



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
IMARS Incident details



Incident: **NP19002105**

Incident details:

Report no.: NP19002105
Incident Type: ISB-CANR
Incident time: 12/12/2018 09:57 -
Reported time: 01/07/2019 09:57
Place of incident: YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY
USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site:
MAMMOTH)
Clearance status: Closed - Prosecution complete
Concluded: Yes
Concluded date: 05/06/2019
Summary: On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and
Trey L. Juhnke illegally harvested a Mountain Lion (Puma Concolor) within the
exterior boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. After harvesting the Mountain
Lion and while having the animal checked at Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
office in Bozeman, MT, Corbin Simmons falsely stated which hunting district the
lion was harvested. Facebook photos depicted the area of harvest to be within
Yellowstone National Park on Austin Peterson's Facebook page. All three men
involved were interviewed and eventually confessed to participating in the illegal
harvest from within in the park. All three men confessed to firing on the lion and to
actively pursuing it within the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. **
DISCOVERY SENT 02/06/2019 M KEYSHAE 02/22/2019 Discovery resent to
Attorney Eric Oden Each defendant plead guilty to violating the Lacey Act 3 years
unsup probation 1666.66 in restitution , and 3 year ban from NPS lands and
hunting

Remarks:

Associated incidents:

Involved persons:

- TODD, GREG / Other LE / Gender: [REDACTED]
- SCOTT, DREW / Other LE / Gender: [REDACTED]
- JUHNKE, TREY / Suspect / DOB: [REDACTED] (20) Gender: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]
(Cellular phone) [REDACTED]

JUHNKE Trey Information and Penalty Summary:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Report time: 02/04/2019 10:48
Entered by: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:48
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

JUHNKE Trey Praecipe:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Report time: 02/04/2019 10:50
Entered by: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:50

Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

JUHNKE, Trey Bond Conditions:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K. Report time: 03/04/2019 12:12
Entered by: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K. Entered time: 03/04/2019 12:12
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks: JUHNKE, Trey Bond Conditions

Trey JUHNKE sentencing:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #2695 BANDAS, J. Report time: 04/23/2019 13:34
Entered by: #2695 BANDAS, J. Entered time: 04/23/2019 13:34
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

- SIMMONS, CORBIN / Charged; Suspect / DOB: [REDACTED] (19) Gender: [REDACTED]

(Cellular phone [REDACTED])

SIMMONS Corbin Information:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Report time: 02/04/2019 10:39
Entered by: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:39
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

Simmons Corbin Praecipe:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Report time: 02/04/2019 10:41
Entered by: #2625 KEYSHAE, M. Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:41
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

SIMMONS, Corbin Bond Conditions:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K. Report time: 03/04/2019 12:31
Entered by: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K. Entered time: 03/04/2019 12:31
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

Corbin SIMMONS sentencing paper:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: #2695 BANDAS, J. Report time: 04/05/2019 09:00

Entered by: #2695 BANDAS, J.
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

Entered time: 04/05/2019 09:00

SIMMONS, Corbin Judgment:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57

Task:

Author: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K.

Report time: 05/10/2019 13:43

Entered by: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K.

Entered time: 05/10/2019 13:43

Vehicle:

Officer:

Case file:

Remarks: SIMMONS, Corbin Judgment

- PETERSON, AUSTIN / Suspect / DOB [REDACTED] (20) Gender: [REDACTED]

(Cellular phone) [REDACTED]

PETERSON Austin Information:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57

Task:

Author: #2625 KEYSHAE, M.

Report time: 02/04/2019 10:45

Entered by: #2625 KEYSHAE, M.

Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:45

Vehicle:

Officer:

Case file:

Remarks:

PETERSON Austin Praecipe:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57

Task:

Author: #2625 KEYSHAE, M.

Report time: 02/04/2019 10:46

Entered by: #2625 KEYSHAE, M.

Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:46

Vehicle:

Officer:

Case file:

Remarks:

PETERSON, Austin Bond Conditions:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57

Task:

Author: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K.

Report time: 03/04/2019 12:22

Entered by: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K.

Entered time: 03/04/2019 12:22

Vehicle:

Officer:

Case file:

Remarks:

PETERSON, Austin Sentencing Sheet:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57

Task:

Author: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K.

Report time: 05/10/2019 13:48

Entered by: #225 ANDERSON WILKINSON, K.

Entered time: 05/10/2019 13:48

Vehicle:

Officer:

Case file:

Remarks: PETERSON, Austin Sentencing Sheet

Involved addresses:

- YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL / Incident address / YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyoming, USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)

Involved comm addresses:

Involved vehicles:

Involved officers:

- Assisting officer / 9 / HELMS, C. / #1268 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #S124 TOWNSEND, T. / 01/07/2019 / 20190107 --:--:--
- Case Agent / 9 / OLSON, J. / #SA32 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS ISB / #SA47 SEAGO, L. / 01/07/2019 / 20190107 --:--:--

Involved property:

Modus operandi:

Reports:

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 1.84 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task: T190023281 [Appr NR - Closed] Due: 01/24/2019 09:58 #SA32 OLSON, J. ->#SA32 OLSON, J. [Low] NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 MST (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY,

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. **Report time:** 01/07/2019 10:02

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. **Entered time:** 01/07/2019 10:02

Person:

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer:

Remarks:

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 896 B]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. **Report time:** 01/07/2019 10:03

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. **Entered time:** 01/07/2019 10:03

Person:

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer:

Remarks:

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 5.96 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task: T190023278 [Appr NR - Closed] Due: 01/24/2019 09:57 #SA32 OLSON, J. ->#SA32 OLSON, J. [Low] NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 MST (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY,

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Person:
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer:
Remarks:

Report time: 01/22/2019 12:35
Entered time: 01/22/2019 12:35

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 6.67 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:21
Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:21

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: IAR-JO-02

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 369.84 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:32
Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:32

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 1a. Warden Todd interview summary report

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 55.89 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:34
Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:34

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
Remarks: Attachment 1b. part 1 A. Peterson interview transcription

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 33.04 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Person:
Address:
Vehicle:

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:35
Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:35

Officer:
Remarks: Attachment 1b. part 2. A. Peterson interview transcription

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 38.20 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:36
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:36
Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 2a. Corbin Simmons Interview 1. transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 80.40 KB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:37
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:37
Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED] (E-mail [REDACTED])

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 3a. Trey Juhnke interview 1. transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 61.19 KB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:39
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:39
Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 4a. Corb Simmons interview 2. transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 24.19 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:40
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:40
Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
Remarks: Attachment 5a. Austin Peterson interview 2. Transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 25.97 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:41

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:41

Person: JUHNKE, TREY

(20)

(Cellular phone)

(E-mail)

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 6a. Trey Juhnke. Interview 2. Transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [WAV, 35.73 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:44

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:44

Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN

(20)

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.

Remarks: Attachment 8a. Voicemail from Peterson to Ranger helms.

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 110.54 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:48

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:48

Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN

(19)

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 9a. Warden Scott Report.

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 2.01 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:49

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:49

Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN

(19)

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 9b. Warden Scott attachments.

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 4.34 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:50
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:50
Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
Remarks: Attachment 1c. Austin Peterson interview recording pt 1.

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 20.09 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:52
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:52
Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
Remarks: Attachment 1d. Austin Peterson interview recording. pt 2

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 24.10 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:55
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:55
Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 2b. Corbin Simmons Interview 1. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:59
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:59
Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED])
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 3b. Trey Juhnke interview 1. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 47.50 MB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 16:11
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:11
Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED]) (E-mail [REDACTED])
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 3b. Trey Juhnke Interview 1. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 48.61 MB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 16:18
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:18
Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 4b. Corbin Simmons interview 2. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 7.93 MB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 16:25
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:25
Person:

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer:
Remarks: Attachment 5b. Austin Peterson Interview 2. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 10.40 MB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 16:27
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:27
Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED]) (E-mail [REDACTED])

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 6b. Trey Juhnke interview 2. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 2.80 MB]:

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Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 16:29
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:29
Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED]) (E-mail [REDACTED])

Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Attachment 7b. Trey Juhnke interview 3. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 33.79 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 17:04

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 17:04

Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 10a. [REDACTED] witness statement

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 19.33 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/23/2019 11:16

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/23/2019 11:16

Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 7a. Trey Juhnke interview 3. Transcription

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 972 B]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:

T190031092 [Appr NR - Closed] Due: 01/31/2019 17:49 #SA32 OLSON, J. ->#SA32 OLSON, J. [Low] NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 MST (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY,

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/30/2019 16:57

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/30/2019 16:57

Person:

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer:

Remarks:

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 24.33 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons)

Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 03/07/2019 13:35 EST

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 03/07/2019 13:35 EST

Person:

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Letter from Biologist

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 87.66 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL,

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 05/06/2019 16:07 EDT
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 05/06/2019 16:07 EDT
Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Juhnke Judgement

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 89.80 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 05/06/2019 16:09 EDT
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 05/06/2019 16:09 EDT
Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Corbin Simmons Judgement

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 1.42 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task:
Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 05/06/2019 16:10 EDT
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 05/06/2019 16:10 EDT
Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
Remarks: Austin Peterson Judgement

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 2.23 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons

Task: T190140744 [Appr NR - Closed] Due: 05/07/2019 16:15 EDT #SA32 OLSON, J. ->#SA32 OLSON, J. [Low] NP19002105 [Disp.] ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 MST (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 05/06/2019 16:13 EDT
Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 05/06/2019 16:13 EDT
Person:
Address:
Vehicle:
Officer:
Remarks:



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Incident Details



Printed: 02/06/2019 11:44 by SA32
Incident: **NP19002105**

Incident details:

Report no.: NP19002105
Dispatch type: Resource Viol
Incident type: ISB-CANR
Incident time: 12/12/2018 09:57 -
Reported time: 01/07/2019 09:57
Place of offence: YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY
USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site:
MAMMOTH)
Source:
Priority:
Clearance status: Open
Concluded: No
Concluded date:
Summary: On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and
Trey L. Juhnke illegally harvested a Mountain Lion (Puma Concolor) within the
exterior boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. After harvesting the Mountain
Lion and while having the animal checked at Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
office in Bozeman, MT, Corbin Simmons falsely stated which hunting district the
lion was harvested. Facebook photos depicted the area of harvest to be within
Yellowstone National Park on Austin Peterson's Facebook page. All three men
involved were interviewed and eventually confessed to participating in the illegal
harvest from within in the park. All three men confessed to firing on the lion and to
actively pursuing it within the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park.

Remarks:

Associated occurrences:**Involved persons:**

- TODD, GREG / Other LE / Gender: [REDACTED]
- SCOTT, DREW / Other LE / Gender: [REDACTED]
- JUHNKE, TREY / Suspect / DOB: [REDACTED] (20) Gender: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED])

JUHNKE Trey Information:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
Task:
Author: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Report time: 02/04/2019 10:48
[REDACTED]
(Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
Entered by: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:48
[REDACTED]
(Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
Vehicle:
Officer:
Case file:
Remarks:

JUHNKE Trey Praecipe:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57

Task:
 Author: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Report time: 02/04/2019 10:50
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Entered by: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:50
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Case file:
 Remarks:

• SIMMONS, CORBIN / Suspect / DOB: [REDACTED] (19) Gender: [REDACTED]

(Cellular phone) [REDACTED]

SIMMONS Corbin Information:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
 Task:
 Author: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Report time: 02/04/2019 10:39
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Entered by: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:39
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Case file:
 Remarks:

Simmons Corbin Praecipe:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
 Task:
 Author: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Report time: 02/04/2019 10:41
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Entered by: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:41
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Case file:
 Remarks:

• PETERSON, AUSTIN / Suspect / DOB: [REDACTED] (20) Gender: [REDACTED]

(Cellular phone) [REDACTED]

PETERSON Austin Information:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
 Task:
 Author: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Report time: 02/04/2019 10:45
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Entered by: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:45
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Case file:
 Remarks:

PETERSON Austin Praecipe:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57
 Task:
 Author: KEYSHAE, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th Report time: 02/04/2019 10:46

Entered by: [REDACTED]
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)
 KEYSHA E, MADISON REYES MABLER 5th
 [REDACTED]
 (Madison_Keyshae@nps.gov)

Entered time: 02/04/2019 10:46

Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Case file:
 Remarks:

Involved addresses:

- YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL / Incident address / YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyoming, USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)

Involved comm addresses:

Involved vehicles:

Involved officers:

- Assisting officer / HELMS, C. / #1268 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #S124 TOWNSEND, T. / 01/07/2019
- Case Agent / OLSON, J. / #SA32 / NPS / Police Officer / NPS YELL / #SA47 SEAGO, L. / 01/07/2019

Involved property:

Modus operandi:

Reports:

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 1.84 KB]:

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Task: T190023281 [Appr NR - Closed] Due: 01/24/2019 09:58 #SA32 OLSON, J. ->#SA32 OLSON, J. [Low] NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL,

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Person:
 Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Remarks:

Report time: 01/07/2019 10:02
 Entered time: 01/07/2019 10:02

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 828 B]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/07/2019 10:03

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Person:
 Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Remarks:

Entered time: 01/07/2019 10:03

Ext. doc. occ report [HTM, 5.96 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task: T190023278 [Appr NR - Closed] Due: 01/24/2019 09:57 #SA32 OLSON, J. ->#SA32 OLSON, J. [Low] NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL,

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Person:
 Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Remarks:

Report time: 01/22/2019 12:35
 Entered time: 01/22/2019 12:35

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 6.67 MB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Person:

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:21
 Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:21

Address: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]

Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: IAR-JO-02

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 369.84 KB]:

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Person:

Report time: 01/22/2019 15:32
 Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:32

Address: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]

Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 1a. Warden Todd interview summary report

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 55.89 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL,

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:34
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:34
 Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
 Remarks: Attachment 1b. part 1 A. Peterson interview transcription

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 33.04 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:35
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:35
 Person:
 Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Remarks: Attachment 1b. part 2. A. Peterson interview transcription

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 38.20 KB]:

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Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:36
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:36
 Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]
 Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 2a. Corbin Simmons Interview 1. transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 80.40 KB]:

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Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:37
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:37
 Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 3a. Trey Juhnke interview 1. transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 61.19 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:39
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:39
 Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN (19) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 4a. Corb Simmons interview 2. transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 24.19 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:40
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:40
 Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN (20) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
 Remarks: Attachment 5a. Austin Peterson interview 2. Transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [DOCX, 25.97 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:41
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:41
 Person: JUHNKE, TREY (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 6a. Trey Juhnke. Interview 2. Transcript

Ext. doc. occ report [WAV, 35.73 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:44

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:44
 Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN (20) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle: [REDACTED]
 Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
 Remarks: Attachment 8a. Voicemail from Peterson to Ranger helms.

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 110.54 KB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:48
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:48
 Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN (19) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle: [REDACTED]
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 9a. Warden Scott Report.

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 2.01 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:49
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:49
 Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN (19) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle: [REDACTED]
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 9b. Warden Scott attachments.

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 4.34 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:50
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:50
 Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN (20) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle: [REDACTED]
 Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
 Remarks: Attachment 1c. Austin Peterson interview recording pt 1.

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 20.09 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12,

2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:52
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:52
 Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN (20) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #1268 HELMS, C.
 Remarks: Attachment 1d. Austin Peterson interview recording. pt 2

Ext. doc. occ report [MP3, 24.10 MB]:

Incident: NP19002105 ISB-CANR @01/07/2019 09:57 (YELLOWSTONE RIVER TRAIL, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, PARK WY USA 82190 (BEAR CREEK) (Region: IMR, State/Zone: WY, Area: YELL, Site: MAMMOTH)) (On approximately December 12, 2018 Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Tr

Task:
 Author: #SA32 OLSON, J. Report time: 01/22/2019 15:55
 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:55
 Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN (19) [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 2b. Corbin Simmons Interview 1. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report:

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Task:
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 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 15:59
 Person: JUHNKE, TREY (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 3b. Trey Juhnke interview 1. Recording

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Task:
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 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:11
 Person: JUHNKE, TREY (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 3b. Trey Juhnke Interview 1. Recording

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 16:18

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:18

Person: SIMMONS, CORBIN [REDACTED] (19) [REDACTED]

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 4b. Corbin Simmons interview 2. Recording

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 16:25

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:25

Person:

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer:

Remarks: Attachment 5b. Austin Peterson Interview 2. Recording

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 16:27

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:27

Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Cellular phone [REDACTED] (E-mail [REDACTED])

Address:

Vehicle:

Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Remarks: Attachment 6b. Trey Juhnke interview 2. Recording

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Task:

Author: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Report time: 01/22/2019 16:29

Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J.

Entered time: 01/22/2019 16:29

Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 7b. Trey Juhnke interview 3. Recording

Ext. doc. occ report [PDF, 33.79 KB]:

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Task:
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 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/22/2019 17:04
 Person: PETERSON, AUSTIN [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 10a. [REDACTED] witness statement

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 Entered by: #SA32 OLSON, J. Entered time: 01/23/2019 11:16
 Person: JUHNKE, TREY [REDACTED] (20) [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (Cellular phone) [REDACTED] (E-mail) [REDACTED]

Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer: #SA32 OLSON, J.
 Remarks: Attachment 7a. Trey Juhnke interview 3. Transcription

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 Address:
 Vehicle:
 Officer:
 Remarks:



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Investigative Activity Report

Case Number: NP19002105	Report Number: JO-01
Report Subject: CASE INITIATION	
Submitted By: JACOB DALE OLSON, Special Agent, SA32	Date: 01/23/2019
Approved By: LESTER WALDON SEAGO, Supervisory Special Agent, SA47	Date: 01/23/2019

ISB-100 CASE OPENING DOCUMENT

Agent Assigned:
Case SSA Assigned:
Case Opening Approved by:

CASE OPENING CHECKLIST

- ☒ Incident Status Changed to "OPEN"
- ☒ Incident Type Changed to an ISB Type
- ☒ Incident Location Added
- ☒ NIBRS Offense Added

CASE SOLVABILITY

1. Priority complaints should be given a high priority and assigned if further investigation is required. (30+ Open Priority)
2. Priority complaints will be assigned if staffing permits. (10-29 Open at discretion of Case Supervisor)
3. Priority complaints will be declined unless other factors are present. (0-9 Case not likely to be accepted by ISB)

Score:

- ☒ 15pts - Is this offense a part 1 offense or defined in RM9 Chapter 15 Sec 5.1
- ☒ 5 pts - Is this a felony
- ☒ 5 pts - Are there known witnesses?
- ☒ 7 pts - Do we know who the suspect is?
- ☒ 2 pts - Do we know where a suspect can be located?
- ☒ 3 pts - Is there information about a suspect's vehicular movement (i.e. license # or surveillance)?
- ☐ 3 pts - Is there stolen property with identifiable characteristics, marks, or numbers, that can be traced?
- ☒ 2 pts - Is there a significant modus operandi?
- ☒ 7 pts - Is there significant physical evidence?
- ☒ 3 pts - Is there potential for positive results from a crime scene evidence search?
- ☒ 5 pts - Do you believe that a crime may be solved with reasonable additional investigative effort?

☒ 7 pts - Is there sufficient information available to conclude that the suspect most likely committed the crime?

END OF REPORT

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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Investigative Activity Report

Case Number: NP19002105	Report Number: JO-02
Report Subject: SUPPLEMENT FWP BIOLOGIST	
Submitted By: JACOB DALE OLSON, Special Agent, SA32	Date: 01/30/2019
Approved By:	Date:

SUMMARY:

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Biologist [REDACTED] did not recall any details of her interaction with Corbin Simmons other than she remembered the lion being a large lion.

DETAILS:

On January 30, 2019 I contacted Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Biologist [REDACTED] regarding the illegal take of a Mountain Lion by Corbin Simmons and her interaction with him during his state required game check [REDACTED] did not recall any details of her interaction with Corbin Simmons and his illegally obtained Mountain Lion other than she remembered the lion being large.

END OF REPORT

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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Investigative Activity Report

Case Number: NP19002105	Report Number: JO-01
Report Subject: GENERAL REPORT	
Submitted By: JACOB DALE OLSON, Special Agent, SA32	Date: 01/23/2019
Approved By: LESTER WALDON SEAGO, Supervisory Special Agent, SA47	Date: 01/23/2019

SUMMARY:

On approximately December 12, 2018, Austin Peterson, Corbin Simmons, and Trey L. Juhnke illegally harvested a Mountain Lion (Puma Concolor) within the exterior boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. While having the animal checked at Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks office in Bozeman, MT, Corbin Simmons falsely stated the hunting district the lion was harvested. Facebook photos depicted the area of harvest to be within Yellowstone National Park on Austin Peterson's Facebook page. All three men involved were interviewed and eventually confessed to participating in the illegal harvest from within in the park.

The content below is a summary of the events. It is not intended to be a verbatim account and does not memorialize all statements made during the interviews. Communications by the parties in the interviews were electronically recorded. The recordings captures the actual words spoken.

DETAILS:

On approximately December 27, 2018, I was contacted by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Game Warden Drew Scott about a mountain lion (Puma Concolor) that had potentially been harvested within the interior and exclusive jurisdictional boundaries of Yellowstone National Park. Mountain lions are commonly referred to as "cats" or "lions" among other aliases. Warden Scott stated he had been advised that multiple photos depicting a harvested lion as well as photos of locations consistent with being within the National Park had been posted on Austin Peterson's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/austin.peterson.733>). Peterson is an avid lion hunter and in possession of multiple dogs and specific equipment regularly utilized to hunt lions such as GPS units and dog collars, firearms, snowmobiles, dog boxes for his vehicle and a pickup truck. One of the photos depicted on the site showed a photo of a downed tree with the Yellowstone River in the background (See Attachment A; photo from Peterson's Facebook page). Peterson had supposedly commented that location was where the lion had been "treed."

