

**Field Narrative Report Form  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Wolf Recovery Project**

**Pack:** Golden Creek

**Personnel:** Jim Akenson, Neal Richards

**Hitch Start Date (MM/DD/YY):** 6/18/2005

**Hitch End Date (MM/DD/YY):** 6/19/2005

**Objectives:** To collect data on the number and presence of puppies.

**Cooperating Agency Contacts (Name, agency, phone number, location):**

University of Idaho, Taylor Ranch Field Station

**Access Information (Maps, trails & trailhead):** Black Butte trail (see attached maps)

**Daily Entries ( Areas surveyed (drainages, trails, UTM) visual observations of wolves (numbers/age classes/colors), trapping effort (yes/no). UTM of wolf locations or den sites.)**

**Date (MM/DD/YY):**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2005, Jim Akenson (J. A.) and Neal Richards (N. R.) searched for sign of wolves and puppies. At 9:30- 10:30 on June 18<sup>th</sup>, J. A. and N. R. heard a strong signal on both B 229 and B230 in the upper S. Fork of Cabin CR. At 8:00 a.m. on June 19<sup>th</sup> J. A. and N. R. searched yesterday's telemetry location in the upper cabin CR. Forks; no sign of rendezvous site; very little wolf sign (2 tracks, 1 possible bed). Also on the 18<sup>th</sup> a telemetry signal was shot down Cougar CR. From E. Whiskey Springs knob at around 3:00 and received a strong signal E. S. E..

**Wolf Reports Received While on Hitch:**

**Coordination/Outreach Efforts (IDFG, USFS, USFWS, public):**

**Conclusions (Attach applicable Terrain Navigator maps):**

Even with both collard wolves in the Black Butte Golden Meadow vicinity there does not seem to be a primary point of localization. When tracks are seen they always seem to be a primary point of localization. When tracks are seen they always seem to be single wolves traveling trails. There does seem to be more wolf sign on Goat Ridge than any other area searched this spring period.

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**Pack:** Golden Creek

**Personnel:** Jim Akenson, ML, NR, SJ (Melissa Lamb, Neal Richards, Sara Jones)

**Hitch Start Date (MM/DD/YY):** 6-6-05

**Hitch End Date (MM/DD/YY):** 6-7-05

**Objectives:** To document if there are pups produced this year

**Cooperating Agency Contacts (Name, agency, phone number, location):**

University of Idaho, Taylor Ranch Field Station

**Access Information (Maps, trails & trailhead):** Goat Creek Trail—Papoose Peak Quad.

**Daily Entries ( Areas surveyed (drainages, trails, UTMs) visual observations of wolves (numbers/age classes/colors), trapping effort (yes/no). UTMs of wolf locations or den sites.)**

**Date (MM/DD/YY):**

On 6-5-05 Melissa and Mackenzie heard multiple howls from one wolf on the cougar side of Goat Ridge (very close to half barrel springs camp)...during heavy rain at noon. The UTMs at the howl were (N 5,000,810, E 0672781). (We need to check out this site more).

On 6-6-05 en route to Golden Creek. We saw 30-40 scat, between BM 7134' (N 5,001,620, E 0,673,410) and BM 7407' (N 5,004,800, E 0,672,930). On this same stretch we saw fresh tracks...traveling south on 6-7-05.

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**Coordination/Outreach Efforts (IDFG, USFS, USFWS, public):**

**Conclusions (Attach applicable Terrain Navigator maps):**

Not as much activity around Golden Meadow as lower on Goat Ridge or as much as last year ('04). No signal on 6-6-05 or 6-7-05 of B 2229 or B 230. However, Melissa and Holly had a good signal (6-4-05) on both. From Game notes—wolves with B 230 very close to the 6-5-05 location from above, B 229 was more to north and weaker signal.

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**Pack:** Monumental Creek

**Personnel:** Jim Akenson, ML, NR, SJ (Melissa Lamb, Neal Richards, and Sara Jones Taylor Ranch research interns)

**Hitch Start Date (MM/DD/YY):** 7-17-05

**Hitch End Date (MM/DD/YY):** 7-21-05

**Objectives:** To determine pack size, number of pups this year and radio collar any adults

**Cooperating Agency Contacts (Name, agency, phone number, location):**  
University of Idaho, Taylor Ranch Field Station

**Access Information (Maps, trails & trailhead):** West Fork of Monumental Creek, 1 mile upstream from the McCoy homestead, 7 miles from the Monumental Creek Trailhead.

**Daily Entries ( Areas surveyed (drainages, trails, UTM) visual observations of wolves (numbers/age classes/colors), trapping effort (yes/no). UTM of wolf locations or den sites.)**

**Date (MM/DD/YY):**

On 7-17-05, while hiking from our camp upstream, we saw 5 or 6 adult gray wolves bedded in the meadow—upper McCoy. Set out two traps—a trail set just off the trail through the meadow (put wolf urine and kitty candy on a nearby tree) and a trail set with no scent on the smaller trail coming off the main trail just before the first stream crossing after upper McCoy (stream ford trail). Heard a lot of howling on both sides of Monumental Creek.

On 7-18-05, awoke to the "trap tripped" signal on the trail set. Found a pup in this trap... wrapped around a spruce tree. The pup was laying on his right side with his left leg caught in the trap. We used the catchpole to hold him, while I hand injected .6CC of Telazol +/- 27 pounds. Once sedated, we moved him to a shaded place to work him over.

