elk are on open
slopes at Cabin Cr now, though.

Signals from Cabin Cr Cabin @ 7:30 AM.

Only Cliff Cr ♀ - bounce signal from up
Cabin Creek. (same signal from outhouse)

Stopped at carcass #7 in Cabin Cr draw -
collected molars for aging. Greg found
a bobcat skull, jaw, & hide parts
40 m. up the draw from Carcass #7.
Skull had been bit - likely killed
by a predator (cougar?) associated
with elk kill. Same vintage of death,
Bobcat = Carcass #27.

Checked carcass #25 at Lobauer - 21
ravens & 8 magpies. Remains moved.
Small canine bite (bobcat/coyote, ~1")
in scapula, soft cartilage on humerus & scapula.

Collected scapula, jaw (worn incisors),
and humerus. Filled out pred. form.
Signals at Lobauer & Mule Basin: none.
Wildlife sightings

12 E (11C, 1cf) W Cabin Cr slope, grass

7 Bighorns (6 ♀/L, 1 II) Mule Basin tick

17 Elk (17 cows) at Ram Canyon bed riparian

1 M. Deer Vinegar Hill, grass

21 Elk E of Cabin Cr, grass

Rained & snowed (blizzard) on our
way home.

3/27

8hrst

Carcass #28 Mule deer yearling buck killed by a fall or falling rocks 1/2 mi downstream from Taylor Ranch.

Revamped & printed out more Prey Carcass Investigation Forms.

Completed & checked done forms,

J&H were hiking downstream to pick up a large Gpt rack I had stashed last fall when I spotted a mule deer carcass (Carcass #28).

This yearling buck had died < 1 day ago (eye not glazed yet). He had massive hemorrhaging injuries to

- ① left side/loin with 1 broken rib and 6" hole in hide; no punctured rumen.
- ② lower back at lumbar/pelvis - looks broken; skin scraped, not torn.
- ③ right shoulder extends fully sideways (hemorrhage in muscle at shoulder joint) - broken; hide with injuries holes under arm and behind elbow where birds had tried to feed on organs.

Bleeding from left side & anus, Carcass near a bed in talus slide. Appears that this buck fell from the cliffs or was hit by falling rocks. Accidental death. No sign of predators, Bighorns (6) feed nearby. This site is 1/2 mi below Taylor Ranch lower pasture in the talus along the trail E of the Trail Sheep Lick, 670,060 E 4,996,410 N

Radio tracked for other cougars near TR - no signals,

Jim's tracking: 3/25 Rush ♀ in a cave on Pioneer Cr - spooked & left area
3/26 Cabin ♀ at Pioneer / W, Pioneer Rdg

3/29

Carcass 17 & 28 visited. No scavenging on 28.
Signals near T.R.: Rush ♀ @ Rush, Cabin ♀
Pioneer?

Checked remote camera at Carcass #28. No use, Reset camera (#7).
4 Rams (2 II 2 III) = 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 6.5 yr olds feed across talus & bed above carcass, 40m away. I looked at all fallen rocks above & below deer carcass for deer hair - none found. I think this deer was hit by a falling rock while bedded or standing facing E (the way we found him) in his bed. Many fresh rocks below the deer, up to 60cm diameter.

Checked talus draw → outcrop - grass upper slope X from airstrip. No bird activity; 20 mule deer; good AGSP greenup. Jim left a note on the gate that they saw a fresh cougar track from the draw + Greg & I saw 2 ravens there 4 days ago.
Signals: Cabin Cr ♀ from the pasture - bounce from E. Never got signal again.

Rush Cr ♀ - low in Rush Cr - faint signal from up on Horse Mtn side only.
No other signals - cougar or wolf.

Carcass #17 Cow elk in Mule Basin talus. Collected ♀ femur & 1/2 jaw. Carcass dragged down 25M. Hide & carcass mostly intact. Looks like significant bird scavenging, but 1 femur & 2 humerus chewed for marrow fat (solid pink). Possible arthritis - wrinkled cartilage in stifle. R rear foot, looks suspicious - swelling in fetlock joint; old (healing) injuries on metatarsus & pastern. Found 3 meat scats under the 28" leaning DF as expected last time - good bed site under horizontal tree bole.

Collected the 7yr old almost full curl ram skull I found last time. Looked at right fetlock & cannon. Joint looks normal. Metatarsus had an old repaired fracture. Some cartilage wear on metatarsal joints - striated & gouged out.