Warden Scott determined that Corbin Simmons, a friend of Austin Peterson, had recently checked-in a mountain lion at the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Office in Bozeman, MT. Simmons claimed the lion was harvested with a handgun and with the assistance of dogs owned by Austin Peterson. Simmons stated he harvested the lion in Montana Township 9S/ Range 9E/ Section 15. He stated the location was within Park County, North of the Yellowstone National Park boundary. The actual location of the harvested lion was later determined to be approximately two and a half miles from his stated location and within Yellowstone National Park boundaries (See Attachment B; FWP harvest report.)

On January 7, 2019, Ranger Brian Helms and I hiked into the area where we had believed the photo to be originally taken and found the location. The area was determined to be significantly within the boundary of Yellowstone National Park Boundary (See Attachment C; original photo compared to Olson photo/ See Attachment D; OnX map screen capture).

After determining the location of the photo, Ranger Helms and I met with FWP wardens' Drew Scott and Greg Todd in Livingston Montana on January 10, 2019. It was determined that Warden Scott and I would attempt to interview Simmons while Ranger Helms and Warden Todd would attempt to interview Peterson (see attachments 1a. Warden Todd interview summary. See attachments 1b Peterson interview transcription and attachment 1c recording.)

Warden Scott and I were unable to locate Simmons at his home in [REDACTED] and eventually contacted him for an initial interview via telephone. Simmons was advised the conversation was being recorded. Simmons claimed he was with Trey Juhnke and Austin Peterson while hunting. Simmons said he harvested the mountain lion and admitted it was taken in the park and not in the area, he claimed on his harvest report. Simmons claimed initially he was unaware he harvested the lion from within the park but realized it in the days following the harvest. Simmons advised he would be back at his home in a few hours and we could meet him at that time (See attachment 2a Simmons interview 1 transcript and attachment 2b Simmons interview 1 recording.)

Following the phone interview with Simmons, Warden Scott and I met with Trey Juhnke at the Loch Leven Fishing access [REDACTED] (See attachment 3a Trey Juhnke interview transcript and attachment 3b Trey Juhnke interview recording.) Juhnke admitted to being present for the lion hunt and stated Simmons shot the lion within the park. Juhnke stated they "treed" the lion one time when he decided to climb the tree to knock it out of the tree in order to let the dogs continue to work and "tree" the lion again. Upon the second time the lion "treed" Simmons shot the lion in the chest with his Glock .45 cal. After shooting the lion, it jumped from the tree and ran again. Juhnke said Simmons left his .45 cal pistol on his pack and chased the lion. Once near a large rock, Juhnke said his cattle dog began to become nervous and at that moment, he saw the lion under a rock. Juhnke said he then gave his .40 cal pistol Simmons who proceeded to shoot the lion again. Once the lion was dead Juhnke claimed Simmons and Peterson skinned the lion, removed some cuts of meat, and proceeded to leave the rest of the carcass in the field. Juhnke noted that he had observed boundary markers with orange blazes, but was unaware of what they represented (it is common knowledge in Montana that any property boundary marked with orange on the associated fence posts represents a closed area to hunting.) Juhnke proceeded to provide me with multiple pictures of the harvested lion as well as Simmons, Peterson, himself and his dogs (See Attachment E; Photos provided by Juhnke.) We asked Juhnke where to find Austin Peterson and he said he believed he was up Willow Creek outside of Livingston, MT looking for mountain lions.

Warden Scott and I relayed the information regarding Peterson's location to Ranger Helms and Warden Todd. Ranger Helms and Warden Todd located Peterson in Willow Creek area where a post Miranda interview was conducted. (See attachments 1a. Warden Todd interview summary. See attachments 1b Peterson interview transcription and 1c Peterson interview recording.) Peterson admitted being involved with the hunt and used his dogs to actively pursue the lion within the park. Peterson stated he was using his OnX maps GPS application on his phone. Peterson also noted they had passed multiple boundary markers with orange blazes affixed to them while pursuing the lion (See Attachment F; Examples of boundary markers on Deckard Flats.)

While Ranger Helms and Warden Todd were interviewing Peterson, Warden Scott and I went to [REDACTED] shop in Livingston, MT where Simmons had taken the lion hide and skull. I took photos of the lion and spoke with taxidermist.

After meeting with the taxidermist Warden Scott and I met Corbin Simmons at his home (See attachment 4a Corbin Simmons interview 2 transcript and attachment 4b Corbin Simmons interview 2 recording.) Simmons was in the presence of his father and was advised of his Miranda Rights. Simmons again stated he harvested the mountain lion and noted the dogs were originally turned out on Jardine Rd. Simmons says they parked at the crevice area turnout on the road to Palmer Mountain (See Attachment G; map of Crevice and Deckard Flats area) and began following the dogs. Simmons noted passing boundary posts but claimed he was unaware of their meaning. Simmons noted the photo matched by Ranger Helms and I was the location of where he harvested the lion (See Attachment C.) Simmons stated both he and Peterson fired handgun rounds into the lion. Simmons claimed he shot three times with his .45 cal Glock, Peterson shot two times with his .45 cal Ruger 1911 and Simmons finished the lion with Juhnke's .40 cal Smith and Wesson pistol. Simmons noted he walked out mostly alone as he was carrying the hide (See Attachment H; Photo of Simmons carrying skinned lion within Yellowstone National Park.) Simmons said he realized the following day he had harvested the lion from within in the park but chose not to advise

FWP officials of his error. Simmons reviewed my screenshot of the OnX map track Ranger Helms and I created while attempting to find the location of the original photo and confirmed it was the location of where he harvested the lion (See Attachment D.)

On January 15, 2019, Ranger Helms and I conducted two telephonic interviews. The first telephonic interview was with Austin Peterson (See attachment 5a Austin Peterson interview 2 transcript and attachment 5b Austin Peterson interview 2 recording.) Ranger Helms asked Peterson to confirm if he did or did not participate in shooting the lion. Simmons stated during his interview that Peterson had shot at the lion while Peterson failed to state that during his initial interview. During the telephonic interview, Peterson admitted he fired at the lion in an attempt to ensure it was going to be dead following Simmons shots. Peterson noted after firing on the lion it traveled side-hill approximately 80 yards from where it jumped from the tree and hid under a rock. At that time, Simmons used Juhnke's pistol to finish dispatching the lion. Peterson also noted that he believed Juhnke also fired on the lion as it exited the tree (See Attachment I; Photo of Simmons and Peterson with illegally harvested lion within Yellowstone National Park. See Attachment J; Photo of Simmons and Juhnke with illegally harvested lion within Yellowstone National Park.)

Following the interview with Peterson, I contacted Juhnke via telephone (See attachment 6a Trey Juhnke interview 2 transcript and attachment 6b Trey Juhnke interview 2.) I asked Juhnke if he had fired on the lion. Juhnke adamantly denied this claim and became noticeable irritated that his friends would claim he had. Juhnke noted he had only three rounds in his pistol and all three rounds were used by Simmons to dispatch the lion. Juhnke also said he had only ever fired at one lion and that was the lion he had harvested in 2017. Juhnke denied he shot and assured me he had told me the truth during our initial interview.

Following the interview with Juhnke, Ranger Helms received a text message from Peterson. Peterson stated he was mistaken and actually did not believe that Juhnke had fired at the lion (See Attachment K; Text message from Peterson.)

On January 16, 2019, Warden Scott was working in Emigrant, MT when Trey Juhnke pulled up in his vehicle. Juhnke told Warden Scott he had not told the truth the day prior and had actually shot at the lion when it had jumped from the tree. Warden Scott told Juhnke to expect a call from me. I called Juhnke and asked him what he wanted to tell me (See attachment 7a Trey Juhnke interview 3 transcript and attachment 7b Trey Juhnke interview 3 recording.) Juhnke said, "I did shoot that cat." I asked Juhnke how many times he fired and he said he had shot at the lion two times when it was jumping out of the tree after Simmons had fired. Juhnke noted he had fired at the same time Peterson had. Juhnke confirmed he used his .40 cal Smith and Wesson Semi-auto handgun.

Following my conversation with Juhnke Ranger Helms told me he had received a voicemail from Peterson stating he was wrong and that Juhnke had shot at that lion. This statement is in contrast to two other statements he had previously made (See attachment 8a for Voicemail recording from Peterson to Ranger Helms.)

Warden Scott assumed custody of the illegally harvested lion from [REDACTED] and transferred the lion to secure storage in Bozeman (See attachment L; Photo of Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks evidence seizure tag for illegally harvested lion.)

END OF REPORT

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Original photo of location posted on Facebook by Austin Peterson
- B. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Mountain Lion Harvest Report
- C. Original photo from Facebook compared to photo taken by Olson at site of harvested lion
- D. OnX map screen capture of location of originally Facebook photo posted by Austin Peterson
- E. Photos provided to S.A. Olson by Juhnke

- G. Photo examples of Boundary Markers near Deckard Flats
- H. Map of Crevice area parking spot and Deckard Flats area
- I. Photo of Simmons carrying skinned lion within boundary of Yellowstone National Park
- J. Photo of Simmons and Peterson with illegally harvested lion
- K. Photo of Simmons and Juhnke with illegally harvested lion
- L. Text message exchange between Peterson and Helms
- M. Photo of Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks evidence seizure tag for illegally harvested lion

- 1a. Warden Todd interview summary report
- 1b. Austin Peterson interview 1 transcription
- 1c. Austin Peterson interview recording part 1
- 1d. Austin Peterson interview recording part 2
- 2a. Corbin Simmons interview 1 transcription
- 2b. Corbin Simmons interview 1 recording
- 3a. Trey Juhnke interview 1 transcription
- 3b. Trey Juhnke interview 1 recording
- 4a. Corbin Simmons interview 2 transcription
- 4b. Corbin Simmons interview 2 recording
- 5a. Austin Peterson interview 2 transcription
- 5b. Austin Peterson interview 2 recording
- 6a. Trey Juhnke interview 2 transcript
- 6b. Trey Juhnke interview 2 recording
- 7a. Trey Juhnke interview 3 transcript
- 7b. Trey Juhnke interview 3 recording
- 8a. Austin Peterson voicemail to Ranger Helms
- 9a. Warden Scott report
- 9b. Warden Scott attachments
- 10a. Witness Statement from [REDACTED]

18 USC 42-43
16 USC 3371-3378
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TITLE 18—CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

CHAPTER 3—ANIMALS, BIRDS, FISH, AND PLANTS

Release date: 2004-08-06

- § 42. Importation or shipment of injurious mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibia, and reptiles; permits, specimens for museums; regulations
- § 43. Animal enterprise terrorism

CHAPTER 53—CONTROL OF ILLEGALLY TAKEN FISH AND WILDLIFE

Release date: 2005-01-03

- 3371. Definitions.
- 3372. Prohibited acts.
 - (a) Offenses other than marking offenses.
 - (b) Marking offenses.
 - (c) Sale and purchase of guiding and outfitting services and invalid licenses and permits.
 - (d) False labeling offenses.
 - (e) Nonapplicability of prohibited wildlife species offense.
- 3373. Penalties and sanctions.
 - (a) Civil penalties.
 - (b) Hearings.
 - (c) Review of civil penalty.
 - (d) Criminal penalties.
 - (e) Permit sanctions.
- 3374. Forfeiture.
 - (a) In general.
 - (b) Application of customs laws.
 - (c) Storage cost.
- 3375. Enforcement.
 - (a) In general.
 - (b) Powers.
 - (c) Jurisdiction of district courts.
 - (d) Rewards and incidental expenses.
- 3376. Administration.
 - (a) Regulations.
 - (b) Contract authority.
- 3377. Exceptions.
 - (a) Activities regulated by plan under Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
 - (b) Activities regulated by Tuna Convention Acts; harvesting of highly migratory species taken on high seas.
 - (c) Interstate shipment or transshipment through Indian country of fish, wildlife, or plants for legal purposes.
- 3378. Miscellaneous provisions.

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- (a) Effect on powers of States.
- (b) Repeals.
- (c) Disclaimers.
- (d) Travel and transportation expenses.
- (e) Interior appropriations budget proposal.

§ 42. Importation or shipment of injurious mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibia, and reptiles; permits, specimens for museums; regulations

- (a)**
- (1)** The importation into the United States, any territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of the United States, or any shipment between the continental United States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of the United States, of the mongoose of the species *Herpestes auropunctatus*; of the species of so-called "flying foxes" or fruit bats of the genus *Pteropus*; of the zebra mussel of the species *Dreissena polymorpha*; and such other species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibians, reptiles, brown tree snakes, or the offspring or eggs of any of the foregoing which the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe by regulation to be injurious to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States, is hereby prohibited. All such prohibited mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibians, and reptiles, and the eggs or offspring therefrom, shall be promptly exported or destroyed at the expense of the importer or consignee. Nothing in this section shall be construed to repeal or modify any provision of the Public Health Service Act or Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. Also, this section shall not authorize any action with respect to the importation of any plant pest as defined in the Federal Plant Pest Act, insofar as such importation is subject to regulation under that Act.
- (2)** As used in this subsection, the term "wild" relates to any creatures that, whether or not raised in captivity, normally are found in a wild state; and the terms "wildlife" and "wildlife resources" include those resources that comprise wild mammals, wild birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), and all other classes of wild creatures whatsoever, and all types of aquatic and land vegetation upon which such wildlife resources are dependent.
- (3)** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary of the Interior, when he finds that there has been a proper showing of responsibility and continued protection of the public interest and health, shall permit the importation for zoological, educational, medical, and scientific purposes of any mammals, birds, fish (including mollusks and crustacea), amphibia, and reptiles, or the offspring or eggs thereof, where such importation would be prohibited otherwise by or pursuant to this Act, and this Act shall not restrict importations by Federal agencies for their own use.
- (4)** Nothing in this subsection shall restrict the importation of dead natural-history specimens for museums or for scientific collections, or the importation of domesticated canaries, parrots (including all other species of psittacine birds), or such other cage birds as the Secretary of the Interior may designate.
- (5)** The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Interior shall enforce the provisions of this subsection, including any regulations issued hereunder, and, if requested by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Treasury may require the furnishing of an appropriate bond when desirable to insure compliance with such provisions.
- (b)** Whoever violates this section, or any regulation issued pursuant thereto, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.
- (c)** The Secretary of the Interior within one hundred and eighty days of the enactment of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 shall prescribe such requirements and issue such permits as he may deem necessary for the transportation of wild animals and birds under humane and healthful conditions, and it shall be unlawful for any person, including any importer, knowingly to cause or permit any wild animal or bird to be transported to the United States, or any Territory or district thereof, under inhumane or unhealthful conditions or in violation of such requirements. In any criminal prosecution for violation of this subsection and in any

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administrative proceeding for the suspension of the issuance of further permits—

- (1) the condition of any vessel or conveyance, or the enclosures in which wild animals or birds are confined therein, upon its arrival in the United States, or any Territory or district thereof, shall constitute relevant evidence in determining whether the provisions of this subsection have been violated; and
- (2) the presence in such vessel or conveyance at such time of a substantial ratio of dead, crippled, diseased, or starving wild animals or birds shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the violation of the provisions of this subsection.

§ 43. Animal enterprise terrorism

(a) Offense.— Whoever—

- (1) travels in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses or causes to be used the mail or any facility in interstate or foreign commerce for the purpose of causing physical disruption to the functioning of an animal enterprise; and
- (2) intentionally damages or causes the loss of any property (including animals or records) used by the animal enterprise, or conspires to do so,

shall be punished as provided for in subsection (b).

(b) Penalties.—

- (1) Economic damage.— Any person who, in the course of a violation of subsection (a), causes economic damage not exceeding \$10,000 to an animal enterprise shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both.
- (2) Major economic damage.— Any person who, in the course of a violation of subsection (a), causes economic damage exceeding \$10,000 to an animal enterprise shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 3 years, or both.
- (3) Serious bodily injury.— Any person who, in the course of a violation of subsection (a), causes serious bodily injury to another individual shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.
- (4) Death.— Any person who, in the course of a violation of subsection (a), causes the death of an individual shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for life or for any term of years.

(c) Restitution.— An order of restitution under section 3663 or 3663A of this title with respect to a violation of this section may also include restitution—

- (1) for the reasonable cost of repeating any experimentation that was interrupted or invalidated as a result of the offense;
- (2) the loss of food production or farm income reasonably attributable to the offense; and
- (3) for any other economic damage resulting from the offense.

(d) Definitions.— As used in this section—

- (1) the term “animal enterprise” means—
 - (A) a commercial or academic enterprise that uses animals for food or fiber production, agriculture, research, or testing;
 - (B) a zoo, aquarium, circus, rodeo, or lawful competitive animal event; or
 - (C) any fair or similar event intended to advance agricultural arts and sciences;
- (2) the term “physical disruption” does not include any lawful disruption that results from lawful public, governmental, or animal enterprise employee reaction to the disclosure of information about an animal enterprise;
- (3) the term “economic damage” means the replacement costs of lost or damaged property or records, the costs of repeating an interrupted or invalidated experiment, or the loss of profits; and
- (4) the term “serious bodily injury” has the meaning given that term in section 1365 of this title.

(e) Non-Preemption.— Nothing in this section preempts any State law.

§ 3371. Definitions

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For the purposes of this chapter:

(a) The term "fish or wildlife" means any wild animal, whether alive or dead, including without limitation any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, mollusk, crustacean, arthropod, coelenterate, or other invertebrate, whether or not bred, hatched, or born in captivity, and includes any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof.

(b) The term "import" means to land on, bring into, or introduce into, any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, whether or not such landing, bringing, or introduction constitutes an importation within the meaning of the customs laws of the United States.

(c) The term "Indian tribal law" means any regulation of, or other rule of conduct enforceable by, any Indian tribe, band, or group but only to the extent that the regulation or rule applies within Indian country as defined in section 1151 of title 18.

(d) The terms "law," "treaty," "regulation," and "Indian tribal law" mean laws, treaties, regulations or Indian tribal laws which regulate the taking, possession, importation, exportation, transportation, or sale of fish or wildlife or plants.

(e) The term "person" includes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, trust, or any officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of the Federal Government or of any State or political subdivision thereof, or any other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(f) The terms "plant" and "plants" mean any wild member of the plant kingdom, including roots, seeds, and other parts thereof (but excluding common food crops and cultivars) which is indigenous to any State and which is either

(A) listed on an appendix to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, or

(B) listed pursuant to any State law that provides for the conservation of species threatened with extinction.

(g) Prohibited Wildlife Species. - The term "prohibited wildlife species" means any live species of lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar or any hybrid of such species.

(h) The term "Secretary" means, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Commerce, as program responsibilities are vested pursuant to the provisions of Reorganization Plan Numbered 4 of 1970 (84 Stat. 2090); except that with respect to the provisions of this chapter which pertain to the importation or exportation of plants the term means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(i) The term "State" means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and any other territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States.

(j) The term "taken" means captured, killed, or collected.

(k) The term "transport" means to move, convey, carry, or ship by any means, or to deliver or receive for the purpose of movement, conveyance, carriage, or shipment.

(Pub. L. 97-79, Sec. 2, Nov. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1073; Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 2, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2871.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in the provision preceding par. (a), and in par. (h), was in the original "this Act" and "the Act", meaning Pub. L. 97-79, Nov. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1073, known as the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, which enacted this chapter; amended section 1540 of this title and section 42 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure; repealed sections 667e and 851 to 856 of this title and sections 43, 44, 3054, and 3112 of Title 18; and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 1540 and 3371 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970 (84 Stat. 2090), referred to in par. (h), is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

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2003 - Subsecs. (g) to (k). Pub. L. 108-191 added subsec. (g) and redesignated former subsecs. (g) to (j) as (h) to (k), respectively.

SHORT TITLE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 1, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2871, provided that: "This Act [amending this section and section 3372 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3372 of this title] may be cited as the 'Captive Wildlife Safety Act'."

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 97-79 provided: "That this Act [enacting this chapter, amending section 1540 of this title and section 42 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, repealing sections 667e and 851 to 856 of this title and sections 43, 44, 3054, and 3112 of Title 18, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1540 of this title] may be cited as the 'Lacey Act Amendments of 1981'."

§ 3372. Prohibited acts**(a) Offenses other than marking offenses**

It is unlawful for any person -

- (1) to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase any fish or wildlife or plant taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law, treaty, or regulation of the United States or in violation of any Indian tribal law;
- (2) to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce -
 - (A) any fish or wildlife taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any State or in violation of any foreign law;
 - (B) any plant taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any State; or
 - (C) any prohibited wildlife species (subject to subsection (e) of this section);
- (3) within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States (as defined in section 7 of title 18) -
 - (A) to possess any fish or wildlife taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any State or in violation of any foreign law or Indian tribal law, or
 - (B) to possess any plant taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any law or regulation of any State; or
- (4) to attempt to commit any act described in paragraphs (1) through (3).

(b) Marking offenses

It is unlawful for any person to import, export, or transport in interstate commerce any container or package containing any fish or wildlife unless the container or package has previously been plainly marked, labeled, or tagged in accordance with the regulations issued pursuant to paragraph (2) of section 3376(a) of this title.

(c) Sale and purchase of guiding and outfitting services and invalid licenses and permits**(1) Sale**

It is deemed to be a sale of fish or wildlife in violation of this chapter for a person for money or other consideration to offer or provide -

- (A) guiding, outfitting, or other services; or
- (B) a hunting or fishing license or permit;

for the illegal taking, acquiring, receiving, transporting, or possessing of fish or wildlife.

(2) Purchase

It is deemed to be a purchase of fish or wildlife in violation of this chapter for a person to obtain for money or other consideration -

- (A) guiding, outfitting, or other services; or

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(B) a hunting or fishing license or permit;

for the illegal taking, acquiring, receiving, transporting, or possessing of fish or wildlife.

(d) False labeling offenses

It is unlawful for any person to make or submit any false record, account, or label for, or any false identification of, any fish, wildlife, or plant which has been, or is intended to be -

(1) imported, exported, transported, sold, purchased, or received from any foreign country; or

(2) transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

(e) Nonapplicability of prohibited wildlife species offense

(1) In general Subsection (a)(2)(C) of this section does not apply to importation, exportation, transportation, sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase of an animal of a prohibited wildlife species, by a person that, under regulations prescribed under paragraph (3), is described in paragraph (2) with respect to that species.