Immobilization notes:

Sex: male

Age: 3 months

Color: med. gray (darker "mask" around the eyes, two white strips around the front shoulders, dark tail tip)

Initial pulse: 189 per minute 7 or 8 minutes after the injection

Duration of immobilization before full recovery: 1 hour 15 minutes (came out of drug in 1 hour 10 minutes—walked upstream)

Ear tags: put in ear tags #173 USFWS, put triple antibiotic ointment on ear piercing holes, collected flesh plugs for DNA analysis

Set out remaining two traps—one at stream ford trail and the other in far sage flat with elk meat in a squirrel hole.

On 7-19-05, had some wolf action this morning at camp. Adult wolf barking across Monumental Creek (alpha female); we approached and saw two pups at 15 yards. One pup had no ear tags and had a darker facial pattern than the pup we had trapped. The female barked/howled in our direction. We think the pack has only two pups.

Set a trap at the Milk Creek rendezvous site... a lot of one week old sign there.

On 7-20-05, set out two traps on the stream ford trail (~100 yards from the stream) (one with kitty candy and wolf urine scent and one with no scent) and collected the trap from Milk Creek rendezvous site.

On 7-21-05, we found a wolf in one of the stream ford trail sets at 6:30 a.m., when we went to collect the trap (the trap was set with scent). The wolf drug the trap without getting the drag chain hung up (it is probable that the drag hooks were hung up on the trap mechanism). The wolf left evidence of a struggle. We think it was the alpha male. During the fight, which we didn't see, the wolf bit off 2 and 3 inch diameter trees, left bite marks on aspen 3 feet off the ground and left bloody chew marks on numerous sticks. The wolf was able to pull out of the trap while moving it. We found the trap on the hill above the brushy ravine along the stream ford trail near the den site. The aluminum transmitter case was covered in bite marks, 75 percent of the transmitter antenna had been chewed and the steel antenna cable was frayed. There was also some blood and hair on the rubber teeth of the trap, but not enough to keep for DNA analysis. Neal and I saw a wolf halfway between the stream ford and the den site that was sluggish, and thought it might be the wolf that escaped from the trap. We think it was the alpha male of the pack, but saw no physical injuries to verify it was the trapped individual during our short observation (60 seconds).

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***Conclusions (Attach applicable Terrain Navigator maps):***

The Monumental Creek Pack had two verified pups this year. Jim believes the pack size is currently nine wolves (7 adults and 2 pups). The Milk Creek rendezvous site is still in use as a secondary rendezvous site, as well as the stream ford trail den site. The rubber jawed trap left a little bit of swelling on the front left foot of the pup that was trapped.



Pup we ear tagged on 7-18-05

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Coordination/Outreach Efforts (IDFG, USFS, USFWS, public):

Conclusions (Attach applicable Terrain Navigator maps):

Not as much activity around Golden Mdw. as lower on Goat Rd. OR as much as last year ('04). No signal on 6/6 or 6/7 on Daisy or Long tail. However, Melissa & Holly had a good signal on both <sup>6/4/05</sup> wolves with Long tail & very close to the 6/5 location from above Daisy & was more to N. and weaker signal.

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**Pack:** Orphan

**Personnel:** Jim Holyan and Cheri Ramos

**Hitch Start Date (MM/DD/YY):** 5/24/04

**Hitch End Date (MM/DD/YY):** 5/24/04

**Objectives:** Determine reproductive status of Orphan pack and locate den area. Get pup count if possible.

**Cooperating Agency Contacts (Name, agency, phone number, location):**

**Access Information (Maps, keys, gates, road closures- *make available to following crews*):** May need to contact private landowner (Boise Cascade?) for permission to conduct work in this area in the future.

**Daily Entries**

Include specific information on area(s) surveyed [roads, drainages], visual observations of wolves [numbers/age classes/colors], trapping effort [yes/no], presence of livestock, etc.

Date (05/24/04): Leave McCall at 1405 to investigate last Orphan aerial location. Detect signal from Warm Lake Road of B61 and B116. Receive sporadic signals from main road south of Horsethief Reservoir (W side). Begin walk-in at 1558 from site of "best" signal. Had checked out several roads looking to get nearer signal, but all either tended to move away from signal or were impassable. Found den at 1734, although B61 had detected our arrival and moved away from the immediate area. Found fresh tracks and back-tracked to den under a huge boulder. Crawled inside to observe a minimum of 4-5 black pups. Very sizable chamber, consisting of 2 parts, though no distinct separation. Left (downhill) part seemed to be main bed with rim around it. This is where pups were initially seen. They moved to the right (uphill) and were able to get out of sight in a crack. By the time we had crossed the draw could no longer detect B61's signal. No further signals received (from truck or from Warm Lake Road).

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**Wolf Reports Received While on Hitch:** None.

**Coordination/Outreach Efforts (IDFG, USFS, USFWS, BLM, public):**

**Conclusions (Attach applicable Terrain Navigator maps):** Reproduction verified. Den site located. Further effort required monitoring pup survival throughout summer. Information exchange with landowner needed.

## **Taylor Ranch**

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**Subject:** Golden Wolves

Jim and Holly,

I just flew last Saturday and picked the two Golden Creek wolves up at the head of Cow Cr. Their locations are:

B229 - 45 12.64 Lat and 114 50.49 Lon  
B230 - 54 12.95 Lat and 114 51.16 Lon

Hope all is well. Any plans for Monumental??

The wolf Jim collared in Monumental last summer is now the alpha female for the new Bluebuch wolf pack settled in along Red Ridge just south of New Meadows.

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6/13/2005



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