3/30

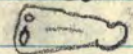
Rush Cr ♀ predation sequence -
general location only

To Rush Cr - Track Rush Cr ♀.

Ground tracked her irregular signal along Rush Cr almost to mouth of Stove Camp draw $\frac{3}{4}$ mi up Rush Cr. Signal still toward mouth of Lewis Fk when I had to turn back.
666, 230E 4,994, 640N

Aerial telemetry: Wolf pair (visual of 5) on ridge above Travis Miletli Camp. No subadult ♀.
Cliff Cr ♀ @ Cave Cr; Cabin ♀ @ carcass below TR; Cave ♂ ^{WFR} Rush

Collect. jaw at Carcass #11 - Rush Ridge Cougar kill
Rush ♀ sequence - general loc. only Lewis Fk. Rush Cr.

To Rush Cr Carcass #11. Collected jaw - typical old cow pm4 worn to 2 roots each tooth, incisors missing. Scapula canine holes 3.5-5 cm apart  - inconclusive measurement but carcass known killed by cougar.
Skull: Canine hole in L nasal maxillary (side of nose) bone; orbits $\frac{1}{2}$ nasal areas chewed. Humerus & pelvis chewed. Most bones whole w/ legs connected. Head, neck, ribcage still connected. Cartilage gnawed on scapulas & long bones. Maybe some cartilage wear - inconclusive. Front & rear hooves with heavy wear. Marrow fat brownish white - probably was pinkish white when fresh. Found her injured leg sample on airstrip & brought it to collection.

665,600E 4,994,120N

Checked Rush ♀ for predation sequence. Tracked her to mouth of Lewis Fk. She appears to be on N aspect of lower Lewis Fk in cliff & snow. Poor access for me - I turned back w/out confirming a kill. I suspect a kill since she has been in this vicinity at least 2 days. This predation sequence is very time consuming for the info gained - due to time spent hiking in untrailed extremely rough or hawthorne choked terrain!

Aerial Telemetry 11:24-12:21

Wolves (alpha pair signals, visual on 5)

N of Miletti on ridge above Travis' camp. 657,180E 5,002,570

In snow, some bare ground.

Cabin Cr ♂: No location - checked

@ Cougar, Goat, Gorge/Dunce, Cliff Cr, Rush, Cabin, Cave Cr

Cliff Cr ♀: at forks of Cave Cr (no snow); a new site for her.

659,690E 5,003,810N

Cave Cr ♂^{#3}: W Fk Rush Cr, 1st draw to N ~ 657,000E 4,991,850N

Rush Cr ♀^{#4}: Lower Rush Cr - at confluence of Stove Camp Draw & big draw to W just below Lewis Fk. This is similar to yesterday's ground location and this afternoon ground location. 667,050E 4,995,020N.

Cabin Cr ♀^{#5}: Near mule deer carcass #29 below TRch.

Jim confirmed this afternoon that she had been there but she was downstream when he checked.

669,950E, 4996,540N

Subadult wolf - no signal on Big Cr
→ Ramey Cr, Monumental or Rush.

9 deer (7 does, 1 fawn, 1 buck) } Rush
3 deer } switchbacks
2 deer } slope
18 elk (18 cows) sage flat
12 elk sage flat

April 1

To Coxeys Camp - no signals TR → Coxeys
or up Coxeys.

To Coxeys Cr: No signals no wolf or cougar tracks
- 6 mule deer (4D, 1F, 1B) x from airstrip.
11 bighorns (5E I, 4II, 1III) in Lobauer
incl. radio ewe #1 - red eartag and
old radio ewe. Spooky, no dart opport.
5 elk (5 cows) Brown's Basin rough
terrain

4 elk (4 cows) Cabin Creek - 1 elk
showed signs of stringhalt on L
rear - jerking leg up sharply at
a walk, run double legged fine.
Toe looks long & thin (Hoof growth).

8 m. deer near elk on W side Cabin Cr.
18+ elk on slope E of Garden Cr.
12 elk + 12 elk on upper slopes
breaks of Miletti

2 elk (cows) on trail + 5 elk lower
slope Coxeys → Vines.

