

# Snaker

## Rattlesnake Location – Winter 2006

### Taylor Ranch Field Station

Date: January 29, 2006

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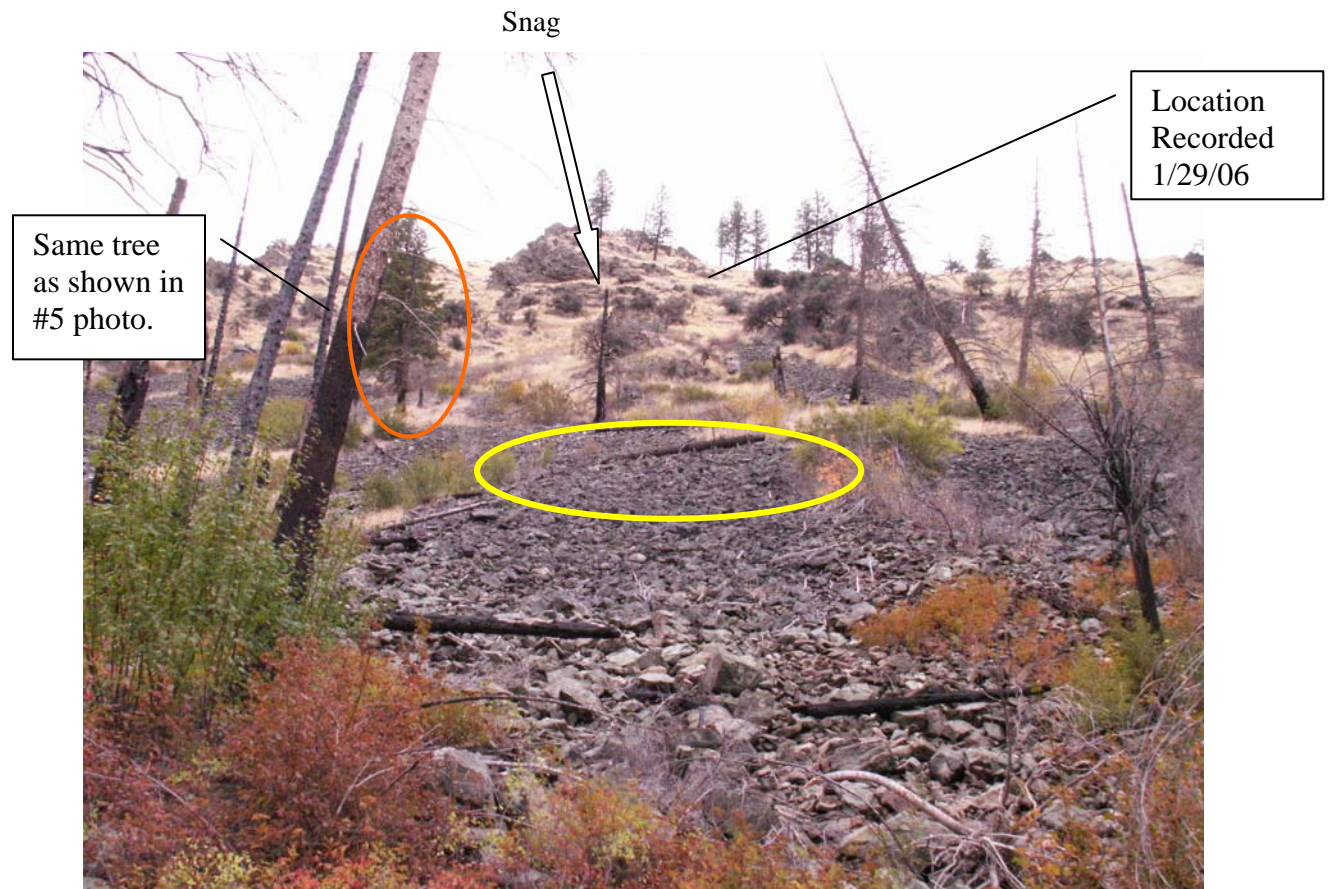
Temperature: 38 degrees at 3:30 pm