(2) Persons described

A person is described in this paragraph, if the person -

(A) is licensed or registered, and inspected, by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service or any other Federal agency with respect to that species;

(B) is a State college, university, or agency, State-licensed wildlife rehabilitator, or State-licensed veterinarian;

(C) is an accredited wildlife sanctuary that cares for prohibited wildlife species and -

(i) is a corporation that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of title 26 and described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of such title;

(ii) does not commercially trade in animals listed in section 3371(g) of this title, including offspring, parts, and byproducts of such animals;

(iii) does not propagate animals listed in section 3371(g) of this title; and

(iv) does not allow direct contact between the public and animals; or

(D) has custody of the animal solely for the purpose of expeditiously transporting the animal to a person described in this paragraph with respect to the species.

(3) Regulations

Not later than 180 days after December 19, 2003, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Director of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, shall promulgate regulations describing the persons described in paragraph (2).

(4) State authority

Nothing in this subsection preempts or supersedes the authority of a State to regulate wildlife species within that State.

(5) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a)(2)(C) of this section \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

(Pub. L. 97-79, Sec. 3, Nov. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1074; Pub. L. 100-653, title I, Sec. 101, Nov. 14, 1988, 102 Stat. 3825; Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 3(a), Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2871.)

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2003 - Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 3(a)(1)(A), added subpar. (C). Subsec. (a)(3)(B). Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 3(a)(1)(B), inserted "or" after semicolon at end. Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 3(a)(1)(C), substituted "paragraphs (1) through (3)" for "paragraphs (1) through (4)". Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 3(a)(2), added subsec. (e). 1988 - Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 100-653, Sec. 101(1), substituted "taken, possessed, transported, or sold" for "taken or possessed". Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 100-653, Sec. 101(2), redesignated par. (5) as (4) and struck out former par. (4), which made it unlawful for any person having imported, exported, transported, sold, purchased, or received any fish or wildlife or plant imported from any foreign country or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, to make or submit any false record, account, label, or identification thereof. Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 100-653, Sec. 101(3), added

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subsecs. (c) and (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-191, Sec. 3(b), Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2872, provided that: "Section 3(a)(2)(C) of the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 [16 U.S.C. 3372(a)(2)(C)] (as added by subsection (a)(1)(A)(iii)) shall apply beginning on the effective date of regulations promulgated under section 3(e)(3) of that Act [16 U.S.C. 3372(e)(3)] (as added by subsection (a)(2))."

§ 3373. Penalties and sanctions

(a) Civil penalties

(1) Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by any provision of this chapter (other than subsections (b) and (d) of section 3372 of this title) and in the exercise of due care should know that the fish or wildlife or plants were taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of, or in a manner unlawful under, any underlying law, treaty, or regulation, and any person who knowingly violates section 3372 (d) of this title, may be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$10,000 for each such violation: Provided, That when the violation involves fish or wildlife or plants with a market value of less than \$350, and involves only the transportation, acquisition, or receipt of fish or wildlife or plants taken or possessed in violation of any law, treaty, or regulation of the United States, any Indian tribal law, any foreign law, or any law or regulation of any State, the penalty assessed shall not exceed the maximum provided for violation of said law, treaty, or regulation, or \$10,000, whichever is less.

(2) Any person who violates section 3372 (b) of this title may be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$250.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), any reference to a provision of this chapter or to a section of this chapter shall be treated as including any regulation issued to carry out any such provision or section.

(4) No civil penalty may be assessed under this subsection unless the person accused of the violation is given notice and opportunity for a hearing with respect to the violation. Each violation shall be a separate offense and the offense shall be deemed to have been committed not only in the district where the violation first occurred, but also in any district in which a person may have taken or been in possession of the said fish or wildlife or plants.

(5) Any civil penalty assessed under this subsection may be remitted or mitigated by the Secretary.

(6) In determining the amount of any penalty assessed pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2), the Secretary shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the prohibited act committed, and with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, ability to pay, and such other matters as justice may require.

(b) Hearings

Hearings held during proceedings for the assessment of civil penalties shall be conducted in accordance with section 554 of title 5. The administrative law judge may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, or documents, and may administer oaths. Witnesses summoned shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States. In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued pursuant to this paragraph and served upon any person, the district court of the United States for any district in which such person is found, resides, or transacts business, upon application by the United States and after notice to such person, shall have jurisdiction to issue an order requiring such person to appear and give testimony before the administrative law judge or to appear and produce documents before the administrative law judge, or both, and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by such court as a contempt thereof.

(c) Review of civil penalty

Any person against whom a civil penalty is assessed under this section may obtain review thereof in the appropriate District Court of the United States by filing a complaint in such court within 30 days after the date of such order and by simultaneously serving a copy of the complaint by certified mail on the Secretary, the

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Attorney General, and the appropriate United States attorney. The Secretary shall promptly file in such court a certified copy of the record upon which such violation was found or such penalty imposed, as provided in section 2112 of title 28. If any person fails to pay an assessment of a civil penalty after it has become a final and unappealable order or after the appropriate court has entered final judgment in favor of the Secretary, the Secretary may request the Attorney General of the United States to institute a civil action in an appropriate district court of the United States to collect the penalty, and such court shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide any such action. In hearing such action, the court shall have authority to review the violation and the assessment of the civil penalty de novo.

(d) Criminal penalties**(1) Any person who—**

(A) knowingly imports or exports any fish or wildlife or plants in violation of any provision of this chapter (other than subsections (b) and (d) of section 3372 of this title), or

(B) violates any provision of this chapter (other than subsections (b) and (d) of section 3372 of this title) by knowingly engaging in conduct that involves the sale or purchase of, the offer of sale or purchase of, or the intent to sell or purchase, fish or wildlife or plants with a market value in excess of \$350,

knowing that the fish or wildlife or plants were taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of, or in a manner unlawful under, any underlying law, treaty or regulation, shall be fined not more than \$20,000, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both. Each violation shall be a separate offense and the offense shall be deemed to have been committed not only in the district where the violation first occurred, but also in any district in which the defendant may have taken or been in possession of the said fish or wildlife or plants.

(2) Any person who knowingly engages in conduct prohibited by any provision of this chapter (other than subsections (b) and (d) of section 3372 of this title) and in the exercise of due care should know that the fish or wildlife or plants were taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of, or in a manner unlawful under, any underlying law, treaty or regulation shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Each violation shall be a separate offense and the offense shall be deemed to have been committed not only in the district where the violation first occurred, but also in any district in which the defendant may have taken or been in possession of the said fish or wildlife or plants.

(3) Any person who knowingly violates section 3372 (d) of this title—

(A) shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both, if the offense involves—

(i) the importation or exportation of fish or wildlife or plants; or

(ii) the sale or purchase, offer of sale or purchase, or commission of an act with intent to sell or purchase fish or wildlife or plants with a market value greater than \$350; and

(B) shall be fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both, if the offense does not involve conduct described in subparagraph (A).

(e) Permit sanctions

The Secretary may also suspend, modify, or cancel any Federal hunting or fishing license, permit, or stamp, or any license or permit authorizing a person to import or export fish or wildlife or plants (other than a permit or license issued pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act [16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.]), or to operate a quarantine station or rescue center for imported wildlife or plants, issued to any person who is convicted of a criminal violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued hereunder. The Secretary shall not be liable for the payments of any compensation, reimbursement, or damages in connection with the modification, suspension, or revocation of any licenses, permits, stamps, or other agreements pursuant to this section.

§ 3374. Forfeiture**(a) In general**

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(1) All fish or wildlife or plants imported, exported, transported, sold, received, acquired, or purchased contrary to the provisions of section 3372 of this title (other than section 3372 (b) of this title), or any regulation issued pursuant thereto, shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States notwithstanding any culpability requirements for civil penalty assessment or criminal prosecution included in section 3373 of this title.

(2) All vessels, vehicles, aircraft, and other equipment used to aid in the importing, exporting, transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, or purchasing of fish or wildlife or plants in a criminal violation of this chapter for which a felony conviction is obtained shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States if

(A) the owner of such vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or equipment was at the time of the alleged illegal act a consenting party or privy thereto or in the exercise of due care should have known that such vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or equipment would be used in a criminal violation of this chapter, and

(B) the violation involved the sale or purchase of, the offer of sale or purchase of, or the intent to sell or purchase, fish or wildlife or plants.

(b) Application of customs laws

All provisions of law relating to the seizure, forfeiture, and condemnation of property for violation of the customs laws, the disposition of such property or the proceeds from the sale thereof, and the remission or mitigation of such forfeiture, shall apply to the seizures and forfeitures incurred, or alleged to have been incurred, under the provisions of this chapter, insofar as such provisions of law are applicable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, except that all powers, rights, and duties conferred or imposed by the customs laws upon any officer or employee of the Treasury Department may, for the purposes of this chapter, also be exercised or performed by the Secretary or by such persons as he may designate: Provided, That any warrant for search or seizure shall be issued in accordance with rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(c) Storage cost

Any person convicted of an offense, or assessed a civil penalty, under section 3373 of this title shall be liable for the costs incurred in the storage, care, and maintenance of any fish or wildlife or plant seized in connection with the violation concerned.

§ 3375. Enforcement

(a) In general

The provisions of this chapter and any regulations issued pursuant thereto shall be enforced by the Secretary, the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary of the Treasury. Such Secretary may utilize by agreement, with or without reimbursement, the personnel, services, and facilities of any other Federal agency or any State agency or Indian tribe for purposes of enforcing this chapter.

(b) Powers

Any person authorized under subsection (a) of this section to enforce this chapter may carry firearms; may, when enforcing this chapter, make an arrest without a warrant, in accordance with any guidelines which may be issued by the Attorney General, for any offense under the laws of the United States committed in the person's presence, or for the commission of any felony under the laws of the United States, if the person has reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested has committed or is committing a felony; may search and seize, with or without a warrant, in accordance with any guidelines which may be issued by the Attorney General; [1] Provided, That an arrest for a felony violation of this chapter that is not committed in the presence or view of any such person and that involves only the transportation, acquisition, receipt, purchase, or sale of fish or wildlife or plants taken or possessed in violation of any law or regulation of any State shall require a warrant; may make an arrest without a warrant for a misdemeanor violation of this chapter if he has reasonable grounds to believe that the person to be arrested is committing a violation in his presence or view; and may execute and serve any subpoena, arrest warrant, search warrant issued in accordance with rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or other warrant of civil or criminal process issued by any officer or court of competent jurisdiction for enforcement of this chapter. Any person so authorized, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, may detain for inspection and inspect any

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vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or other conveyance or any package, crate, or other container, including its contents, upon the arrival of such conveyance or container in the United States or the customs waters of the United States from any point outside the United States or such customs waters, or, if such conveyance or container is being used for exportation purposes, prior to departure from the United States or the customs waters of the United States. Such person may also inspect and demand the production of any documents and permits required by the country of natal origin, birth, or reexport of the fish or wildlife. Any fish, wildlife, plant, property, or item seized shall be held by any person authorized by the Secretary pending disposition of civil or criminal proceedings, or the institution of an action in rem for forfeiture of such fish, wildlife, plants, property, or item pursuant to section 3374 of this title; except that the Secretary may, in lieu of holding such fish, wildlife, plant, property, or item, permit the owner or consignee to post a bond or other surety satisfactory to the Secretary.

(c) Jurisdiction of district courts

The several district courts of the United States, including the courts enumerated in section 460 of title 28, shall have jurisdiction over any actions arising under this chapter. The venue provisions of title 18 and title 28 shall apply to any actions arising under this chapter. The judges of the district courts of the United States and the United States magistrate judges may, within their respective jurisdictions, upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue such warrants or other process as may be required for enforcement of this chapter and any regulations issued thereunder.

(d) Rewards and incidental expenses

Beginning in fiscal year 1983, the Secretary or the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, from sums received as penalties, fines, or forfeitures of property for any violation of this chapter or any regulation issued hereunder

(1) a reward to any person who furnishes information which leads to an arrest, a criminal conviction, civil penalty assessment, or forfeiture of property for any violation of this chapter or any regulation issued hereunder. The amount of the reward, if any, is to be designated by the Secretary or the Secretary of the Treasury, as appropriate. Any officer or employee of the United States or any State or local government who furnishes information or renders service in the performance of his official duties is ineligible for payment under this subsection, and

(2) the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by any person in providing temporary care for any fish, wildlife, or plant pending the disposition of any civil or criminal proceeding alleging a violation of this chapter with respect to that fish, wildlife, or plant.

§ 3376. Administration

(a) Regulations

(1) The Secretary, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to issue such regulations, except as provided in paragraph (2), as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of section 3373 and section 3374 of this title.

(2) The Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce shall jointly promulgate specific regulations to implement the provisions of section 3372 (b) of this title for the marking and labeling of containers or packages containing fish or wildlife. These regulations shall be in accordance with existing commercial practices.

(b) Contract authority

Beginning in fiscal year 1983, to the extent and in the amounts provided in advance in appropriations Act, the Secretary may enter into such contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions with any Federal or State agency, Indian tribe, public or private institution, or other person, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

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(a) Activities regulated by plan under Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

The provisions of paragraph (1) of section 3372 (a) of this title shall not apply to any activity regulated by a fishery management plan in effect under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

(b) Activities regulated by Tuna Convention Acts; harvesting of highly migratory species taken on high seas

The provisions of paragraphs (1), (2)(A), and (3)(A) of section 3372 (a) of this title shall not apply to—

(1) any activity regulated by the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 (16 U.S.C. 951–961) or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971–971 (h)); or

(2) any activity involving the harvesting of highly migratory species (as defined in paragraph (14) of section 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act [16 U.S.C. 1802 (14)]) taken on the high seas (as defined in paragraph (13) of such section 3) if such species are taken in violation of the laws of a foreign nation and the United States does not recognize the jurisdiction of the foreign nation over such species.

(c) Interstate shipment or transshipment through Indian country of fish, wildlife, or plants for legal purposes

The provisions of paragraph (2) of section 3372 (a) of this title shall not apply to the interstate shipment or transshipment through Indian country as defined in section 1151 of title 18 or a State of any fish or wildlife or plant legally taken if the shipment is en route to a State in which the fish or wildlife or plant may be legally possessed.

§ 3378. Miscellaneous provisions**(a) Effect on powers of States**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent the several States or Indian tribes from making or enforcing laws or regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

(b) Repeals

The following provisions of law are repealed:

(1) The Act of May 20, 1926 (commonly known as the Black Bass Act; 16 U.S.C. 851–856).

(2) Section 667e of this title and sections 43 and 44 of title 18 (commonly known as provisions of the Lacey Act).

(3) Sections 3054 and 3112 of title 18.

(c) Disclaimers

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as—

(1) repealing, superseding, or modifying any provision of Federal law other than those specified in subsection (b) of this section;

(2) repealing, superseding, or modifying any right, privilege, or immunity granted, reserved, or established pursuant to treaty, statute, or executive order pertaining to any Indian tribe, band, or community; or

(3) enlarging or diminishing the authority of any State or Indian tribe to regulate the activities of persons within Indian reservations.

(d) Travel and transportation expenses

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to pay from agency appropriations the travel expense of newly appointed special agents of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the transportation expense of household goods and personal effects from place of residence at time of selection to first duty station to the extent authorized by section 5724 of title 5 for all such special agents appointed after January 1, 1977.

(e) Interior appropriations budget proposal

The Secretary shall identify the funds utilized to enforce this chapter and any regulations thereto as a specific appropriations item in the Department of the Interior appropriations budget proposal to the Congress.

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Region 3 Case Report

Game Warden Gregg Todd
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CAD Number:
FWP19CAD000114

Incident Type:
Agency Assist/Illegal Mtn Lion Harvest

Date of Report:
01/11/2019

Date(s) Occurred:
12/12/2018

Location:
Yellowstone National Park

MCA Offense(s):

Distribution of Copies:
Agent Jake Olson

Person(s) Involved:
Suspect

1. Austin Lyle Peterson

Address:

DOB/ALS:

Contact Number

Witness

2.

Address:

DOB/ALS:

Contact Number:

Narrative:

Thursday, January 10th, 2019, at approximately 1000 hours, I, Montana State Game Warden Gregg Todd, met with YNP Special Agent Jake Olson, YNP Ranger Brian Helms, and Montana State Game Warden Drew Scott to coordinate interviews with suspects involved in an illegal mountain lion harvest within Yellowstone National Park.

It was decided that Ranger Helms and I would contact suspect Austin Lyle Peterson (DOB [REDACTED]) while Agent Olson and Warden Scott would contact suspect Corbin Allen Simmons (DOB [REDACTED]) to interviewing them to determine their respective roles in the incident. We first attempted contact at Peterson's residence and then his job site but were unable to locate him. A short time later we received information from Warden Scott that Peterson may be hunting in the Willow Creek area north of Livingston, MT so we responded to that area to find him. As we navigated a blind corner in the roadway we encountered a dark colored Toyota Tacoma with a black "dog box" in the bed pulling a snowmobile trailer approaching from the opposite direction with a male driver and female passenger. We recognized the vehicle as the one owned by Austin Peterson. Helms stopped our patrol truck and the vehicle pulled up alongside us and stopped. Helms contacted the driver who identified himself as Austin Peterson. Helms requested he exit the vehicle and speak to us and he agreed.

Helms advised Mr. Peterson of his rights per Miranda and he agreed to speak to us willingly without an attorney present. When asked if he knew why we were there he stated he did and that he had been expecting to be contacted by law enforcement. Helms asked him to explain the details of the hunt and Mr. Peterson related the following information:

- He had driven to the Gardiner area to go "cat" hunting and located a female lion track on Jardine Rd.
- He turned his dogs loose and they took off out across Deckard Flats following the tracks/scent
- He contacted a friend named [REDACTED] (-sp?) and advised him he was on a track
- [REDACTED] suggested he monitor the dogs and advise [REDACTED] if the dogs entered the Park
- He retrieved his GPS device, but it wasn't working so he used his cell phone with a mapping app to follow the dogs' track but initially had trouble operating it.
- He said they worked an easterly route near the Yellowstone River and appeared to divert from the initial track and began following a different lion track, possibly a male.
- He said they parked his vehicle and began hiking across Deckard Flats in the direction of the dogs
- Peterson said the dogs treed a large male lion and the decision was made to shoot it. He said his friend, Corbin Simmons, used his handgun to kill the lion.
- Peterson stated that a few days later he was looking at his Onyx maps and realized the location they had killed the lion was inside the Park.
- Helms asked him at what point they realized they were inside the Park and he stated, "a few days later" and that after thinking about it they passed several wooden posts with fluorescent orange reflectors that they realized were the Park boundary line.
- Peterson advised they remained at the scene approx. 2-3 hours while they skinned the lion and removed several portions of the meat. They left the carcass at the scene.
- When asked about their course of action when they discovered their error Peterson said they decided to simply "wait and see what happens."

- Peterson agreed to complete a voluntary written statement and Helms suggested we relocate to Peterson's residence to do so.

A short time later we met at Peterson's residence [REDACTED] and continued our interview in the driveway. Helms provided him a statement form which he completed while we waited. While speaking to Peterson his mother [REDACTED] arrived and I met with her and explained the situation. She stated she understood and remained on scene while we spoke to Austin.

- Peterson explained he had borrowed one young dog from his friend, [REDACTED] and had contacted him about the situation.
- He stated Corbin, Trey Junhke, and himself were the only 3 who participated in the hunt
- Peterson agreed to forward all pictures and videos related to the hunt to Helms' cell phone
- The interview was concluded on good terms at approx. 1413 hours

End of initial report.



Gregg Todd
Montana Game Warden

Evidence Items:

Attachments:

Suspect interview--2

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ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Region 3 Case Report

Game Warden Drew Scott
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CAD Number:
FWP19CAD000114

Incident Type:
Wildlife Investigation

Date of Report:
1/14/2019

Date(s) Occurred:
12/12/2018

Location:
National Park

MCA Offense(s):
Pending

Distribution of Copies:
NPS

Person(s) Involved:
Suspect

1. Corbin Simmons

Address [REDACTED]

DOB/ALS [REDACTED]

Contact Number [REDACTED]

Suspect

2. Austin Peterson

Address [REDACTED]

DOB/ALS [REDACTED]

Contact Number [REDACTED]

|

Suspect

3. Trey Juhnke

Address [REDACTED]

DOB/ALS [REDACTED]

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

Narrative:

In mid-December 2018 Montana Game Warden Drew Scott received information that a mountain lion harvested by Corbin Simmons on 12/12/2018 was shot and killed within Yellowstone National Park Boundaries and turned in as a Montana lion harvest. It should be noted that after a hunter/trapper successfully harvests a mountain lion in the State of Montana they are required to present the animal to an FWP representative and have the animal tagged, document on a form the Township, Range and Section as well as other miscellaneous information related to the harvest. The harvest goes towards the quota for that particular animal and district it was harvested in. Conversations further indicated that after shooting the lion the subjects involved in the hunt posted pictures to social media platforms. Other hunters noticed the photos and advised the subjects to take down said photos as they were "Clearly" in Yellowstone National Park.

On December 23rd, 2018 Warden Scott received more intel that the mountain lion killed by Corbin Simmons was in fact killed inside the Yellowstone National Park boundary. Warden Scott contacted National Park Service Special Agent Jake Olson and notified him of the poaching incident. Warden Scott was notified by Agent Olson that the U.S Government was currently shutdown, but that he would be back in touch with me after discussing the poaching incident with his supervisors. After ending the phone call with Agent Olson, Warden Scott accessed FWP's MRRE database. The MRRE database holds the information from all furbearers, mountain lions, wolves and black bears that are harvested and reported to have been killed in the state of Montana. Warden Scott located a harvest form (Attachment A) belonging to the mountain lion in question. Corbin Simmons reported harvesting a mountain lion on 12/12/2018 in the Bear Creek drainage (outside the NPS boundary) reporting Township 9 South, Range 9 East, Section 15 as the kill site location. Austin Peterson was reported as the dog runner. After viewing the MRRE form, Warden Scott submitted a preservation request to Facebook.com requesting that they preserve the social media accounts belonging to Corbin Simmons and Austin Peterson.