5 m. deer crossed Big Cr w/ Vines
16+ elk in Coxeys Cr W of camp (16 cows)

Collected femur from Carcass # 2)

wolf kill at Vines / Garden Cr. Only bird use -

6 wolf tracks above Miletti, no kills found
Jim found 4 wolf kills between Coxeys & Lime.
Sub ♀ wolf travelled Lime → Coxeys → E on trail

Becky & I hiked up Coxeys above forks &
climbed up a draw E to Miletti.
Carcass # 29 mule deer had no bones
present but < 2" shards of leg bones.
Wolf tracks up Coxeys Cr bottom < 3 days
old.

Ridge N of Miletti: Wolf tracks (6) travelling
up (N) ridgeline on hard snow; 2
days old - at site of aerial visual on
3/31. 1 coyote track < 1 day old trvl
downhill on ridgeline. No kill evidence.
1 wolf bed, 1 scat.

Signals: Subadult weak in Garden Cr, Jim
got her signal toward Lower Coxeys from
Coxeys / Lime Cr Ridgeline. Later weak
toward mouth Bull Cr. (Jim cut her
tracks on Big Cr trail @ Lime Cr → E.)
We crossed to top of Miletti → Elliott's grave
→ Garden Cr side → Big Cr Breaks →
Miletti homestead → Coxeys trail to Camp.

→ Hide intact - not torn or removed; muscle eaten out
Same for #20 Golden eagle feeding on green.

- 7 Elk E side of Garden Cr twd mouth
 34 Elk (34 cows) below Miletti airstrip
 1 Elk (1 cow) below homestead
 6 Elk (6 cows) by homestead - 4 in
 poor condition - ribs & hips show
 17 Elk (13 cows, 3 calves, 1unk) W
 of homestead on trail
 5+ elk on W slope of Coxe Cr.

Greenup is almost nonexistent
 at Miletti & homestead area.
 We cant see any new growth
 available to the elk at 5600'
 and above. Maybe thats why we
 saw more elk at lower elevations
 (along Big Cr trail & downstream)
 Red tailed hawk pair at Miletti.

Went with Jim to carcass #33
 (he found wolf kills #30, 31, 32, 33
 today on his Lime Creek hike).
 This is a 2 week dead cow elk
 chased & killed by wolves. Middle aged
 elk w/ no leg problems & solid pinkish
 tibia marrow. The wolves did not feed
 on her much - mostly birds. Why not?
 Collected femur, jaw, wolf hair, from a bed.

April 3

Subadult went from Lime Cr →
 Cave Cr.; older wolf tracks
 W Cabin Cr. flat → Cave

Took down Coxe Camp, cleaned
 site, packed out the rest of
 our gear on 3 mules.

No signals on the way downstream
 except Rush Cr ♀ near mouth
 of Rush Cr. Pat Dorris
 reported he flew this afternoon
 (late) and got Subadult wolf
 signal on Cabin Cr side of
 Vinegar Hill. We saw fresh
 wolf tracks from subadult
 going downstream from Coxe
 to Cave Cr on trail (+ several
 occasions of tracks back upstream)
 Older wolf tracks over ours
 going upstream W Cabin Cr →
 Cave Cr at least.

Snowstorm in pm.
 Pat said Chamberlain Pair is in
 Disappointment Cr. (Devil's Toe Cr.)

April 5

Rush ♀ up Rush Cr toward
Lewis Fk

Checked all signals from TR
& Sagebrush Flat - none
except Rush ♀ weak up
Rush Cr. She has moved
since 4/3. She probably
has not killed a big game animal
since her elk (carcass #15)
of Feb 24.

April 6

Carcass #34 Cow elk killed by Subadult
♀ wolf at Cabin Cr.

Alpha wolves on Vinegar Hill

Rush ♀ weak signal up Rush

Elk & deer abundant at Cabin Cr &
along Big Cr.

Rush Cr ♀ signal up Rush Cr; no other cougars
Got signal from subadult wolf

from Lobauer Basin to Cabin Cr.

She is in/near Cabin Cr flat

then toward Vinegar Hill. Strong
signal from Cabin Cr Cabin
with pocket knife as antenna.

Elk 70+ and 45+ mule deer at
Cabin Cr;

30 Elk (28 cows, 2 ragnorns) Vinegar Hill

26 Elk (23 cows, 3 calves) Cabin X

15+ Elk lower Vinegar Hill

9 deer + 6 deer + 3 deer + 5 deer V. Hill

~20 deer in groups at Cabin Cr.

Carcass #34 an old aged wolf-killed
cow elk at Cabin Cr flat near
Canyon Cr crossing. ~2 days dead.
Disembowled.