Telemetry pulse rate: 360 seconds per 100 beeps

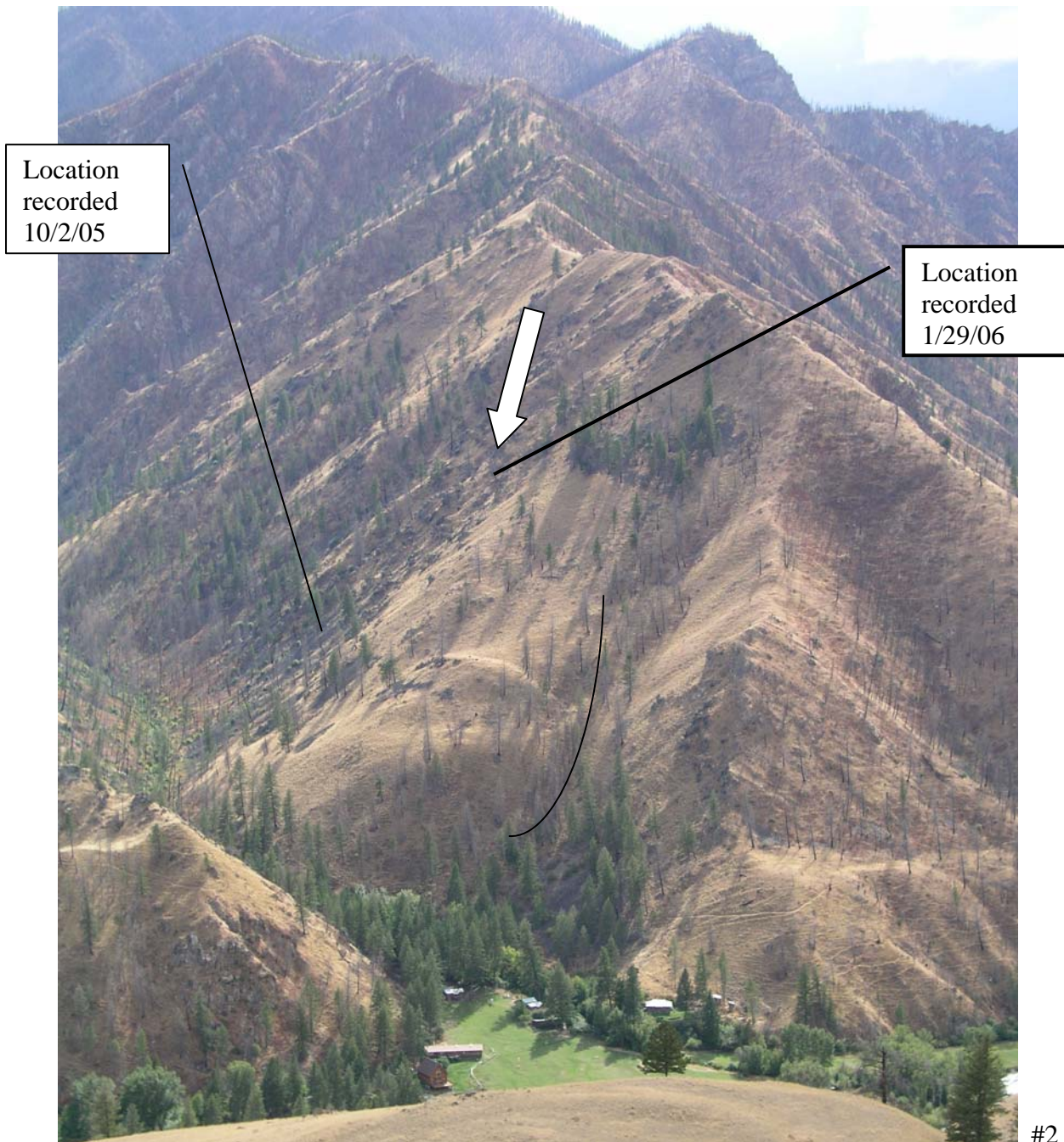
Location: lower Pioneer Creek, upper 1/3 slope, NE aspect, 80% slope

We hiked up the Pioneer Creek trail to locate this area shown below which was the last telemetry signal location for Snaker on October 2, 2005. We were able to locate the pine tree shown below and the snag above the “yellow” area. The signal was weak from the bottom of the hill until we climbed above the snag about 2/3's of the way up to the top of the ridge. The signal (receiver without antenna) was the strongest at this new site within a 2 m diameter area. We took the telemetry pulse rate reading at that location.

Location of Snaker was straight up from the talus slide in the photo, at the top of the northern-most mountain mahogany outcrop ridgeline. We built a rock cairn on a large rock 7 m south of Snaker, and a second cairn at the Snaker location +/- 2 m. Snaker is located in AGSP grassland with 50% cobble sized rock ground cover.



View across Big Creek from Taylor Ranch, shows the altitude location of the rattlesnake signal.



We did not have a GPS to pinpoint the exact location, but we did mark the location as you will see in photos below, and took several photos of the precise area. A hiking approach to the location might be to travel up from behind the Taylor cabin up the ridge line shown above.



#3



We found 4 shed snake skins under rock ledges 18 m below Snaker signal.

Snaker  
Location



Snake  
Skin  
Location

#4

#5



Same tree  
shown in  
#1

Photo shows view looking directly down into Pioneer Creek trail from Snaker's location. Snaker was 30 m up hill from this mountain mahogany/diamond shape rock in the photo. Tree circled in orange is same tree shown in photo #1.



Holly has the receiver in the exact location of the Snaker signal on the hillside.



#6

View looking back to Taylor Ranch to the pack bridge at same altitude of the signal.

A small rock cairn on a larger rock outcrop marks the general location.



#7