On January 10, 2019 Montana Game Wardens Drew Scott and Gregg Todd met with Brian Helms (Park Ranger LEO) and Jake Olson (NPS Special Agent) in Livingston Montana. NPS LEO's had previously hiked into and located a possible kill site (well within NPS boundaries) from a photo they had received. Law Enforcement planned to conduct multiple interviews that day on suspects Corbin Simmons and Austin Peterson. Prior to meeting up with the others, Warden Scott drove by the residences of the suspects. At the time of the drive-by, Austin Peterson was just pulling into his driveway and it was unknown if Corbin was home. After meeting and discussing the case, Warden Todd and NPS Ranger

Helms departed in one vehicle, while Warden Scott and NPS Agent Olson departed in another. Neither law enforcement teams were able to locate the suspects to do in-person interviews during that time.

Warden Scott contacted Corbin Simmons via phone on 1-10-2019 at approximately 1120 hours. He stated that he was out of town fishing with his father. Warden Scott notified Corbin that the conversation was being recorded (Attachment B), the following conversation was heard and or indicated:

- Corbin shot and killed a lion and reported it outside of the NPS boundaries on 12/12/18.
- Austin Peterson and Trey Juhnke were along for the hunt.
- Austin Peterson ran the lion with his dogs.
- Austin's GPS malfunctioned on that day and was all white.
- Found out the day after the lion was shot that they were in the inside the National Park.
- The hunting parties were notified by [REDACTED] that based on the pictures posted they were within NPS boundaries.
- He has multiple images on his cell phone of the hunt.
- Images were removed from social media once they realized they were in the Park.
- No clear explanation was given as to why they falsified the harvest form.
- They thought about turning themselves in but figured it would pass.
- He agreed to text Warden Scott the photos.
- He agreed to meet up later in the day for an in-person interview.

Approximately 5-10 minutes passed after getting off the phone with Corbin and Warden Scott still had not received any photos. Warden Scott called Corbin and once again requested the photos. A short time later Warden Scott received 3 pictures (Attachments C/D/E).

Warden Scott contacted Trey Juhnke and arranged to meet with him near Strawberry Creek in the Paradise Valley. In a follow-up conversation with Trey all parties agreed to meet at the Loch Leven FAS turn off. At approximately 1220 hours on January 10th, 2019 Warden Scott and NPS Agent Olson notified Trey Juhnke the conversation was being recorded (Attachment F), the following conversation was heard and or indicated:

- They thought the river was the Park Line.
- They should have looked at a map before pursuing the lion.
- The day after the lion was shot they looked at a map and were in disbelief that they were in the Park.
- They thought about turning themselves in.

- After they posted pictures, the hunters were getting questioned by other houndsmen of the location being in the Park.
- Austin's GPS malfunctioned and was all black/purple that day.
- Austin's GPS has worked ever since that day.
- We saw little orange diamonds on our way out, but we did not see them going in.
- They were in Austin's pickup that day.
- Austin transported the lion back to Livingston.
- Corbin shot and wounded the mountain lion with his gun and the lion took off out of the tree.
- Corbin left his gun for some reason so he used Trey's .40 Caliber pistol to finish it off.
- Trey agreed to voluntarily transfer photos from the lion hunt to Special Agent Olson's phone.
- Corbin has been freaking out about this entire thing.
- Their defense was going to be that the GPS didn't work.

The rest of the interview time Trey was working on getting all the photos transmitted/transferred over to NPS Agent Olson's possession. Trey indicated to Warden Scott that Austin was up Willow Creek riding a snowmobile. Warden Scott contacted Warden Todd and notified him of the location of Austin. Warden Todd indicated that he and NPS Ranger Helms would head up Willow Creek and see if they could locate Austin.

Please see attached report from Warden Todd and NPS Ranger Helms on Peterson interview.

After completing the interview with Trey Juhnke, Warden Scott and Agent Olson went to [REDACTED] (taxidermist) as Warden Scott had previously located the illegal mountain lion at that taxidermist. Agent Olson documented the lion. While at the taxidermist Warden Scott received communication from Corbin that he was back in Livingston.

On January 10th, 2019 at approximately 1420 hours Warden Scott and Agent Olson arrived at the residence of Corbin Simmons. Warden Scott notified Corbin that the conversation was being recorded (Attachment G) and read him his Miranda Rights. The following conversation was heard and or indicated:

- Corbin noticed the orange pickets on the way out.
- Austin was running the GPS.
- The GPS was all white and acting funky.
- We found out days later that we were in the Park when the lion was shot.
- The father chimed in and indicated that the next day was when they found out.
- Corbin indicated that it's up to the hunter to know where they are at when out hunting.
- Corbin shot the lion with his .45 caliber pistol but ran out of bullets.

-The cat was shot a total of 8 times.

-Corbin shot the first three shots, Austin shot the cat twice.

-Corbin than borrowed Trey's pistol to finish off the cat as he was out of bullets.

During the interview Corbin acknowledged to having another photo from Snapchat and agreed to text Warden Scott that photo as well (Attachment H). Warden Scott and Agent Olson discussed a few scenarios with Corbin and his father and ended our interview with Corbin Simmons.

Montana Game Warden

Drew Scott

Evidence Items:

None

Attachments:

A-MRRE form (Corbin Simmons)

B-Recorded phone conversation with Corbin Simmons

C/D/E-photos of Corbin Simmons posing with lion

F-Recorded conversation with Trey Juhnke

G-Recorded interview with Corbin Simmons part 2

H-snap chat photo of Corbin Simmons with lion.

**Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks**

Hide Seal Number

36965

Reference Number

ML-181212-113

Mountain Lion Harvest Form**Hunter Information**

Name (First) Corbin (Last) Simmons (M.I.) At Phone No: [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip [REDACTED]
 ALS Number: [REDACTED] Contact Phone No (Non-Res): () - -

Methods/Effort

Date of Harvest: 10/12/18 Time of Harvest: 11 Am License Purchase Date: 12/16/18
 Permit/Harvest Type: General License ☒ Special Permit ☐ FWP ☐ USFWS ☐ Other ☐
 Incidental Trap: ☐ If Incidental Trap, Intended/Target Species: _____
 Type of weapon used: Rifle ☐ Handgun ☐ Archery ☒ Trap ☐ Other ☐
 Did you use dogs? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, name of owner Austin Peterson Phone# () - -
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Name of Dog Handler (If different than owner) _____
 Did you use the services of an outfitter? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, name of outfitter _____
 How many lions did you tree/encounter prior to taking this lion? 3
 Seasons Hunted: Fall ☐ Winter ☒ Both ☐

List up to 3 HDs hunted most for lions in FALL: 313, _____, _____ Total days in each: _____, _____, _____

List up to 3 HDs hunted most for lions in WINTER: 313, _____, _____ Total days in each: 4, _____, _____

Lions not pursued: Single Adults _____ Adults w/kittens _____ Number of kittens with Adult _____

Location of Harvest

Hunting District 313 County Park Township 95
 Creek Name, Mountain etc. Bear Creek Range 9E
 Section 15

Biological Check Information

Sex: Male ☒ Female ☐ Age: Kitten ☐ Yearling ☐ Subadult ☐ Adult ☒ Unknown ☐
 If female, presently lactating? Yes ☐ No ☐ Tooth Collected: Yes ☐ No ☐
 Lion Parts Inspected: Skull & Hide Only ☒ Entire Lion ☐
 Ear Tags, Collars, Other Markings? Yes ☐ No ☒ Tag Color/Desc.: _____
 Remarks _____

Examiners Name (Print) [REDACTED] Region 3 Inspection Date 12/13/18

I swear and affirm that the mountain lion was taken pursuant to Department rule which permits the acquisition of title to the mountain lion by me described on this application, and the information is true and correct. MCA 87-2-106 (6).

Signature of Hunter [Signature] Date 10/13/18

EVIDENCE SEIZURE TAGSTATE OF MONTANA
FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

SEIZURE TAG NO.

108287

DATE, TIME OF SEIZURE

1-15-19

NTA NO.

☒ TAKEN FROM: (Person and/or location)☐ RECEIVED FROM:☐ FOUND AT:

Corbin Simmons

DESCRIPTION OF EVIDENCE:

Mountain Lion / Hide /
Skull

GAME WARDEN

Drew Scott

BADGE NO.

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SEIZED PROPERTY RECEIPT

DATE, TIME OF SEIZURE

1-15-18 2019

SEIZURE TAG NO.

108287

DESCRIPTION:

Mountain Lion / Hide /
Skull

GAME WARDEN

Drew Scott

NTA NO.

Pending

SEIZURE TAG NO.

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INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BRANCH



Case Activity Log

Case Number: NP19002105

Date:	Description of Activity (Brief Description of Activity, not a narrative report)	Agent	IAR #
12.18	Agent advised of possible illegally taken mountain lion from within YNP boundary	JO	JO-01
1.7.19	Helms and Olson hiked to location of FB photo	JO	JO-01
1.10-1.14.19	Juhnke, Simmons, Peterson admit to harvesting lion illegally. All three admit to shooting at animal and being in YNP	JO	JO-01
1.23.19	Case reports submitted for review to ASAC	JO	JO-01
1.4.19	Summons served in person to Simmons, Peterson, Juhnke (via certified mail)		

INTERVIEW WITH AUSTIN PETERSON

Q=(Brian) Helms

Q1=(Greg)

A=Austin Peterson

A1= [REDACTED]

Woman: [REDACTED].

Man: [REDACTED] go inside.

Woman: [REDACTED]

Q: Hey. Hey, buddy. You guys all wore out, are ya?

Q1: Again, I appreciate you being honest.

A: Uh-huh.

Q1: 'Cause - 'cause the...

Woman: Hey.

Q: Hey, come.

Woman: [REDACTED]

Q1: The way this could have gone is - the way - the way the law works is we can seize any and everything that was used in the commission of the crime.

A: Oh. Uh-huh.

Q1: So that means your dogs...

Woman: Come on.

Q1: ...your truck, um...

A: I understand. Yeah.

46
47 Q1: So that's how it works. So being honest this way gains you a lot more. So I
48 really appreciate it.
49
50 A: Yeah, definitely.
51
52 Q1: Like I said...
53
54 A: I'm...
55
56 Q1: ...it's not the end of the world. Um, everything we're gonna charge everybody
57 with is gonna be a misdemeanor 'cause everybody's been, um, very
58 cooperative.
59
60 A: Yeah.
61
62 Q1: So this is the best - best route to go. One question I did have is who - who's
63 the [REDACTED] that you (unintelligible)?
64
65 A: Uh, that's just my friend that hound hunt with us.
66
67 Q1: Oh okay.
68
69 A: I just...
70
71 Q1: Yeah, is he another hounds man?
72
73 A: Yeah. I had...
74
75 Q1: Okay.
76
77 A: I had his puppy that I was running for him for a while 'cause he couldn't get
78 out as much as me. So I was just taking his puppy with me.
79
80 Q1: Oh okay. So do you know [REDACTED] then?
81
82 A: Yeah.
83
84 Q1: Okay.
85
86 A: Yeah, he's one of my be- that's (unintelligible).
87
88 Q1: Oh it is? Okay 'cause, yeah, he - I think he contracts for the researchers in the
89 park.
90

91 A: Uh-huh. Yeah, he does.
92
93 Q1: And - and - and, uh...
94
95 Q: What's - Austin, what's [REDACTED] last name?
96
97 A: [REDACTED]
98
99 Q: [REDACTED]? This is from here in town?
100
101 A: Uh, he lives in over kind of by [REDACTED]
102
103 Q: Got ya.
104
105 Q1: Holy cow.
106
107 A: Yeah.
108
109 Q1: Okay.
110
111 A: So, yeah.
112
113 Q1: Cool.
114
115 A: (Unintelligible) all that.
116
117 Q: Was it just - just you and, uh, (Corbin) down there?
118
119 A: And (Trey).
120
121 Q: Oh (Trey)...
122
123 Q1: (Trey).
124
125 Q: ...was down there?
126
127 A: Yeah.
128
129 Q: Just the three of you, though?
130
131 A: Uh-huh.
132
133 Q: Okay.
134
135 Q1: Cool.

136
137 Q: Got ya.
138
139 A: Yeah.
140
141 Q1: Um, yeah, so I'll have you fill this out for me just kinda just what you told me.
142
143 A: All right.
144
145 Q1: Um, sign it and date it. And then if you, send me those pictures.
146
147 A: Mm-hm.
148
149 Q1: Um...
150
151 A: Yeah.
152
153 Q1: I'll get my ph...
154
155 A: I'll do that right now.
156
157 Q1: I'll give you my phone - my number. And just send 'em actual size
158 (unintelligible) you don't change anything.
159
160 A: Yeah, this is the one that I have. It's not just of it in the tree.
161
162 Q1: Yeah, okay.
163
164 A: This is (Corbin).
165
166 Q1: Yeah, if you - any - any of 'em, um, yeah, you just have to send 'em all to me.
167
168 A: Okay.
169
170 Q1: You send 'em, you know, (unintelligible), I mean...
171
172 A: Yeah.
173
174 Q1: ...anything with you guys and the lion 'cause the reason I'm doing this is do it
175 this way. And then I - I don't have to seize your phone...
176
177 A: Mm-hm.
178
179 Q1: ...'cause...
180

181 A: Yeah.
182
183 Q1: ...I don't wanna do that. And you don't want me to.
184
185 A: Yeah.
186
187 Q1: So...
188
189 Q: Hi there.
190
191 Q1: Yeah.
192
193 A: I have a few.
194
195 Q: I'm (Greg).
196
197 A1: I'm [REDACTED]
198
199 Q: Nice to meet you.
200
201 A1: Nice, uh...
202
203 Q: Are you Mom?
204
205 A1: Yes.
206
207 Q: Okay.
208
209 Q1: I'm (Brian) Helms.
210
211 A1: Nice meet you.
212
213 Q1: Nice to meet you.
214
215 A1: I'm [REDACTED]
216
217 Q1: [REDACTED]
218
219 A: I have a few videos too. Do you want those?
220
221 Q1: Um, yeah. So it might...
222
223 Q: You want...
224
225 Q1: ...take a while.

226
227 Q: You want over here?
228
229 Q1: So I'll give you my - I'll give - give - get you some start.
230
231 Q: Okay.
232
233 A1: Yeah, just talking to [REDACTED]
234
235 A: Uh-huh.
236
237 Q: Okay.
238
239 Q1: Later today, (unintelligible)...
240
241 Q: So he's - he's - he's been great. He just...
242
243 Q1: I'll have you send a few to me now.
244
245 Q: ...just told us basically everything he knows.
246
247 Q1: I'll give you my phone. It's...
248
249 Q: And...
250
251 Q1: [REDACTED].
252
253 Q: Yeah. Hopefully get it...
254
255 Q1: [REDACTED]
256
257 Q: ...done and put behind him.
258
259 Q1: [REDACTED]
260
261 A: Okay.
262
263 A1: Anything we should do?
264
265 Q: You know, at this point, no.
266
267 Q1: He's been done the right thing. You know, it's like I told him, I said, you
268 know, people make mistakes. And - but he fessed up right away. And I tell
269 you what. That is - that's the best way to go. Um, yeah, that's the only way to
270 go, really. Um, things could have turned out a lot differently. I just explained

271 to him that we can seize anything that was associated with the crime which
272 means his truck, his dogs, everything. We can take everything. We don't
273 wanna do that. Um, but people that don't wanna cooperate, we go down that
274 rat hole. So...

275

276 Q: There'll - there'll be some, you know, misdemeanor citations coming forward.
277 But it's not gonna be...

278

279 Q1: He's not going to jail.

280

281 Q: ...earth - earthshattering. It's - it's accountability stuff, you know?

282

283 A1: Okay.

284

285 Q: So that's all it is.

286

287 Q1: And it's, you know, it - it - it - unfortunately, it's not an uncommon
288 occurrence. You know, people get tied up in the heat of the moment. You
289 know, I work backcountry of Yellowstone on that north boundary. I deal with
290 kind of stuff, unfortunately, quite a bit. Um, but it is what it is. And it's -
291 that's what you're paying me to do too is protect the park and its resources.

292

293 A1: Mm-hm.

294

295 Q1: So I'm doing my job. And then, you know, Austin's been more than
296 cooperative. So - and - and that's - we'll take - take that to the U.S. Attorney's
297 Office, say, "Hey, this guy right off the bat said, 'Yeah, this is what we did.
298 And we realized it was wrong.'" And so I'll get - let you get started on this.
299 And then you can - you - looks like you got a bunch of 'em. That's a cool
300 thing. Is that all from your phone?

301

302 A: Mm-hm.

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304 Q1: That's cool. My lens is so scratched up. I can't hardly take a picture.

305

306 A: (Unintelligible).

307

308 Q: Kinda feels like spring, man. Huh?

309

310 A1: We have, um...

311

312 A: (Unintelligible).

313

314 A1: I work at [REDACTED]

315

316 A: (Unintelligible).
317
318 A1: And...
319
320 Q1: Yeah. You just (unintelligible)...
321
322 Q: Okay.
323
324 A1: And one of the ladies who cleans...
325
326 ((Crosstalk))
327
328 A1: ...spends most of the winter in Arizona.
329
330 Q1: Yeah, just explain it to...
331
332 A1: But they've been home. And they're...
333
334 Q1: ...(unintelligible).
335
336 A1: ...headed back to Arizona. And I was like, "Wow. Headed back to the warm
337 weather." And she said, "Actually, it's the sa- it's been the same temperature
338 in Arizona that it has been here."
339
340 Q1: It was 50 degrees...
341
342 Q: Wow.
343
344 Q1: ...in (Unintelligible) yesterday. It's freezing.
345
346 A1: Crazy.
347
348 Q: Yeah, I don't know quite what to make of it. You know, on one hand, I'm not
349 - I'm not disappointed.
350
351 A1: Mm-hm.
352
353 Q: Cu- it's kinda nice to have a little break in the middle of winter. But at the
354 same time, you know, wa- we need snow.
355
356 A1: Yeah, it's very weird.
357
358 Q: Needs to be cold.
359
360 A1: [REDACTED] sent me pictures this morning. And

361 just overnight, they got like this much snow.
362
363 Q: Where at?
364
365 A1: In [REDACTED]
366
367 Q: Oh is that right?
368
369 A1: Mm-hm.
370
371 Q: Huh.
372
373 A1: I'm like, uh, wow.
374
375 Q: I'll be darned.
376
377 A1: Usually, we have that much snow too. But...
378
379 Q: Not now.
380
381 A1: I sent her a picture out my window.
382
383 Q: You know, I was looking at the forecast...
384
385 A1: No snow.
386
387 Q: ...this week. And it's supposed to be in mid upper 40s the entire week. So I
388 don't know.
389
390 A1: Crazy.
391
392 Q: It is crazy.
393
394 A1: Sure brings in the wind for us, though.
395
396 Q: Oh I know. Good Lord. I'm so tired of the wind.
397
398 A1: I know.
399
400 Q: I shouldn't even say it, you know? We shouldn't say that word today...
401
402 A1: Mm-hm.
403
404 Q: ...'cause I can't believe it's not blowing today.
405

406 A1: Mm-hm.
407
408 Q: I'll take it.
409
410 A1: [REDACTED] they had that windmill that's laying on
411 the ground right there.
412
413 Q: Yeah, that's theirs.
414
415 A1: It was over next to their house.
416
417 Q1: Oh I saw that.
418
419 A1: And somehow...
420
421 Q: Oh, no.
422
423 A1: ...it just tumbled all the way over to here.
424
425 Q: Huh.
426
427 A1: And it's heavy.
428
429 Q: Yeah.
430
431 A1: It's a heavy metal windmill.
432
433 Q: Wow.
434
435 Q1: You have a [REDACTED] area code?
436
437 A: Yeah. I got that when I was a kid when I lived in [REDACTED]
438
439 Q1: I was gonna say 'cause I got a buddy of mine that lives in [REDACTED]. And it's,
440 [REDACTED] Huh. Cool.
441
442 A: Yeah, I've had that for like six years, eight years or something.
443
444 Q1: Okay.
445
446 A1: [REDACTED] we moved around lot.
447
448 Q1: Uh.
449
450 A1: So...