13 Elk (12 cows, 1 cf) Browns; 18 elk (16c, 2cf) Lobauer

April 7

Aerial telemetry check on wolves at Cabin Cr. All 3 signals still in vicinity of Cabin Cr Ranch/Airstrip.

April 10

Curt Mack & Pat Dorris flew telemetry & found the alpha pair near Root Ranch. They presumed denning.

April 19-22 Presented winter predation work @ Wolf Recovery Conference @ Chico, MT.

May 20 Sent out final report on winter 1999 "Highlights of Predation Project..."

May to June 1999

No aerial telemetry. Pat Dorris/Curt Mack report wolves are all near den site w/ some hunting movements into upper Cabin & Cave Creeks. They haven't tracked radioed cougars.

Ground Telemetry: Rush Cr ♀ is the only signal from around Taylor Ranch (→ Goat Cr). Last heard ~ May 15.

30 June 3 & 4

J+H + 4 students/interns

Carcass #35 Calf elk cougar?

Carcass #36 Cow elk cougar-bear
both W Pioneer Ridge above Taylor Rch

Jim & Randy found #35 Newborn calf elk.

Alert cow elk stayed in area, magpies common. Cougar track (young) on game trail. "Tubed carcass of calf elk - head/neck & legs all turned inside-out; all meat/bones consumed except head & leg bones; hide intact - entry from rear/belly. 1 eye pecked out (inside tubed hide - so was calf dead & scavenged or tubed after 1st feeding. Hooves show slight wear - still soft hoof tissue scraps on hoof margins (calf likely born live). Carcass moved uphill overnight. Site is upper N aspect dense shrub (PHMA, AMAL) & PSME sapling patch.

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Carcass #36 Cow elk was found while searching for calf hide. Cow was 40 m uphill of calf. Carcass is >1 week old - not mother of calf. Cow was heavily scavenged by bear: 6+ scats, large ♂ tracks, rock & debris/dirt piled on carcass. Cougar track in vicinity too. Blood in nostrils; bites to nose & jaw, claw rakes on neck/shoulder. No canine holes in head; no broken neck or obvious cause of death. 100m+ chase/attack route from uphill (>60% slope) w/ elk hitting trees. Appears possibly killed by cougar, usurped by bear. Elk calf #35 likely preyed on by cougar or bear approaching cow elk carcass #36.

Bone marrow dried - both cow & calf had soft pink. Dried marrow of cow had fat; no fat in small marrow sample of calf.

June 11

Carcass #37 Cow elk at Goat Cr
from Spring. Broken neck.

Found elk carcass incidental to
Knapweed survey plots! Cow
elk m-old age ♂ & ~ 3 months
dead. All bones present, some
intestine. Little bone chewing -
ribs only. Hair pile + dead
grass (cougar cover material?).
In open DF SYAL along shrub
edge near talus on Goat Cr flat by
Knapweed. Bear scats ~ 8
scavenging or predator? Ground
scraped (litter & duff) at 2 sites.
No scats in scraped debris. Small
skull parts 10m away (maybe older)
- possibly fetus skull + 1cm long
immature leg bones. **BROKEN**
NECK at atlas/axis. 1 canine
hole in scapula. Probably a
cougar kill.

PREY CARCASSES 1999

#	form date	Species	Age/sex	Predator	Scav.	Location
26	3/25	M. Deer	buck	Unkn.		Cabin Cr.
27	3/26	Bobcat	adult	unkn./cougar		Cabin Cr.
28	3/27	M. Deer	buck	injury		^{cougar} T. Rch
29	3/29	M. Deer	fawn	wolf		Coxey Cr.
30	4/2	Elk	calf	wolf		Lime Cr.
31	4/2	Elk	calf	wolf		Lime Cr.
32	4/2	Elk	cow	wolf		Lime Cr.
33	4/2	Elk	cow	wolf		Coxey Bar
34	4/6	Elk	cow	wolf		^{coyote} Cabin Cr.
35	6/4	Elk	calf	bear or cougar		T. Rch
36	6/4	Elk	cow	cougar?		T. Rch
37	6					

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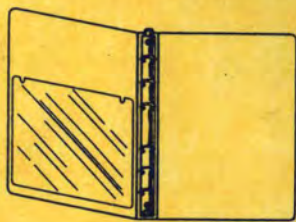
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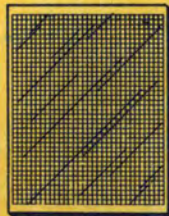
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