451
452 Q: Mm-hm.
453
454 A1: ...as soon as they got their phones, we've just kept 'em.
455
456 Q1: (Unintelligible).
457
458 Q: Just kept 'em, yeah.
459
460 Q1: Is - yeah, with - but the cell phones now, it doesn't really matter.
461
462 A1: Mm-hm.
463
464 Q1: You know, it doesn't.
465
466 A1: Yeah, since no charge for long distance so...
467
468 Q1: Yeah.
469
470 Q: Yep.
471
472 A1: Somebody came into our office the other day and asked me if they could use
473 my phone. They're like, "I promise it's not long distance." Does da...
474
475 Q1: You s...
476
477 A1: It really doesn't matter unless you're calling London or something.
478
479 Q: I haven't heard that in a while.
480
481 A1: Uh-huh.
482
483 Q1: Well, that's - I don't think anybody in the park has a landline anymore. Just
484 their offices. I don't think any of the...
485
486 Q: No.
487
488 Q1: I don't have a phone at my house.
489
490 Q: I'm surprised...
491
492 A1: That's why it's so crazy when the Internet went out...
493
494 Q1: Oh.
495

496 A1: ...before Christmas. And my husband's...
497
498 Q1: Yeah.
499
500 A1: ...working in Billings. And Verizon was completely out there.
501
502 Q1: Yeah.
503
504 Q: Yep.
505
506 A1: He couldn't call, text...
507
508 Q1: Yeah.
509
510 A1: ...nothing. So...
511
512 Q1: Huh.
513
514 Q: I'm surprised landline companies re- in existence anymore.
515
516 Q1: I know.
517
518 Q: Really.
519
520 A1: Yeah, they have to start selling Internet too.
521
522 Q: Yep.
523
524 Q1: Yeah.
525
526 A1: I do have, uh, now that I think about it, I met - I'm pretty sure I texted [REDACTED]
527 and tell him that my gas wasn't working if that would help.
528
529 Q1: Gas went out. Do you remember about where you guys went? Eh, so you went
530 - you went above [REDACTED] house?
531
532 A: Yeah, I could - I think I could probably take you right up there and walk the
533 same line, yeah.
534
535 Q1: The dead fir tree where you guys stopped?
536
537 A: Where we stopped - so you know like before [REDACTED] you turn up...
538
539 Q1: Mm-hm.
540

541 A: ...to not go to his house?
542
543 Q1: Mm-hm.
544
545 A: So you go up that way. And we went out...
546
547 Q1: Were you in your truck?
548
549 A: Yeah.
550
551 Q1: Okay.
552
553 A: Yeah. And we went up like past...
554
555 Q1: So you were (unintelligible) this a lot.
556
557 A: Maybe, yeah.
558
559 Q1: Okay.
560
561 A: I don't know. But, uh, we went past like Bald Mountain and all that...
562
563 Q1: Mm-hm.
564
565 A: ...up to (unintelligible). And then at some point, there was like a switchback in
566 the road.
567
568 Q1: Yeah.
569
570 A: So we would have been getting farther from dogs. So I parked right there.
571
572 Q1: Okay.
573
574 A: And there's a trail that went like straight down that way. But we didn't take
575 that trail. We went like kinda into the timber and then followed that ridge
576 straight down.
577
578 Q1: There's a lot of snow up there.
579
580 A: Oh, yeah.
581
582 Q1: It's like...
583
584 A: Oh, man. (Unintelligible).
585

586 Q1: (Unintelligible). Yeah.
587
588 A1: Holy smokes.
589
590 Q1: 'Cause I snowmobile up to where (unintelligible).
591
592 A1: Somebody has snow.
593
594 A: Oh.
595
596 Q1: (Unintelligible).
597
598 Q: It's fading fast.
599
600 A1: Is it?
601
602 Q: Yeah.
603
604 A1: Up there in (unintelligible)?
605
606 Q: It's, uh, it's settling pretty quick.
607
608 Q1: We have...
609
610 Q: I mean, it's...
611
612 Q1: I do a snow course once a month for the USGS for water content for the
613 Yellowstone drainage. And there was only - it's on upper Blacktail. And
614 there's only 15 inches of snow out there right now. So...
615
616 A1: Wow.
617
618 Q1: Yeah.
619
620 Q: Yeah, Cooke City, I think there's only a couple feet in town. It's not like, you
621 know, 4 or 5. They should have 4 or 5 feet piling up.
622
623 A1: That's crazy.
624
625 Q: Yeah.
626
627 Q1: Your dogs are well behaved. They didn't even bark when we were talking.
628 And it's like most hound dogs I've been around and...
629
630 A: Yeah, they can't stand it when they bark (unintelligible).

631
632 Q: I like your truck. You got a nice setup.
633
634 A: (Unintelligible).
635
636 Q: Did you build those boxes yourself? Or did you have...
637
638 A: Yeah, I...
639
640 Q: ...those made?
641
642 A: I built that in high school.
643
644 Q1: Really?
645
646 Q: Did ya? That's pretty sweet.
647
648 A: Yeah. This thing is not worth it at all, though, I figured out today. I tried it for
649 the first time. And I flipped my dogs over like three times.
650
651 A1: Tried to pull this behind the snowmobile?
652
653 A: Yeah.
654
655 Q1: Oh really?
656
657 A: Did not work.
658
659 Q1: Huh.
660
661 A1: It's a little muddy.
662
663 Q1: Oh that road is nasty. It's - I told him - I said I'm glad we met where we did.
664 The wind's not blowing...
665
666 Q: Shh.
667
668 Q1: ...right now. I - sorry. I just ji- jinxed it.
669
670 Q: Dang it.
671
672 A1: My friend at work said she dropped off her son at - he's in kindergarten -
673 dropped him off at school. And he jumped out of the - their truck. And he
674 turned around. He's like, "The wind's not blowing."
675

676 Q: Oh na...
677
678 A1: And she did the same thing. She's like, "Shh. Don't say that."
679
680 Q1: Yeah.
681
682 Q: Ye- there's certain words you just can't utter in this county.
683
684 Q1: Did - did you just have just your truck when you were down there that day?
685
686 A: Yeah.
687
688 Q1: All your neighbors are driving by thinking...
689
690 A1: I know. Everybody's gonna be calling me.
691
692 Q: Cops are...
693
694 A1: What...
695
696 Q: ...ruining...
697
698 A1: "What's going on?"
699
700 Q: ...my day. What's going on here?
701
702 A1: Yeah, they notice everything. An extra truck at the house.
703
704 Q: Oh I'm sure.
705
706 A1: The car missing that's usually...
707
708 A: Yeah.
709
710 A1: ...here.
711
712 Q: Your neighbors are, you know...
713
714 Q1: That's not...
715
716 Q: ...they're that way.
717
718 Q1: That's not bad, though.
719
720 A1: Uh-huh.

721
722 Q1: That's not a bad thing.
723
724 Q: They're that way everywhere, though, you know, really. There's - my
725 neighbors are the same way. They see headlights shining in my driveway too
726 long, "Are you okay over there?"
727
728 A1: Like what is going on?
729
730 Q: I'm good. I'm - I'm good.
731
732 A1: I have a little Yorkie that got out one day. And she was just wandering around
733 out here. So one of my neighbors was driving. She's actually a few blocks that
734 way. She calls me at work, "Is your dog supposed to be walking around out in
735 the field?" "No." She's like, "You want me to catch her?" "Yes."
736
737 Q: See, it's not a bad thing sometimes.
738
739 A1: Uh-huh. Yep.
740
741 Q1: My dog - well, my dog didn't. I da- I got a - a new pup a month ago now, a
742 new Border collie pup. And I live in the park there and elk and stuff. And this
743 morning...
744
745 A1: Oh.
746
747 Q1: Like at 4:30 this morning, I let 'em out. And she ran up in the back to go
748 potty. And I followed 'em up real quick. And it's like I couldn't grab her
749 quick enough. Those elk were on her. It's like just grab her.
750
751 Q: They don't like...
752
753 Q1: And she...
754
755 Q: ...huh?
756
757 Q1: Oh they hate dogs.
758
759 Q: Do they really?
760
761 Q1: Yeah, ever since the wolves...
762
763 Q: Huh.
764
765 Q1: ...were reintroduced.

766
767 A1: Oh.
768
769 Q: Oh I..
770
771 Q1: I used to let - used to let my dogs out.
772
773 Q: ...suppose.
774
775 A1: That makes sense.
776
777 Q1: I used to let my dog out. And those elk would go..
778
779 Q: I never gave that a thought.
780
781 Q1: Never see 'em again. Now they swap ends. And they're right on that dog.
782
783 Q: Mm.
784
785 A: Wow.
786
787 Q: That's good to know.
788
789 Q1: Yeah. So, yeah, they've moved in. There hasn't been any elk in there for a
790 while. And now they moved back in. So now I gotta go out with a flashlight to
791 make sure - run 'em all out so I can let my dogs out to go to the bathroom. I'm
792 one of the few people that has a - has a dog that doesn't have a fence or
793 anything, though.
794
795 Q: Mm.
796
797 A1: Yeah, that's kinda scary.
798
799 Q1: It is. Yeah.
800
801 Q: Living with wildlife.
802
803 Q1: Elk and..
804
805 Q: Yeah.
806
807 Q1: ...buffalo and bears in the springtime. And you never know what's gonna
808 wander through. One of the perks of living in the park, right?
809
810 A1: There's gotta be some perks, right?

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812 Q1: Yeah. Oh do you have your driver's license handy too?
813
814 A: Yeah.
815
816 Q1: I'm gonna snap a photo so I don't have to write all that stuff down. Hello. Uh,
817 yeah, hold on just a second. Yeah, go ahead. Yep. Um, uh, (unintelligible).
818
819 A1: Dogs are all looking through all the cracks and...
820
821 Q: So your - your dogs, do you just let 'em in the backyard and they're just -
822 they're just good and they don't dig, they don't try to get out?
823
824 A1: Uh-uh.
825
826 Q: Boy. That is - that's remarkable. I've known...
827
828 A1: Yeah. So his three hound dogs are in there. And we have two labs.
829
830 Q: No kidding.
831
832 A1: Mm.
833
834 Q: I can't believe how well behaved they are. Is that natural? Or is that
835 education?
836
837 A: Uh...
838
839 Q: Kinda both?
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841 A1: Probably a little of both.
842
843 A: Probably education. They're pretty rowdy right now so...
844
845 A1: They are.
846
847 Q: My, uh, I just - I've got a little pup too. She's about eight months. She's half
848 blue heeler and half pointing lab. And so she doesn't know whether to herd
849 ya, you know, or retrieve ya. That's - yeah, that's - she's still trying to figure
850 life out and what she really is. But she's a sweetheart. But she's one of those
851 that she can't get out of my sight.
852
853 A1: Mm.
854
855 Q: The minute - if I go around the corner, she's doing this, you know, yip, yip,

856 barking. Where'd you go, Dad? Good Lord. So that's...
857
858 A1: Austin's trained his dogs...
859
860 Q: Mm, that's...
861
862 A1: ...pretty good.
863
864 Q: Yeah, that's pretty cool.
865
866 A1: Except at dinnertime. Then they get real noisy.
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868 Q: Little competitive and...
869
870 A1: They're like at the door all barking.
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872 Q: Mm-hm.
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874 Q1: All right we'll talk with you later. Okay.
875
876 A1: They know when it's...
877
878 Q1: Bye.
879
880 A1: ...time to eat.
881
882 Q1: One good thing about a phone is I don't have to write anything down 'cause I
883 can't read my writing anyway.
884
885 Q: That's your neighbors building over there.
886
887 A1: Yeah. I think they must be building a garage on or something.
888
889 Q: Oh. I've got one going up behind my house too.
890
891 Q1: Do you know, uh...
892
893 Q: Those guys are just show up at...
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895 Q1: (Unintelligible).
896
897 Q: ...like 7:00.
898
899 A: Yeah.
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901 Q: And they're there till...
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903 Q1: He (unintelligible)...
904
905 Q: ...cleaning up after dark.
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907 Q1: ...(unintelligible) I think.
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909 A: Uh-huh.
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911 A1: Oh, yeah.
912
913 A: Yeah, [REDACTED]...
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915 Q: Take a break.
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917 A: ...and [REDACTED] (unintelligible)...
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919 A1: Just keep going and going and going.
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921 A: ...set up. And like they have the box that's got snowmobile skis...
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923 Q1: Got skis underneath.
924
925 A: ...underneath it. Yeah.
926
927 Q1: That makes sense.
928
929 A: That works a lot better. That thing sucks. I need to build it better.
930
931 Q1: That makes sense. Put some skis underneath it.
932
933 A: Mm-hm.
934
935 Q1: Yeah.
936
937 A: And if you make 'em the same width as the snowmobile skis, they work really
938 good.
939
940 Q1: Yeah. I bet your dogs weren't happy with you.
941
942 A: Yeah. They didn't wanna get back in like the third time. I was like, "I'm
943 sorry, guys."
944
945 Q: Did you - did you cut any tracks today?

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947 A: Huh-uh.
948
949 Q: No - no...
950
951 A: No.
952
953 Q: No fur at all, huh?
954
955 A: Bull elk and coyotes.
956
957 Q: Is that right?
958
959 A: Yeah.
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961 Q: Hm. Actually saw a coyote.
962
963 A: The date is today...
964
965 Q1: Today is the...
966
967 A1: Tenth. [REDACTED]
968
969 A: Oh, yeah, that's right.
970
971 Q: Really?
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973 Q1: Don't forget - don't forget to...
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975 A1: Yeah. We're going to Billings to surprise him.
976
977 Q1: Oh you are?
978
979 Q: Oh.
980
981 Q1: That's cool. What's he do in Billings?
982
983 A1: [REDACTED]. And they do stuff with like the
984 refineries and stuff...
985
986 Q1: Oh.
987
988 A1: ...with the pumps and...
989
990 Q1: Okay.

991
992 A1: ...sometimes pump water into places, sometimes pump water out.
993
994 Q: Hm.
995
996 A1: But mostly with the refineries.
997
998 Q1: So when did you realize - when did you see the markers? Was that on the way
999 in?
1000
1001 A: Yeah, we did see those on the way in. But I - I didn't even pay any attention to
1002 that.
1003
1004 Q1: Okay so you did see the markers going in?
1005
1006 A: Yeah.
1007
1008 Q1: Okay.
1009
1010 A: Yeah. Yeah. I didn't know what they were for.
1011
1012 Q1: Yeah. Now you do, right?
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1014 A: Yeah, definitely, yeah.
1015
1016 Q1: It's pretty well marked in there.
1017
1018 A: Uh-huh. Yeah, I saw those orange markers. I just didn't know what they were
1019 for.
1020
1021 Q1: Yeah.
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1023 A: 'Cause in my head, the whole time, I don't know why. I guess just 'cause I
1024 was looking at it ji- being over by Jardine. But the whole time like in my head,
1025 I was just thinking like the park line's just like along the river.
1026
1027 Q1: Oh, yeah.
1028
1029 A: But I - it's definitely not.
1030
1031 Q1: No.
1032
1033 A: Like even after we shot it, we were like sitting there skinning it. I'm like,
1034 "Man, this is like...
1035

1036 Q1: Mm.
1037
1038 A: ...crazy to think Yellowstone Park is right there on the other side of this drop.”
1039 But apparently, (unintelligible).
1040
1041 A1: Yeah, that’s what you told me when you called me.
1042
1043 Q1: It - it was. But it was on the - to the north. And...
1044
1045 A: Yeah.
1046
1047 Q: It’s behind you.
1048
1049 A: Yeah.
1050
1051 Q1: Yeah, so when I first started that job, that’s why there was only markers
1052 around there. When I first started this job in [REDACTED] 25 years ago, I put
1053 orange trail markers so you know where that boundary’s at. All those...
1054
1055 A: Oh.
1056
1057 Q1: ...posts...
1058
1059 A: Okay.
1060
1061 Q1: That - that’s why there was only markers around there ‘cause it draws your
1062 attention to those...
1063
1064 A: Uh-huh.
1065
1066 Q1: ...to those posts. And those posts also have the, you know, Yellowstone
1067 National Park (unintelligible).
1068
1069 A: Yeah.
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1071 Q1: So...
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1073 A: Yeah, I wish I (unintelligible).
1074
1075 Q: Everybody’s coming for the show.
1076
1077 A1: I know. What is going on?
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1079 Q1: All right and so, yeah, I think that looks good for now. If I have any more
1080 questions, I’ll - I’ll get ahold of ya. If you could, just continue sending me

1081 those photos.
1082
1083 A: Yeah.
1084
1085 Q1: (Unintelligible).
1086
1087 A: (Unintelligible).
1088
1089 Q1: Yeah, give (unintelligible). I'll let you guys get going and get on your way to
1090 Billings.
1091
1092 Q: Okay.
1093
1094 Q1: I appreciate it.
1095
1096 A: Oh thank ya. I appreciate...
1097
1098 Q1: And so you have my number. If you are down in that area again...
1099
1100 A: Mm-hm.
1101
1102 Q1: ...um, and it looks like your dogs are gonna go into the park...
1103
1104 A: Mm-hm. Yeah.
1105
1106 Q1: ...call me.
1107
1108 A: I kinda decided I don't - I don't wanna hunt (unintelligible).
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1110 Q1: A lot of guys won't...
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1112 A: (Unintelligible).
1113
1114 Q1: ...do that just because of that.
1115
1116 A: Yeah.
1117
1118 Q1: The other thing down there, there's so many wolves down there...
1119
1120 A: Yeah.
1121
1122 Q1: ...right now...
1123
1124 A: Uh-huh.
1125

1126 Q1: ...that, uh, I mean, there's not a bigger draw to a wolf than a dog...
1127
1128 A: Yeah.
1129
1130 Q1: ...barking at a tree...
1131
1132 A: Uh-huh.
1133
1134 Q1: ...right there.
1135
1136 A: Yeah, I know [REDACTED] talked about like being in the park. And they look up
1137 where the wolves are and lap, uh...
1138
1139 Q1: Yeah.
1140
1141 A: ...before they...
1142
1143 Q1: Exactly.
1144
1145 A: ...turn 'em loose.
1146
1147 Q1: See, and you don't have that - you don't have that...
1148
1149 A: Yeah.
1150
1151 Q1: ...opportunity or that benefit so...
1152
1153 A: Uh-huh.
1154
1155 Q1: Um...
1156
1157 A: Yeah.
1158
1159 Q1: [REDACTED]. They had that incident last year.
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1161 A: Yeah, I remember that.
1162
1163 Q1: Dog - dog was killed.
1164
1165 A: Uh-huh.
1166
1167 Q1: So...
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1169 A: Yeah, that was terrible.
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1171 Q1: Yeah.
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1173 A: That would suck.
1174
1175 Q1: And again, I appreciate you being upfront and honest. Um...
1176
1177 A: Mm-hm.
1178
1179 Q1: Like I said, you know, people make mistakes.
1180
1181 A: Yeah.
1182
1183 Q1: You know, like it's...
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1185 A: It really is.
1186
1187 Q1: ...not the end of the world.
1188
1189 A: It's...
1190
1191 Q1: It's not the crime of the century. Um, but, uh, yeah, we'll - we'll definitely be
1192 in touch here in the - in the near future.
1193
1194 A: Okay.
1195
1196 Q1: We'll, uh, figure out what - what all we're gonna do here and go from there.
1197 But like I said, um...
1198
1199 A: Yeah, thank you. You too.
1200
1201 Q: So, Austin, that's...
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1203 Q1: Think, uh...
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1205 Q: That's me, okay?
1206
1207 A: Okay.
1208
1209 Q: And I'm - I'm the warden for Gardiner, Cooke City, that whole district down
1210 there. So if you...
1211
1212 A: Okay.
1213
1214 Q: ...guys run into issues, questions, concerns, stuff like this anytime, you call
1215 me.

1216
1217 A: Mm-hm.
1218
1219 Q: Okay?
1220
1221 A: Okay.
1222
1223 Q: And - and the thing is too, the other reason we're here is because, you know,
1224 you had probably an opportunity when you realized that you were in the park
1225 and like that - that uh-oh moment.
1226
1227 A: Mm-hm.
1228
1229 Q: Probably could have called one of us and...
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1231 A: Mm-hm.
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1233 Q: ...started the ball rolling right then and there. And it would, you know...
1234
1235 A: Yeah.
1236
1237 Q: We would have dealt with things on the landscape a lot differently probably
1238 than showing up in your driveway with your mom standing here and tracking
1239 you down...
1240
1241 A: Mm-hm.
1242
1243 Q: ...somewhere else and making it...
1244
1245 A: Yeah.
1246
1247 Q: ...making it difficult. You know, and so I do appreciate after the fact your
1248 honesty...
1249
1250 A: Yeah.
1251
1252 Q: ...and your being open with us.
1253
1254 A: Mm-hm.
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1256 Q: But I also expect in the future that if you have an issue, to come to us...
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1258 A: Mm-hm.
1259
1260 Q: ...immediately. And just let's...

1261
1262 A: Yeah.
1263
1264 Q: ...let's work it out and get the ball rolling. So...
1265
1266 A: Mm-hm.
1267
1268 Q: ...anyway...
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1270 Q1: And - and even if you have questions...
1271
1272 Q: We'll see ya. Thank you.
1273
1274 Q1: ...questions about stuff you're not sure of, don't hesitate to call. That's what
1275 we're there for.
1276
1277 A: Okay cool. Yeah, thank ya.
1278
1279 Q1: So it was nice meeting you.
1280
1281 Q: Okay.
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1283 A1: You too.
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1285 Q: Thanks, Mom.
1286
1287 Q1: Yeah.
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1289 Q: Appreciate it.
1290
1291 A1: Mm-hm.
1292
1293 Q1: All right we'll be in touch.
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1295 A: All right.
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1297 Q1: Thank you, sir.
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1300 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
1301 transcription.

1302 Signed _____

INTERVIEW WITH AUSTIN PETERSON

Q=(Brian) Helms

Q1=(Greg) Todd

A=Man

Q: How are ya?

A: Good, how are you?

Q: You got a minute?

A: Yeah.

Q: We need to chat.

A: All righty.

Q: (Unintelligible).

A: Oh.

Q: We're like, "How in the heck is he up here?" Is - was it froze when you came up?

A: Uh, it was m- yeah, a lot more froze.

Q: I was gonna say 'cause it's a slick son of a bitch...

A: Yeah.

Q: ...right now.

A: I didn't drive too much farther before I had to move to my snowmobile.

Q: Well cool. Well I'm (Brian) Helms. (Unintelligible).

A: All righty.

46 Q: (Unintelligible).
47
48 A: Okay.
49
50 Q: So they kinda told us everything that's goin' on. So...
51
52 A: Okay.
53
54 Q: ...um, we thought we'd track you down and get your side of the story.
55
56 A: Okay.
57
58 Q: But we before we do that I'm gonna give you your Miranda rights.
59
60 A: Okay.
61
62 Q: I mean, you're not under arrest. You're free to go at any time but the quicker
63 we get this taken care of the quicker everything's gonna...
64
65 A: Okay.
66
67 Q: ...be resolved, all right?
68
69 A: Yes, sir.
70
71 Q: All right, well let me get this out so I can read it to you. Hey, nice dog.
72
73 A: Thanks.
74
75 Q: Bluetick?
76
77 A: Yeah.
78
79 Q: Both of them?
80
81 A: Uh, I got...
82
83 Q: How many you got in there?
84
85 A: I got a Black and Tan and a Bluetick Walker on the other side.
86
87 Q: Cool. How old are they?
88
89 A: Uh, the other two are eight months old and he's two.
90

91 Q: Cool.
92
93 A: They're all pretty young.
94
95 Q: It's a pretty interesting hobby.
96
97 A: Yeah, it's a lot of fun.
98
99 Q: Yeah, I know a couple guys that are doin' it. So...
100
101 A: Mm-hm.
102
103 Q: Uh, all right, I'm gonna flip this over here. Okay, all right, you have the right
104 to remain silent. Anything you say can be used against you in court. You have
105 the right to counsel or consult an attorney and to have an attorney present
106 when - during questioning. If you cannot afford an attorney one will be
107 appointed to represent you prior to any questioning. Do you understand these
108 rights?
109
110 A: Yeah.
111
112 Q: Okay, are you willing to talk to me at this time?
113
114 A: Yes, sir.
115
116 Q: Okay, cool. So tell me the story of the events on December 12...
117
118 A: So...
119
120 Q: ...in your own words.
121
122 A: All righty, so to be completely honest I was down in - went down to Gardiner
123 area to go...
124
125 Q: Mm-hm.
126
127 A: ...cat hunting. Found the female track on Jardine - on the road, like, right
128 before Jardine...
129
130 Q: Okay.
131
132 A: ...probably, I don't know, 300 yards before the town right there. And let my
133 dogs go and they ran out across Deckard Flats. And then I called my buddy
134 [REDACTED] 'cause I had one of his dogs with me and I seen, uh, I was just callin'
135 him and tellin' him I found a track and I was runnin' it. And he's like, "All

136 righty, well just call [REDACTED] soon as you get close to the park.” And I was like,
137 “All right.” And I pulled out my GPS and there’s thing goin’ on with it where
138 if I didn’t hit declutter map it would, like, make my whole screen white...
139
140 Q: Hm.
141
142 A: ...and not show me my onX maps, like, it shows me, like, all public...
143
144 Q: Okay, yeah.
145
146 A: ...property lines and everything.
147
148 Q: Right.
149
150 A: And so none of that was workin’ and so I pulled out my phone ‘cause I have
151 that app on my phone.
152
153 Q: Okay.
154
155 A: And so I was lookin’ at it and, like, right where I was sitting I guess I didn’t
156 zoom out far enough...
157
158 Q: Uh-huh.
159
160 A: ...but I was lookin’ at it and, you know, like, right out at Gardiner the park
161 line’s pretty much, like, right along the river there for a ways before it cuts up
162 really hard?
163
164 Q: Yeah.
165
166 A: And I wasn’t zoomed out enough to see where it cuts out or where it cuts up
167 and I haven’t hunted down there very much. And so my dogs were runnin’,
168 like, straight across Deckard Flats. And so then I just put phone away and, uh,
169 he told me - he’s like, “Just call [REDACTED] soon if you end up gettin’ close to the
170 park and he’ll call and you can go get your dogs or whatever.”
171
172 Q: Right.
173
174 A: And so I was like, “All right.” Well they’re kinda parallelin’ the park and they
175 just went, like, I mean, pretty much just like a straight line to the east but they
176 went up into there, like, down, uh, I don’t know how you’d explain it. Like,
177 down below [REDACTED] place kinda...
178
179 Q: Mm-hm.
180

181 A: ...over there. And so we went up there and drove up past his house and hiked
182 down there and we didn't think anything of it. And hiked down there and it
183 ended up bein' a nice tom. I thought - I guessed my dog ended up gettin' off
184 that female track and onto that tom track. And so I was like, "Oh he looks like
185 a tom that might be worth shootin'." So I called [REDACTED] and I was like, uh, I
186 was like, "I think it's a tom that might be worth shootin'." And he's like, "All
187 righty, well (Corbin)'s got his tag and everything's legal then I'd shoot him."
188 And I was, like, I ever sat there for, like, five minutes. I'm like, "Yeah, looks
189 like a good tom.

190
191 Q: Mm-hm.

192
193 A: I think everything's square here." And so he ended up killin' him. Hiked out
194 of there with it and, uh, got back to the truck and left. And then probably, like,
195 two days - two or three - I don't know, a few days later we're sittin' there and
196 I'm lookin' at the onX maps on my phone and I'm just like, "Oh no." Like,
197 when I saw, like, how that line cuts up so hard right there...

198
199 Q: Mm-hm.

200
201 A: ...I'm like, "Man, we might've been pretty close in there." Like, I wasn't sure
202 but I was like, "Man, this is - that's not good."

203
204 Q: Yeah.

205
206 A: So other than that that's kinda where we left it.

207
208 Q: So (Corbin) shot it and...

209
210 A: Uh-huh.

211
212 Q: Okay.

213
214 Q1: What'd he shoot it with?

215
216 A: His pistol.

217
218 Q1: Okay.

219
220 Q: Mm-hm.

221
222 A: Yeah, 'cause he didn't, uh, he had his gun but I told him don't even bring it
223 'cause I thought it was gonna be that female we turned out on.

224
225 Q1: All right.

226
227 Q: So at what point did you guys realize that you were in the park? 'Cause that
228 boundary's pretty...
229
230 A: A few...
231
232 Woman: 10-4.
233
234 Q: ...well marked.
235
236 A: A few days later. And thinkin' back to it I - I was, like, we figured out that
237 those little orange reflectors are what the boundary was but I...
238
239 Q: Yes.
240
241 A: ...I had no idea. We...
242
243 Q: No.
244
245 A: We...
246
247 Q: Well there's - there's orange reflectors and then there's signs on those posts as
248 well.
249
250 A: Well the only - the only thing we ever saw was...
251
252 Q: Mm-hm.
253
254 A: ...either one or two of those orange reflectors...
255
256 Q: Mm-hm.
257
258 A: ...on trees...
259
260 Q: Yeah.
261
262 A: ...that's just, like, the little diamond shape.
263
264 Q: Yeah.
265
266 A: And I - I honestly had no idea that that was marking the park line.
267
268 Q: Right.
269
270 A: It's really just a huge mistake.

271
272 Q: Yeah, so, um, you shot the cat. Then what'd you do?
273
274 A: Skinned it out. We sat there for probably two or three hours...
275
276 Q: Okay.
277
278 A: ...and - and skinned it and hiked out of there.
279
280 Q: Okay, just took the he-, uh, the head and the hide?
281
282 A: Yeah, and I cut a bunch of meat off of it and put it in my pack.
283
284 Q: Okay.
285
286 A: But we left the carcass.
287
288 Q: Okay, cool. Um, yeah, so you - you guys were in the park when that occurred.
289 Um, so that's why we're here. We know what h...
290
291 A: Mm-hm.
292
293 Q: ...happened so that's...
294
295 A: Yeah - yeah, I know.
296
297 Q: I mean, I'm not here - I'm not here on a whim. And I appreciate your honesty.
298
299 A: Uh-huh.
300
301 Q: That's - that's gonna go a long ways.
302
303 A: Yeah.
304
305 Q: It's gonna go a long ways. Um...
306
307 A: I mean, I'll do whatever it takes.
308
309 Q: Well..
310
311 A: I mean, when we figured it out it was kinda one of the things where it's, like...
312
313 Q: Yeah.
314
315 A: ...I don't necessarily, like, wanna turn ourselves in but I'll be honest if

316 anything...

317

318 Q: Right.

319

320 A: ...came up about it.

321

322 Q: Right, you were just gonna roll the dice and see what happened?

323

324 A: Yeah, I mean...

325

326 Q: Yeah.

327

328 A: ...it really sucked when we figured that out. I was like, "That is...

329

330 Q: Right.

331

332 A: That is really bad."

333

334 Q: Yeah - yeah, well I appreciate you bein' honest with me. Um, would you -

335 would you be willin' to write a statement for me...

336

337 A: Mm-hm.

338

339 Q: ...and, uh, sign it for me? And...

340

341 A: Mm-hm.

342

343 Q: And then yeah, so what's probably gonna happen is you're - we're gatherin'

344 all the information today. We've, uh, we got some other guys that are talkin'

345 to the other two guys and they've already talked to them. You've been the

346 hardest...

347

348 A: Mm-hm.

349

350 Q: ...to track down. We finally found out...

351

352 A: Yeah, how'd you - how'd you guys...

353

354 ((Crosstalk))

355

356 Q: ...found - finally found out who you guys were. I can't reveal my sources.

357

358 A: Oh okay.

359

360 Q: But that's why I'm up in - that's why - I'm a park ranger up Willow Creek

361 lookin' for you right now.
362
363 A: Yeah.
364
365 Q: So...
366
367 A: Yeah.
368
369 Q: I appreciate you...
370
371 A: I had a...
372
373 Q: ...bein' honest.
374
375 A: I got a text from (Drew Scott) sayin' that - to call him when I got out.
376
377 Q: Okay.
378
379 A: I was like, "Huh?"
380
381 Q: Okay, yeah, I mean, it - it's not the crime of the century.
382
383 A: Mm-hm.
384
385 Q: It doesn't, you know, good people do bad things, make stupid decisions once
386 in a while.
387
388 A: Mm-hm.
389
390 Q: So it's, you know, like I said, it's not the end of the world but it's...
391
392 A: Yeah.
393
394 Q: ...somethin' we have to deal with.
395
396 A: Uh-huh.
397
398 Q: And like - like I said, I appreciate you bein' honest.
399
400 A: Mm-hm.
401
402 Q: Um, so you had two of your dogs and - and a friend - a friend of your's dog?
403
404 A: Yeah, I had three of my dogs.
405

406 Man: Okay, copy.
407
408 Q: Okay - okay, well cool.
409
410 A: Yeah, I just - I...
411
412 Q: So just for future reference it's kinda - if you're down in that Gardiner area
413 and I - and I understand that if you turn your dogs out, you know, even - I've
414 had guys call me. They turned their dogs loose seven miles from the park and
415 their dogs...
416
417 A: Mm-hm.
418
419 Q: ...are gonna go in the park.
420
421 A: Yeah.
422
423 Q: Call me. I can run interference.
424
425 A: Okay.
426
427 Q: But you cannot shoot a cat in the park.
428
429 A: Yeah.
430
431 Q: Yeah.
432
433 A: I really - I honestly didn't...
434
435 Q: You need to really know where - where that park...
436
437 A: Yeah.
438
439 Q: ...boundary is 'cause that kinda - that - that activity is gonna occur. Your dogs
440 are gonna go in the park.
441
442 A: Oh I know.
443
444 Q: But...
445
446 A: Yeah, I...
447
448 Q: ...we do things to mitigate any - any...
449
450 A: Mm-hm.

451
452 Q: ...ramifications in the future.
453
454 A: Yeah, and I mean, that cat...
455
456 Q: So...
457
458 A: ...definitely would've been, like...
459
460 Q: Yeah.
461
462 A: ...somethin' that's worth, like, shooting in the park...
463
464 Q: Yeah.
465
466 A: ...just 'cause we thought, uh, we could get away with it or anything.
467
468 Q: So do you have pictures of that cat...
469
470 A: Yeah.
471
472 Q: ...on your phone? Could you...
473
474 A: I do.
475
476 Q: ...send those to me if I give you...
477
478 A: Yeah.
479
480 Q: ...my email, uh, address?
481
482 A: Yeah.
483
484 Q: Do we have service right here?
485
486 A: Uh, I don't know.
487
488 Q1: Barely.
489
490 Q: Or we'll go down - we can down over the hill back to - back to town and get,
491 you know...
492
493 A: Oh.
494
495 Q: ...service, too, so...

496
497 Q1: I got - I got two bars right here. I don't know if that's enough to send a...
498
499 Q: So you live right in town there?
500
501 A: Yeah, right at the...
502
503 Q: Yeah.
504
505 A: ...bottom of...
506
507 ((Crosstalk))
508
509 Q: So you wanna just meet there and we'll have you write out...
510
511 A: Yeah.
512
513 Q: ...the statement?
514
515 A: I can do that.
516
517 Q: Uh, and then you can send me the pictures right there.
518
519 A: Uh-huh.
520
521 Q: And then we'll go - go from there. I mean, you're not goin' to jail...
522
523 A: Mm-hm.
524
525 Q: ...or any of that stuff. Uh, you know...
526
527 A: Yeah.
528
529 Q: ...it's - it's gonna be - anything we charge you with's gonna be a misdemeanor
530 so it's not...
531
532 A: Okay.
533
534 Q: ...uh, yeah, appre- appreciate you, uh - uh, being fully honest with us.
535
536 A: Mm-hm.
537
538 Q: So...
539
540 A: Yeah.

541
542 Q: Do you have - have anything for him, (Greg)?
543
544 Q1: No, not...
545
546 Q: We might have some more when we get down.
547
548 Q1: When - when we down and...
549
550 Q: But yeah...
551
552 A: Okay.
553
554 Q: So I'm glad I met you here 'cause, uh, I didn't wanna have to chain up.
555
556 A: Yeah - yeah, it's pretty nasty up there.
557
558 Q: Yeah, I'll, uh, I'll back down outta your way there...
559
560 A: All right.
561
562 Q: ...and let you go by.
563
564 A: Yeah, all right.
565
566 Q: Be cool.
567
568 Q1: Yeah, we don't need to (unintelligible).
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570

571 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
572 transcription.

573 Signed _____

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Q=(Drew) Scott

Q=SA (Jake) Olson

A=Corbin Simmons

Q: State Game Warden, (Drew) Scott, 01-10-2019, 1120 hours. Um, this is Special Agent (Jake) Olson from the National Park Service gonna be contacting Mr. Simmons.

A: Hello.

Q: Hi is Corbin there?

A: Yeah. This is him.

Q: Hey Corbin, this is (Drew). I'm the game warden in Livingston. How are you today?

A: Good. How are you?

Q: I'm doin' well. Hey, apologize to bug you. You're probably working today or something.

A: No, I actually just got back from ice fishin'.

Q: Oh did you catch any fish?

A: Yeah. We caught a few.

Q: Cool. Where'd you guys go?

A: We went up to (unintelligible).

Q: Nice.

A: On Fort Peck.

Q: Nice. All right.

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47 A: Yep.
48
49 Q: Hey are you around? I gotta chat with you about somethin'.
50
51 A: No, I'm not around.
52
53 Q1: Take this (unintelligible).
54
55 Q: Where - where you at?
56
57 A: I'm in Lewistown right now.
58
59 Q: Oh you're in Lewistown.
60
61 A: Yep.
62
63 Q: Huh, you got a second to chat on the phone here, maybe?
64
65 A: Uh, not really.
66
67 Q: No, so could you just step outside for a sec and I'll borrow 5 minutes of your
68 time.
69
70 A: Uh, sure, yeah.
71
72 Q: Okay. Let me know when you're...
73
74 Q1: You (don't need) to Miranda.
75
76 Q: Let me know when you there by yourself there. I won't - so we don't have to
77 include anybody else there.
78
79 A: All right. I'm here with my dad.
80
81 Q: All right. So I just, um, I - I do record these just so I can't write everything
82 you're saying down. I gotta chat with you about your - your lying, man. Um...
83
84 A: All righty.
85
86 Q: ...it- it's pretty common knowledge, I'm a pretty fair guy. We just - we gotta
87 get out in front of this, I guess. I'd been kinda talkin' around to some folks.
88 You're not a bad dude. Um, but we have a cat that was shot and
89
90 Q1: And it was not...

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91
92 Q: And it was not where you guys said it was.
93
94 A: Huh?
95
96 Q: Is that kinda ringing a bell there?
97
98 A: Mmm - mmm, uh, yeah.
99
100 Q: I mean, here - here's dude, like honesty is a huge deal with me.
101
102 A: Yeah. (Unintelligible).
103
104 Q: Uh, but there's pictures of this thing that we're floatin' around and...
105
106 A: Yep.
107
108 Q: ...you guys weren't where you plotted it on the map there. And if you guys, I
109 don't know man. Just tryin' to work with ya and be as open as I can.
110
111 A: Yeah. Yeah. I'm hearin' ya.
112
113 Q: You know, like how far into the park were you guys?
114
115 A: Um...
116
117 Q: I mean, it sounds like the GPS might've had a break down or somethin' and -
118 and...
119
120 A: Yeah. That - yeah it was completely blank.
121
122 Q: So when did you find out, I guess, that you were in the park 'cause everybody
123 kinda sounds like all the other guys got a hold of you after you posted these on
124 social media.
125
126 A: Yep.
127
128 Q: And they were like, "Hey." So where - when did you find out you were in the
129 park?
130
131 A: Like a day later.
132
133 Q: Okay. Um, and who told you - you were in the park?
134
135 A: Mmm, no one.

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136
137 Q: No one.
138
139 Q1: How did you find out...
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141 Q: How did you find out you were in the park?
142
143 A: What was that?
144
145 Q: How did you find out you were in the park?
146
147 A: Uh, I looked on the map.
148
149 Q: Okay. And does it put you about 500 yards into the park?
150
151 A: Uh, I would say.
152
153 Q: Okay. Who was - who ran the lion that day for you?
154
155 A: (Austin).
156
157 Q: (Austin). Who else was there?
158
159 A: It was me, (Austin), and (Trey).
160
161 Q: (Trey). Okay. Um, did you guys, uh, skin the lion in the park and leave the
162 carcass or what did you do there?
163
164 A: Oh we took it.
165
166 Q: You took the whole thing. And where is the carcass at?
167
168 A: Uh, gone.
169
170 Q: Gone. Okay. So when you checked it in, how come you put it, uh, Bear Creek,
171 2 miles north of where you killed it?
172
173 A: I just thought that was right where it was at.
174
175 Q: But you put it on location on the forest service and you guys kill it inside the
176 National Park.
177
178 A: I mean, right where we were...
179
180 Q: Yeah.

181
182 A: On the GPS, is where I put it down.
183
184 Q: Okay. 'Cause we - we went and, uh, the agents located where you guys were
185 at...
186
187 Q1: Based on the picture.
188
189 Q: Based on the picture you guys posted on - on social media.
190
191 A: Yeah.
192
193 Q: So my understanding is after you - you posted these photos, you got some
194 calls from other hounds men saying that you guys were in the park, is that
195 correct?
196
197 A: Uh, we were notified the day after by one of our other friends.
198
199 Q: Okay. And who was that?
200
201 A: That would have been [REDACTED]
202
203 Q: [REDACTED] So did you guys kinda - whose GPS were you usin' that day?
204
205 A: (Austin)'s.
206
207 Q: (Austin)'s. Okay. Um, did you maybe think about - so I guess where I'm
208 getting at is you found out you were in the park, but then you posted the - you
209 put your kill site on our form of being outside the park. Do you see kinda
210 where the - the differences come in there?
211
212 A: Yeah.
213
214 Q: So did you do that because you were scared?
215
216 A: No, I did that 'cause that's like where we first turned out.
217
218 Q: That's where you first turned out?
219
220 A: Yeah. It was like not very far from right there.
221
222 Q: Okay. We - the - the, uh, so describe, I guess, where - where you killed this
223 thing. Could you see the river below?
224
225 A: Uh, just barely.

226
227 Q: Just barely.
228
229 A: Like you could see it if you looked towards like more south.
230
231 Q: Okay.
232
233 Q1: Deckard Flats.
234
235 Q: Could you see Deckard Flats?
236
237 A: Uh, barely.
238
239 Q: Barely. Okay.
240
241 A: Like maybe a little corner.
242
243 Q: Okay. So that the form that - that the harvest form, you have this in section -
244 I'm gonna look here real quick. I won't keep you much longer bud. We're just
245 - we're trying to get through this, you know what I mean?
246
247 A: Yeah. I know. I am - yeah. I even tend to hear you out.
248
249 Q: So you put this in section 15, which is where you guys turned your dogs loose.
250
251 A: All righty.
252
253 Q: According to what you told me earlier and...
254
255 A: Mm-hm.
256
257 Q: ...you guys ended up though back inside the park. Are you - are we on the
258 same page there?
259
260 A: Yep.
261
262 Q: Okay. So I - I - I'm just wondering 'cause the ke- when they ask you for the
263 township range and section of where you killed this, you didn't kill it in
264 Section 15 though.
265
266 A: Uh, it would have been right there close next to it.
267
268 Q: Okay. Well the - the, uh, so the - I guess I'm just confused here. You're -
269 you're - you're saying it was close to where you turned out of Section 15.
270

271 A: Yep.
272
273 Q: But the...
274
275 A: I mean...
276
277 Q: ...the park line is well over a mile from that location.
278
279 A: Yeah. That makes sense.
280
281 Q: So where - where was the - where was the lion when it was shot?
282
283 Q1: Same as the last.
284
285 A: It was like - so you know how you drive up that road and then you take the
286 trail head up Blacktail?
287
288 Q1: The crest.
289
290 Q: Okay.
291
292 A: Like you go pass [REDACTED] and...
293
294 Q: Yeah.
295
296 A: ...and I don't know just right up there - there's a little bend in the road.
297
298 Q: Okay.
299
300 A: And you take a left and that's where we first seen it in the tree. And then it
301 jumped like walked out and we kept following it.
302
303 Q: So where - the - the one photo that you guys posted that you overlooked...
304
305 A: Mm-hm.
306
307 Q: ...and you can see the river...
308
309 A: Mm-hm.
310
311 Q: ...was the lion shot right there?
312
313 A: Yeah. That's where he died.
314
315 Q: Okay. So when you shot him did he jump out of the tree or...

316
317 A: Yeah. He jumped and ran probably 300 yards.
318
319 Q: Okay. And what kind of gun did you shot him with?
320
321 A: A 45.
322
323 Q: A 45.
324
325 A: Yeah.
326
327 Q: Where did you hit him?
328
329 A: Right in the center of the chest.
330
331 Q: Center of the chest and he bailed out of the tree on you.
332
333 A: Yeah. I put so many rounds into him.
334
335 Q: So the kinda going back to where we - I guess where we put the location of
336 the kill site, Section 15...
337
338 A: Mm-hm.
339
340 Q: ...is not where you killed it.
341
342 A: Mmm, yeah. It would have been like just on that other side of the road.
343
344 Q1: Southside.
345
346 Q: Southside.
347
348 A: Yep.
349
350 Q: Okay. So I guess where we're at with some things here Corbin is the - the do
351 you - do you - did you guys delete those photos off your Facebook and your
352 Instagram?
353
354 A: Yes. Yes.
355
356 Q1: Are they on your phone?
357
358 Q: And are they on your phone still?
359
360 A: I have a couple.

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361
362 Q: Okay.
363
364 Q1: Send them.
365
366 Q: Would you be able to send those to me 'cause we're - we're trying to find like
367 this is me trying to work with you, man, like...
368
369 A: Yeah. I - I completely - I want to work with you as much as I can.
370
371 Q: I mean, you don't wanna have this...
372
373 A: I realize how honest mistakes can just turn into this and...
374
375 Q: Yeah. No, they can. Um, if I - do you have a pen handy or can I text you my
376 e-mail and while we're on the phone can you e-mail those over so I can get a
377 better grasp?
378
379 A: You know, I'm really like not into the e-mail.
380
381 Q: Okay.
382
383 Q1: Just have him...
384
385 A: But I can text it to you.
386
387 Q: Yeah - yeah. Sure text it to me if that's easier for you, man.
388
389 A: Yeah. That's a lot easier.
390
391 Q: Um, text me those photos while, you know, while we're visiting here, if you
392 can, but I - I - I guess, the - the, you know, trying to move forward is - is
393 where's the cat at now?
394
395 A: He is at the taxidermist.
396
397 Q: At the taxidermist there.
398
399 A: Yep.
400
401 Q: So, uh, most of the time when (Austin) runs a cat, he brings the cat to me, you
402 know, typically.
403
404 A: Yep.
405

406 Q: Is there a reason you guys went to Bozeman with it that day? Were you guys a
407 little nervous that I would ask questions or...
408

409 A: No, me and my dad were just headed to Bozeman that day and that's where
410 we checked on my or my dad's bear.
411

412 Q: Okay.
413

414 A: So he just wanted to go over there and...
415

416 Q: Okay. So when - when did (Austin)'s GPS go backwards on ya? Do you
417 remember like how that...
418

419 A: I don't know if it ever went back - I don't know what you mean by
420 backwards, but...
421

422 Q: Did it go pur...
423

424 A: Mmm...
425

426 Q: ...did it go purple on 'em?
427

428 A: I think he was all white.
429

430 Q: All white.
431

432 A: Yeah.
433

434 Q: Could ya - did it - when he backed up, did it show him back on green like
435 when you guys walked back to the pickup?
436

437 A: No, it - it was white for all that day.
438

439 Q: Have you hunted in that area prior to this or...
440

441 A: No, that was on my first time.
442

443 Q1: Ask him about (Austin).
444

445 Q: Did (Austin) has he been in that area before? I mean, that's kinda a remote
446 area there.
447

448 A: Yeah, I know. I don't - I don't think he has. I think he just went up there
449 looking for tracks. But I don't think he's actually got - seen anything.
450

451 Q: Okay. And were you guys all together that morning or did - did - how did the -
452 I guess run me how the hunt went? Did he call you when they got a cat in the
453 tree or...
454
455 A: No, uh, we ran up about 3:00 in the morning looking for tracks and we found
456 that track around like 5:00. And the we waited around, went back to town, got
457 some lunch and some other food, waited for daylight and then turned it out,
458 right there. And then the dogs were on him and it was like 11o'clock when we
459 killed it.
460
461 Q: Okay. How long did the dogs pursue for?
462
463 A: Oh shit. It was a long time.
464
465 Q: Was it?
466
467 A: Uh, you know that first ravine before, uh, Jardine...
468
469 Q: On the - yeah, the one that drops off?
470
471 Q1: Eagle Creek.
472
473 Q: Eagle Creek there?
474
475 A: Yep.
476
477 Q: Yeah.
478
479 A: That's where the track was first found.
480
481 Q: Okay. So you started and then when the dogs took off, did you guys have to
482 relocate your pickup and stuff or did you just on with the dogs?
483
484 A: We stayed on the road.
485
486 Q: Okay.
487
488 A: And then we just went right past, uh, what's his name house.
489
490 Q: [REDACTED]
491
492 A: [REDACTED] Yep.
493
494 Q: Okay. Um, so it - it - I guess we'll look when I get these photos and see kinda
495 where, you know, are you posing with the lion in any of those photos from the

496 sounds of it?
497
498 A: Yeah.
499
500 Q: Okay.
501
502 Q1: Let's see it right now.
503
504 Q: Why don't - did you see those here. Let me see.
505
506 A: No, I haven't yet. I'm just on the phone with you.
507
508 Q: Okay. Um, could you send those while we're on the phone so I can get a
509 better picture. I mean, I've got the - the picture of the log and stuff.
510
511 A: Yeah. I sure can. Hold on. (Unintelligible) her yet.
512
513 Q: Is there any way when I get these we can talk a little bit and understand a little
514 bit what you're saying a little better.
515
516 A: What was that?
517
518 Q: When I get these, I can walk through them on the phone with you.
519
520 A: All right. Right.
521
522 Q: So we're looking at the same image, you know.
523
524 A: Yep. Actually, uh, what is your number, I'll write it down right now.
525
526 Q: Yeah. [REDACTED]
527
528 Q1: [REDACTED]
529
530 Q: [REDACTED]
531
532 A: [REDACTED]
533
534 Q: Yep. [REDACTED]
535
536 A: All right.
537
538 Q1: Find out if's it's the valley.
539
540 Q: So the - did you guys see any of the - any of the markers from the park?

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541
542 A: No...
543
544 Q: Showing that you guys...
545
546 A: ...is there any?
547
548 Q: Oh yeah. Yeah. There's markers. Um, I'm lookin' at a photo of - of one of the
549 markers, um.
550
551 Q1: U.S. Boundary.
552
553 Q: It says, the U.S. Boundary.
554
555 A: Hm.
556
557 Q: And they're scattered along that - that ridge line there. Um...
558
559 A: All right. Well I'mma - I'm gonna try and send those pictures to you right
560 now.
561
562 Q: And then we can maybe talk about it when I'm lookin' at it to see kinda how.
563
564 A: I guess it's not letting me.
565
566 Q: It won't let me while I'm on the phone.
567
568 A: Yeah.
569
570 Q: What did (Austin) have to say about like how this whole thing - like after you
571 guys found out what was (Austin)'s thought about this?
572
573 A: That honest mistakes can really screw ya and you just gotta be paying
574 attention at all times. And just, yeah.
575
576 Q: Did you guys ever think about turning yourself in and saying, "Hey Drew we
577 screwed up here or...
578
579 A: Yeah.
580
581 Q: And what stopped that from happening?
582
583 A: I - we just didn't even - thought it'd just go by.
584
585 Q: Okay. Um, when are you - when are you guys comin' back from Lewistown?

586
587 A: Oh I'll be back later today.
588
589 Q: Okay. I'd probably like to meet up with you in person and...
590
591 A: All right.
592
593 Q: ...kinda go over some things. I gotta - I gotta tell you that you can't destroy the
594 photos that - that we're talking about.
595
596 A: Yep.
597
598 Q: Um, it - it - it will complicate things.
599
600 A: Yep.
601
602 Q: Um, it can turn, uh, you know when we're working with each other Corbin,
603 um...
604
605 A: Oh yeah.
606
607 Q: If you - if you destroy the photos, it can really escalate and complicate the
608 situation.
609
610 A: Yeah. Yeah.
611
612 Q: And I'd like to just keep, um, this kinda where we're at right now, but I'm,
613 you know, I'm a little disappointed that you wouldn't turn yourself in. I mean,
614 I try to treat people fair.
615
616 A: Yeah.
617
618 Q: Um, but it, you know, when you're, you know, um...
619
620 A: Mm-hm.
621
622 Q: And I - just to be clear, there's no like, we didn't think we were in the park.
623 You guys knew you were in the park after this whole thing went down, is that
624 correct?
625
626 A: Yeah, sure. Yeah.
627
628 Q: Yeah. Is it a big cat or...
629
630 A: It's a decent (Tom).

631
632 Q: Is that your first one?
633
634 A: Yeah. It is.
635
636 Q: Okay. So it was you, (Trey) and (Austin)?
637
638 A: Yep.
639
640 Q: Okay. You know where (Austin) or (Trey)'s at today? Are they fishing with
641 you guys or...
642
643 A: No, it's just me and my dad up here, but (Trey) should be working and
644 (Austin) should just be in town.
645
646 Q: Okay. Well you got my number, so when we get off, why don't you text me
647 those photos.
648
649 A: All right.
650
651 Q: And then why don't you call me. Are you guys coming back like late this
652 evening or...
653
654 A: Uh, I think, yeah we'll just be back around like 3:00.
655
656 Q: Okay. Why don't you give me a holler when you get into town and maybe we
657 can meet up in person? Do you live with your parents or do you live...
658
659 A: Yeah. I do.
660
661 Q: Okay. We can maybe sit on a table and - and kind go over this in person. I
662 don't like doing this stuff over the phone.
663
664 A: Yeah. All right. Yeah. That's fine.
665
666 Q: I like to - I like to...
667
668 A: Me too.
669
670 Q: ...you know - you know in person, so we can be men about what we did here,
671 and just kinda try and figure out a solution, I guess.
672
673 A: Yep.
674
675 Q: And - and work through it. So all right, well I appreciate your time. Why don't

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676 you text me those photos and, uh, give me a holler when you guys get back
677 into town.

678
679 A: All righty. Sounds good.

680
681 Q: Thanks Corbin.

682
683 A: Yep. Thank you.

684
685 Q: Bye.

686
687 A: Bye.

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689 Q: End of interview at 11:38 on January 10. Interview with Corbin Simmons
690 regarding the illegal take of a Mountain Lion within the National Park Service
691 boundary.

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694 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
695 transcription.

696 Signed_____

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Q=SA J. Olson

Q1=D. Scott

A=Trey Juhnke

Q: This is gonna be an interview of Trey...

Q1: Juhnke.

Q: ...Juhnke at 12:23 pm on January 9, 2018...

Q1: January 10th.

Q: ...January 10, 2018, excuse me, with Game Warden (Drew) and (Jake), special agent. Uh, keep that dog in there so I don't get a dog bite. We got one in - no, we've got a heeler. That's a good-looking heeler, man.

A: Thank you.

Q1: Hey, how are you?

A: Good. How are you, sir?

Q1: This is (Jake).

Q: Hey, how are you?

Q1: He works for the park.

Q: I'm (Jake) Olson. I'm working on...

A: Nice to meet you.

Q1: Yeah, so you're gonna go back to work. We just gotta get this thing cleared up. Um, so we do...

Q: Can I turn this off?

46 Q1: ...record these, man. Let me shut this truck off. We're talking about the cat
47 that we got...

48
49 A: Okay.

50
51 Q1: ...from (unintelligible).

52
53 A: Yeah.

54
55 Q1: (Unintelligible). Good. He'll - he'll work with us here.

56
57 Q: Just so you know, we...

58
59 Q1: Um...

60
61 Q: ...do record this stuff so we don't have to take notes on everything, okay?

62
63 Q1: Yeah.

64
65 A: Okay.

66
67 Q1: So I - run us through the hunt here, I guess, and how this whole thing - we -
68 we talked to (Corbin) already. So...

69
70 A: Yeah.

71
72 Q1: ...um, you were a part of it.

73
74 A: Yeah.

75
76 Q1: And therefore, it...

77
78 A: So we were headed up, uh, I think it's (Bear Creek) there right below [REDACTED]
79 [REDACTED] (unintelligible).

80
81 Q1: Yeah.

82
83 A: We were like probably a mile or so from (Jardine) and that [REDACTED]
84 There was actually a small female when we turned down on it. And it went
85 into (Bear Creek) and went, uh, across Deckard Flats and up into above
86 [REDACTED] there. And (Austin)'s GPS that morning wasn't working. The
87 screen was black on it. All we could see was the arrow and the dogs. So
88 there's probably about 45 minutes took 'em to get up in there. And so we
89 drove up around [REDACTED] and drove up above [REDACTED] I don't even know
90 what that - I think it's Crevice.

91
92 Q1: Yep.
93
94 Q: Yeah.
95
96 A: And I don't - I can show you where we got off at. But...
97
98 Q1: (Unintelligible).
99
100 Q: Is that - is that a bend in the road right there at Crevice above [REDACTED]? So
101 as you go up above [REDACTED] and that takes that - it kinda hooks back left,
102 hooks north and there's that...
103
104 Q1: Yeah.
105
106 Q: ...turnout right there.
107
108 A: Yeah.
109
110 Q: That's that big turnout. And you can jump off and go straight downhill where
111 (Decker)'s on your - (Decker) would be on your...
112
113 Q1: It's (unintelligible).
114
115 Q1: ...right.
116
117 A: Yeah.
118
119 Q: That's right where you park, yeah. That's where a lot of guys park for that elk
120 hunt too, you know?
121
122 A: Yeah.
123
124 Q: Is that - have you hunted up there before?
125
126 A: I've never hunted up there before, no.
127
128 Q: Yeah.
129
130 A: I mean, I've looked on (Decker) for elk. But I never really...
131
132 Q: Yeah.
133
134 A: ...went up there. So...
135

136 Q: You've been to [REDACTED] place?
137
138 A: Yeah.
139
140 Q: Yeah.
141
142 A: So...
143
144 Q1: Excuse my map. It's kinda destroyed here. But, um...
145
146 Q: He just described that spot on Crevice, that turnout, um, just above [REDACTED]
147 So there (unintelligible). Here's Deckard Flats. There's (Buffalo Mountain).
148 Um, so it's that turn, essentially, right in here, right?
149
150 A: Yeah, it's - we were right...
151
152 Q: Kinda going towards (Bald).
153
154 A: ...in here...
155
156 Q: Yeah.
157
158 A: ...somewhere.
159
160 Q: You're pointing into the national park there.
161
162 A: Yeah.
163
164 Q: Yeah, south of (Buffalo Mountain)? Is that accurate?
165
166 A: Yeah. Mm-hm.
167
168 Q: Yeah. Um, where at there - 'cause there's a couple photos that showed up,
169 obviously...
170
171 A: Yeah.
172
173 Q: ...'cause people put...
174
175 A: Yeah.
176
177 Q: ...this - the photos up. But you know that photo, um, yeah, this - this one right
178 here pretty much?
179
180 A: Yeah.

181
182 Q: Where at on here was that cat killed from that spot?
183
184 A: We were down here more. This is as we were coming up out.
185
186 Q: So you were farther towards the river?
187
188 A: Yeah.
189
190 Q: Farther south.
191
192 A: Yeah.
193
194 Q: Okay, yeah, it's a cool picture. I mean, it's cool area. I just went in there, uh,
195 yesterday, two days ago.
196
197 A: Did you find that carcass?
198
199 Q: No. Did you leave the carcass in there?
200
201 A: Yeah.
202
203 Q: Yeah. Where was the carcass at?
204
205 A: Down below. It was sh- it's a shithole. You're gonna...
206
207 Q: I was in there.
208
209 A: Unless somebody brought you to it, you're probably not gonna find it.
210
211 Q: Yeah.
212
213 A: Yeah.
214
215 Q: Well, I found that spot which is the picture that we have. But I didn't find the
216 carcass. So...
217
218 A: Okay.
219
220 Q: ...you la- you took out the head and the hide, is that accurate?
221
222 A: Yeah.
223
224 Q: Okay.
225

226 A: We took some meat off of it too so...
227
228 Q: What'd you bring for meat? For the dogs or...
229
230 A: Two hindquarters and some backstraps.
231
232 Q: Okay for the dogs or for you guys?
233
234 A: For us.
235
236 Q: Nice. Um, and then so that was closer to the river. You guys didn't just wanna
237 take the trail out of the - the river trail out?
238
239 A: Well, what happened was is this bend you're talking about here...
240
241 Q: Yeah.
242
243 A: ...we - where we were parked, the dogs were like over here at first.
244
245 Q: Uh-huh.
246
247 A: And then they went below...
248
249 Q: You're...
250
251 A: ...all these cliffs.
252
253 Q: You're pointing east of (Buffalo Mountain).
254
255 A: Yeah, that's...
256
257 Q: Southeast of (Buffalo).
258
259 A: That's where we started heading.
260
261 Q: Yep.
262
263 A: Where - I don't know if you've been there. But it's the...
264
265 Q: I have.
266
267 A: ...stick trees and stuff...
268
269 Q: Yep.
270

271 A: ...right there.
272
273 Q: Yep.
274
275 A: And then we got to this drop off. And that morning, we talked to our friend.
276 And he was telling us how [REDACTED] runs lions for the
277 park. And he was...
278
279 Q: Yeah.
280
281 A: ...saying that sometimes he has 'em cross the river into the park. So we - I -
282 I've never really hunted there.
283
284 Q: Yeah.
285
286 A: I mean, we should a looked at this map before we ever even thought about
287 going there. But...
288
289 Q: Yeah.
290
291 A: ...that's what got us off is we thought that the river was a park line. But it's
292 clearly not.
293
294 Q1: How far...
295
296 Q: Yeah.
297
298 Q1: ...from the river were you, do you think?
299
300 A: Um...
301
302 Q1: Like couple hundred yards or...
303
304 A: More than a couple hundred yards. It was...
305
306 Q: 'Cause it's straight uphill.
307
308 A: It was li- yeah.
309
310 Q: Yeah.
311
312 A: I mean, like as the crow flies, probably from here to that tree line right there.
313
314 Q1: Okay.
315

316 Q: Yeah.
317
318 A: So...
319
320 Q: So when you guys - you - you shoot this lion. Are you guys kinda nervous
321 about where you're at? Or...
322
323 A: No. It didn't cross our mind...
324
325 Q1: Did...
326
327 A: ...one time.
328
329 Q1: It didn't cross? Okay.
330
331 A: That next night, (Corbin) came over to my house. And he was like, "I got
332 something to show you guys." And we looked at it. And we were in dis-
333 disbelief at that.
334
335 Q: Yeah. So then who...
336
337 A: I get...
338
339 Q: Where was the da- when did the discussion come in 'cause - and you can't, I
340 mean, you - were you with him when he checked the lion in in Bozeman?
341
342 A: I wasn't, no.
343
344 Q: Okay so - and we'll - we've already (unintelligible) before.
345
346 Q1: Did - was there any talk about, "Hey, maybe we should call (unintelligible)"?
347
348 A: There was. But we were thinking, I mean, we were talking about the pictures
349 was the only really way that we were gonna get caught.
350
351 Q: In trouble. Who...
352
353 Q1: Yeah.
354
355 Q: ...put the pictures up?
356
357 A: (Austin). I have a picture on my Instagram.
358
359 Q: Oh do ya?
360

361 A: I mean, I - all you can see is trees in the background. I'm, I mean...
362
363 Q: Do you have it on your phone there?
364
365 A: Yeah.
366
367 Q: Would you let me take a look at it?
368
369 A: (Austin) and (Corbin) deleted their picture. That - everybody was asking us.
370 They're like, "What's going on with that?"
371
372 Q: Oops.
373
374 A: So I...
375
376 Q1: Did you guys - when I called today, did you kinda suspect that's...
377
378 A: Oh I knew.
379
380 Q1: ...that's, you know...
381
382 A: I've been - I've been waiting for the call.
383
384 Q1: Okay.
385
386 Q: What [REDACTED] you work - or you were gonna - [REDACTED] ?
387
388 A: [REDACTED]
389
390 Q: Okay, yeah, so that - that's a nice - that's a cool picture. So that's, uh, that
391 downed log there, that's just lower than where we were right in that photo that
392 I just showed ya. That's...
393
394 A: Mm-hm.
395
396 Q: That's farther down towards...
397
398 A: Yeah.
399
400 Q: ...the river.
401
402 A: Mm-hm.
403
404 Q: Um, can you - let me take a f- I'm gonna take a photo so you don't have to
405 send me some shit. Hold on.

406
407 Q1: Um...
408
409 Q: I got a garage sale going on here.
410
411 Q1: So the - the, uh, who - so he puts - you guys blast this out on social media
412 which is typical. And then everybody, from my understanding, like this is so
413 common knowledge.
414
415 A: Mm-hm.
416
417 Q: And we can look there.
418
419 Q1: Um, who - who was the - like who called you guys? Was it like - better get
420 that.
421
422 A: Well, that - that next day, I had saw [REDACTED] at the gas station. I was
423 looking at his bobcats. And he was like, "Man, it looked like (Trey) and
424 (Austin) were - or it looked like (Corbin) and (Austin) were really close to that
425 park line when they shot that cat." And I was just like, "Yeah," acted like I
426 wasn't even there. But I was like, "Oh I don't know." And then that next day,
427 I think he was talking to (Austin). And that's when he realized too.
428
429 Q1: Okay.
430
431 A: And he was talking to (Austin) about it.
432
433 Q1: What was up with this GPS?
434
435 A: It was just pure black. I mean, his...
436
437 Q1: Was it purple? Or was it black?
438
439 A: It was like purplish black. And...
440
441 Q1: Yeah.
442
443 A: He...
444
445 Q1: Pur- purple is park. He's got onyx.
446
447 A: No, not like - not like - I know what you're saying. You can see green forest
448 service and...
449
450 Q1: Yeah.

451
452 A: ...stuff like that.
453
454 Q1: Yeah.
455
456 A: It was like black, in between - he has lines in it. In the middle of it, there's a
457 little black dot. And then I don't know what's wrong with it. He hit it on
458 something. But it's been working ever since then.
459
460 Q1: Uh-huh.
461
462 A: But it was, I mean, you couldn't see lines or nothin'.
463
464 Q1: What kinda GPS does he have?
465
466 A: I'm gonna say it's a Garmin.
467
468 Q1: It - one of those orange ones?
469
470 A: Yeah. It's g- nice one.
471
472 Q1: Yeah. And the dogs are all wearing GPS collars?
473
474 A: Mm-hm.
475
476 Q1: So did you guys discuss - 'cause he checked this cat in and put it in, uh, this
477 district right up here. Put it in section, um, 9 right here in Bald Mountain.
478 That's 10, though. Where is 9? Right there. So he put that - when he - you - I
479 mean, like when we checked your bobcat in, you know, you gotta...
480
481 A: Mm-hm.
482
483 Q1: ...put - give me a section.
484
485 A: Yeah.
486
487 Q1: He puts it way up here.
488
489 Q: That's 2 miles.
490
491 A: Yeah.
492
493 Q: I mean, so obviously, there's discussion of, "We can't be putting it down here.
494 We can't obviously...
495

496 A: Yeah.
497
498 Q: ...put it in the park.”
499
500 A: Well, we didn’t even know about it until he already had turned it in too.
501
502 Q1: He had turned it in already?
503
504 A: He turned it in the next day...
505
506 Q: Well, here’s the issue with that.
507
508 A: ...I think is what happened.
509
510 Q: And I’ll throw - I’m just gonna throw a little bit a...
511
512 A: That’s what happened is he went to go look at the map in Bozeman. And he
513 looked. And he said that he realized then that that’s what happened.
514
515 Q: Where you guys dumped off there, that’s a real common area for elk hunters,
516 obviously, you know?
517
518 A: Yeah.
519
520 Q: And the whole place, every 20-some yards, this boundary marker is there,
521 here...
522
523 A: (Unintelligible) see any of those.
524
525 Q: ...that one, that one, that one. And I’m gonna tell you. I’m a little different
526 than (Drew).
527
528 A: How...
529
530 Q: So hold on.
531
532 A: How many yards are they apart?
533
534 Q: Oh, I mean, a few, you know, few yards. There’s that one, this one, that one.
535 And then it’ll go the other direction. And they’re all the way down. I could
536 show you a bunch of different pictures. But, um, just to give you a heads-up, a
537 little different than (Drew). (Drew) works for the state. I work federally. So...
538
539 A: Mm-hm.
540

541 Q: ...you're obviously being super honest right now. So don't worry about it.
542 But...
543
544 A: Yeah.
545
546 Q: Um, you know, if - if you're bullshitting at all about seeing those boundaries
547 or anything...
548
549 A: Yeah.
550
551 Q: ...and I find out that you're bullshitting me...
552
553 A: Yeah.
554
555 Q: ...that's considered a violation for us. And that's like...
556
557 A: Yeah.
558
559 Q: ...a felony violation. That's...
560
561 A: Oh, yeah.
562
563 Q: ...in- intentionally interfering with an investigation. And that's a violation.
564
565 A: Yeah.
566
567 Q: So we don't want any part of that shit. Um, thank you. So when it comes to
568 that, though, with these boundary signs, it's pretty well marked.
569
570 A: Yeah.
571
572 Q: It's like pretty hard to make an argument 'cause as you're s...
573
574 A: No. Yeah.
575
576 Q: ...walking in there across Deckard Flats is these pickets going all the way
577 across.
578
579 A: What - are there orange things?
580
581 Q: No. They're these reflective things all the way.
582
583 A: Yeah. We - we never saw one of 'em. We saw little orange diamonds as we
584 were...
585

586 Q: Yeah.
587
588 A: ...coming out.
589
590 Q: Yeah, orange diamonds on posts. There's some of...
591
592 A: Yeah.
593
594 Q: ...those too.
595
596 A: But I never saw anything that said Yellowstone Park or nothin'.
597
598 Q: Well, wouldn't that per- wouldn't you think that that's some kind of boundary
599 marker, though?
600
601 A: As we were coming out, we were seeing them. On the way down, we didn't
602 see 'em at all.
603
604 Q: Well, if you came off of (Buffalo), though - if you came off of (Buffalo
605 Mountain), they're - they're marked all the way through there. So you can see
606 that it - the boundary kinda goes like this. Where you park here, they're kind
607 of at an angle. So if you're coming off that turnout that you're on...
608
609 A: Mm-hm.
610
611 Q: ...did you guys go straight downhill? Or did you go uphill first?
612
613 A: Right where that turnout...
614
615 Q: Uh-huh.
616
617 A: ...comes around the left...
618
619 Q: Yeah.
620
621 A: ...we parked right there.
622
623 Q: Yeah.
624
625 A: And there's that hillside on this side. And then there's this open hillside.
626
627 Q: Yep.
628
629 A: We followed this hillside along and drop right down in.
630

631 Q: Yeah. And that - so Deckard...
632
633 A: Where there - where there...
634
635 Q: ...is right on your right-hand side.
636
637 A: Yeah. Where there were, I wouldn't be surprised if there's none of those are
638 where we crossed.
639
640 Q: They are there. Um, di- 'cause you know...
641
642 A: I mean, like...
643
644 Q: ...(Brian Helms)?
645
646 A: It's like this.
647
648 Q: Yeah, I'm that - I was just...
649
650 A: I mean...
651
652 Q: ...there.
653
654 A: We - we might have crossed...
655
656 Q1: (Unintelligible).
657
658 Q: Yeah.
659
660 A: ...in between 'em and not seen 'em is what I'm saying.
661
662 Q: Yeah. Okay.
663
664 Q1: What, um...
665
666 Q: But you saw 'em on the way out.
667
668 A: I did not see one Yellowstone National Park sign. I saw orange.
669
670 Q: Orange blazes on tickets.
671
672 A: Yep.
673
674 Q1: Yeah.
675

676 A: Coming right outta that draw where you're - where we're talking
677 (unintelligible) park.
678
679 Q: And that didn't give you pause?
680
681 A: I thought about it. But I just didn't...
682
683 Q: Yeah.
684
685 A: ...think anything about it really.
686
687 Q1: So when you guy - you say you turned out on a female at first?
688
689 A: Yeah.
690
691 Q1: So how did the male - he shot a male.
692
693 A: Yeah. We don't know. I don't know how. Uh, I mean, the track that we turned
694 out on was like this big.
695
696 Q1: Are these the pickets you're talking?
697
698 A: Yeah.
699
700 Q: And they got the US boundary signs right there.
701
702 A: That one does out, um, yeah.
703
704 Q1: Yeah.
705
706 Q: They don't all. Some of 'em might be torn off and...
707
708 A: Yeah.
709
710 Q: ...shit like that. But those are the pickets that you saw, correct?
711
712 A: Mm-hm.
713
714 Q: Yeah.
715
716 Q1: So the - so you turn out on this female. And then how do you get a male? I
717 guess, uh, I gotta just clarify that.
718
719 A: I don't know. Last year, me and [REDACTED] and we went and filled the quota
720 there last year. We turned out on a track. And we watched two lions come out

721 of there (unintelligible).
722
723 Q1: So - okay so you - you went after the female. But you ended up on the Tom.
724
725 A: Yeah.
726
727 Q1: Okay so did - what time did the hunt start? Did you guys get up there at...
728
729 A: We turned out at daylight right...
730
731 Q1: (Unintelligible).
732
733 A: ...(unintelligible), yeah.
734
735 Q1: When did you find the track?
736
737 A: Uh, an hour and a half before we went to Gardiner and got some breakfast...
738
739 Q1: Okay.
740
741 A: ...went to the gas station, drove back up and turned out.
742
743 Q1: Okay did (Corbin) call you today?
744
745 A: Yeah. Well, he - you called me. And then he text me and said that you were
746 calling me.
747
748 Q1: Okay.
749
750 A: So...
751
752 Q1: Figured so.
753
754 A: Yeah.
755
756 Q1: Um, okay.
757
758 Q: Do you have that photo from your Instagram on your phone still? Would
759 you...
760
761 A: Yeah.
762
763 Q: ...be willing to e-mail that to (Drew)?
764
765 A: Yeah.

766
767 Q: Thank you.
768
769 Q1: Eh...
770
771 Q: Who put up the original photo? Um, who put up - I - I see that you had yours
772 on Instagram which doesn't show as much. Here's the track by the way. This
773 is kinda where you were.
774
775 A: This is where you were?
776
777 Q: This is where you were. That's that picture to match that picture with the - the
778 downed log. That's right here.
779
780 A: I'm saying like whose trail is this?
781
782 Q: That's mine. That's...
783
784 A: Yeah, that's what I'm wondering.
785
786 Q: ...not yours. Yeah. So (Buffalo) is right there. That turnout is kinda over here.
787 And then we came down through here through that timber.
788
789 A: So when we came - we came from over here...
790
791 Q: Uh-huh.
792
793 A: ...and dropped down. I mean, we were in some cliffs. We were...
794
795 Q: Oh, yeah.
796
797 A: ...eating shit going down...
798
799 Q: Yeah.
800
801 A: ...there.
802
803 Q: You and me both. Yeah, so you guys...
804
805 A: So then we come out up here, though. And we came...
806
807 Q: Yeah.
808
809 A: ...right up through here. And this is where I saw the - somewhere in here is
810 where I s- where we - the only time I ever saw 'em is when we were coming

811 (unintelligible).
812
813 Q: (Unintelligible) those Deckard Flat pickets.
814
815 A: Yeah.
816
817 Q: Okay, um, where the hell did that regular picture go?
818
819 Q1: I'll give you my e-mail when you're ready. Uh, I appreciate you being
820 cooperative, okay?
821
822 Q: Yeah, thanks, man.
823
824 Q1: This is just a...
825
826 A: I mean, there's not much we can do about it now.
827
828 Q: No. It's a shit sandwich is the way I look at it.
829
830 A: What's your e-mail?
831
832 Q1: D...
833
834 A: Yeah.
835
836 Q1: ...Scott, S-C-O-T-T@MT.gov. Where is (Austin)?
837
838 Q: Yeah, we're trying to track him down.
839
840 A: I think he's cat hunting right now.
841
842 Q: Is he? Did he go out? 'Cause I saw him this morning in town.
843
844 A: Yeah. He either goes out every day...
845
846 Q: Where is he at, do you know?
847
848 A: I think he's up Willow Creek right now.
849
850 Q1: Is he up Willow Creek?
851
852 A: That's what he told me yesterday.
853
854 Q: I don't know where that original photo is. You know the photo that looks like
855 the one I just showed you with that downed log right here?

856
857 A: Yeah.
858
859 Q: Who posted that one?
860
861 A: (Austin).
862
863 Q: (Austin) did on his...
864
865 A: You can see gar...
866
867 Q: ...Facebook?
868
869 A: You can see Gardiner in that even.
870
871 Q: Yeah, and you could see that Deckard Flats behind that one.
872
873 A: Yeah. Yeah. I don't know. Everybody saw that picture. They were like that's
874 definitely...
875
876 Q: Well, there's people from Bozeman that were talking about it.
877
878 Q1: Yeah.
879
880 A: Really?
881
882 Q1: (Unintelligible).
883
884 Q: Oh, yeah.
885
886 Q1: Oh this thing got way outta control.
887
888 A: You were just wanting me to send that picture to (Drew), right, the one I had
889 on my Instagram?
890
891 Q: Well, all the pictures that you have from that hunt would be ideal if you could
892 send those to (Drew).
893
894 Q1: We've s...
895
896 A: Yeah.
897
898 Q1: (Corbin) gave us his.
899
900 Q: You don't wanna destroy 'em, obviously, 'cause that would be bad news

901 bears.
902
903 A: There's that one of him packing it out.
904
905 Q: Oh, yeah. Yeah, that's nice.
906
907 Q1: Yeah.
908
909 Q: Yeah, that's perfect. Yeah, send all those. That's a good one.
910
911 Q1: Dude, uh, Trey, you're killing me, bro.
912
913 Q: Is that your pickup? Or is that a ranch truck?
914
915 A: That's my grandpa's truck. I'm getting the new truck today.
916
917 Q: Are you? What are...
918
919 Q1: What are you getting?
920
921 Q: ...you getting?
922
923 A: An 0 - '03 Dodge.
924
925 Q: Oh. With a Cummins or are you gonna get the (unintelligible)?
926
927 A: No. Depending on if I'm gonna have fines today or not, I don't know.
928
929 Q: Not today.
930
931 Q1: No. (Jake)'ll treat you fair. That's one - that's one prerequisite of coming here.
932 I said we gotta treat everybody fair as long as they're cooperative and as long
933 as stories...
934
935 A: What do you think I'm gonna have?
936
937 Q1: Don't know yet. We'll have to look. We gotta consult with the attorney. I'm a
938 little, uh...
939
940 Q: You - you - you didn't pull the trigger. And you didn't run the cat.
941
942 A: No.
943
944 Q: So that...
945

946 A: I didn't even...
947
948 Q: That's certainly a...
949
950 A: ...skin it out.
951
952 Q: Yeah, that certainly helps. But, um, it kinda sucks that you didn't call (Drew).
953
954 Q1: Yeah.
955
956 Q: That's kind of a shit deal. So...
957
958 Q1: Especially 'cause you guys know me. I mean, you know if you get a hold of
959 me, whether or not you like me or not, you're gonna get treated fair...
960
961 A: Yeah.
962
963 Q1: ...as long as ya own up to what you did. Were you guys in (Austin)'s pickup
964 that day?
965
966 A: Yeah.
967
968 Q1: Okay so you transported the lion in his truck...
969
970 A: Yeah.
971
972 Q1: ...back to Livingston, yeah. Did he - did (Austin) it for him? I don't think
973 (Corbin)...
974
975 A: He...
976
977 Q1: ...knows what he's doing.
978
979 A: They both were skinning it.
980
981 Q1: Were they?
982
983 A: Yeah.
984
985 Q1: Okay what did he shoot it with?
986
987 A: He shot it with his 45 the first two times. Then it jumped.
988
989 Q1: Okay.
990

991 A: And we were sitting there. And we were tracking it. And he - he left his pistol
992 for some reason. So I handed him my pistol. And he shot it three time. We - it
993 actually almost killed me. Uh, we were tracking it. Then we stop. And my
994 dog's smelling in the air. I'm like, "Let's just stop for a minute. He might be
995 right here or he might be however far." We hadn't found him in like 100
996 yards.
997
998 Q1: Yeah.
999
1000 A: He was bleeding good. So we were like he's - we stop. And I go this way
1001 around a rock. And (Corbin) goes this way. And he's laying right underneath
1002 me and growling at me. If my dog wouldn't a smelled, I wouldn't even been
1003 thinking about...
1004
1005 Q1: Did you have this...
1006
1007 A: ...what...
1008
1009 Q1: ...dog?
1010
1011 A: Yeah.
1012
1013 Q1: You break out (unintelligible) with it?
1014
1015 A: Yeah, this, uh, come with me, yeah. She gonna get taken from me?
1016
1017 Q: No.
1018
1019 A: Okay.
1020
1021 Q: No.
1022
1023 Q1: Not dog - I'm not gonna steal your dog.
1024
1025 Q: And, uh, hey, um...
1026
1027 A: It's like shit. I li- should a not said that.
1028
1029 Q: Well, you're fine.
1030
1031 Q1: We're not gonna take your dog.
1032
1033 Q: The, um, so he took your pistol. What'd you have? A 45?
1034
1035 A: I had a 40.

1036
1037 Q: A 40 like a Glock or...
1038
1039 A: It's a M&P.
1040
1041 Q: Okay and so he finished it with the 40?
1042
1043 A: Mm-hm.
1044
1045 Q: How many times did he have to shoot it with that?
1046
1047 A: Two or three, I think.
1048
1049 Q: Yeah. What'd you do when you saw it sitting there growling at you and you
1050 didn't have your pistol on ya?
1051
1052 A: I screamed like a little girl.
1053
1054 Q: Yeah.
1055
1056 A: I didn't know where it was. I didn't know if it was above me or...
1057
1058 Q: What do you mean he left his pistol?
1059
1060 Q1: Yeah, like what...
1061
1062 A: He just left it sitting there. I don't know what he was thinking.
1063
1064 Q1: Like on his pack or...
1065
1066 A: Yeah. I - I don't - that (Corbin), he doesn't think sometimes. Like things like
1067 that, he does all the time with different situations where it's like what the fuck
1068 are you thinking right now?
1069
1070 Q1: Well...
1071
1072 Q: So...
1073
1074 Q1: ...let me ask you this.
1075
1076 A: I think just 'cause this sha- this cat's shot, it's gonna be dead, you know?
1077
1078 Q1: So just - just so we're clear on that honesty line with (Jake) and - and when -
1079 me, I'm a big s- big supporter of being honest. No one else pulled the trigger
1080 that day?

1081
1082 A: No. No.
1083
1084 Q1: Okay.
1085
1086 A: I was holding dogs. I had my dog.
1087
1088 Q: What about (Austin)?
1089
1090 A: No.
1091
1092 Q: Hm.
1093
1094 Q1: When did he tag it?
1095
1096 A: Right away.
1097
1098 Q1: Did he?
1099
1100 A: Yeah, I mean, all - all the pictures I have are of the same angle. I don't know
1101 if you want 'em all but...
1102
1103 Q: I do, yeah. There's a shit ton of 'em, though.
1104
1105 Q1: Jesus, man. You ain't gonna be able to...
1106
1107 Q: Let me see if I can help you out here.
1108
1109 Q1: Yeah.
1110
1111 Q: Let me go th...
1112
1113 Q1: Flip through the...
1114
1115 Q: (Unintelligible).
1116
1117 Q1: You know, we don't want - I don't want all those (unintelligible).
1118
1119 A: Yeah. I mean, they're all the same.
1120
1121 Q1: Is [REDACTED] around? [REDACTED] Or is...
1122
1123 A: I don't know where he is.
1124
1125 Q1: He must - is he - is he back? He usually comes up here every once in a while.

1126
1127 A: I don't know.
1128
1129 Q: Ah, crap. Cancel. Is this an iPhone? Can you go back...
1130
1131 A: Yeah.
1132
1133 Q: ...to your - can I - can you do this with me? I don't wanna go through your
1134 shit. I don't wanna see your nudie pics or anything.
1135
1136 A: Back to my e-mail?
1137
1138 Q: Go back to the photos, would you, please? I don't wanna see any girlfriend
1139 pictures or anything like that. All right thanks. Let's start with these. So this is
1140 a cat in the tree?
1141
1142 A: Yeah, we...
1143
1144 Q: Is that right?
1145
1146 A: We actually jumped him farther into the park.
1147
1148 Q: You jumped him farther in the park?
1149
1150 A: Yeah, we wandered on him again. So he ran down towards the river even
1151 more.
1152
1153 Q: Come back. Hey, (Drew).
1154
1155 Q1: Yeah.
1156
1157 Q: You're gonna have to - I don't speak cat again. So say that again. I don't
1158 speak mountain lion and hunting very well. So you...
1159
1160 A: That's the first...
1161
1162 Q: ...ju- you jumped him.
1163
1164 A: That's the first tree we had him in right there.
1165
1166 Q: Yeah. And you wanted to run him again.
1167
1168 A: Yeah, so we got him out of there and treed him lower.
1169
1170 Q: And you - the first time you jumped him was in the park. Second time you

1171 jumped him was...
1172
1173 A: Yeah.
1174
1175 Q: ...in the park.
1176
1177 Q1: Okay.
1178
1179 Q: Okay.
1180
1181 Q1: And did he just keep going farther into the park each time?
1182
1183 A: We just jumped him once.
1184
1185 Q1: Just jumped him once.
1186
1187 A: Yeah.
1188
1189 Q1: So has the tree got him in the first time? Is that where you initially shot him?
1190
1191 A: No.
1192
1193 Q1: No.
1194
1195 A: No.
1196
1197 Q1: He bailed outta that tree.
1198
1199 A: We just - I climbed up there and jumped.
1200
1201 Q1: Okay why'd you climb up there?
1202
1203 A: Just jumping him.
1204
1205 Q1: So was the plan to kill him or not, I guess is like...
1206
1207 A: Yeah.
1208
1209 Q1: But you wanted to play with him a little more before you...
1210
1211 A: Yeah.
1212
1213 Q1: ...did it? Okay.
1214
1215 A: I mean, that's what I'm saying. We thought the river was the park line. We

1216 were gonna catch him before the river. We were gonna, you know...
1217
1218 Q1: Okay so I - I - while he's doing that, if - and you can - you can watch.
1219
1220 Q: Yeah.
1221
1222 Q1: You can...
1223
1224 Q: I'm just trying it airdrop all those so you don't have to send 'em to me.
1225
1226 Q1: Um, so you climbed up the tree 'cause you wanted the cat to jump again?
1227
1228 A: Yeah.
1229
1230 Q1: So you could keep him runnin' him.
1231
1232 A: Mm-hm.
1233
1234 Q1: And then when he got up the tree, the second tree, then you shot him?
1235
1236 A: Yeah.
1237
1238 Q1: Okay.
1239
1240 A: Well, we didn't even realize how big he was the first tree. We were like wow.
1241 I don't - we don't know how big he is. And then he jumped. And we were like
1242 that's a pretty good cat. We better not jump him in the park. Better get him in
1243 this one.
1244
1245 Q1: Okay did, uh, there's no hunter's orange on any of those pics. Was he wearing
1246 hunter's orange?
1247
1248 A: No.
1249
1250 Q1: No.
1251
1252 A: He supposed to be wearing hunter's orange?
1253
1254 Q1: Yeah, when you're hunting lions.
1255
1256 A: Really?
1257
1258 Q1: Mm-hm. Unless...
1259
1260 A: Just the shooter?

1261
1262 Q1: Yeah.
1263
1264 A: Is it just when you're shooting? Or is it...
1265
1266 Q1: Yeah.
1267
1268 A: ...even when you...
1269
1270 Q1: Yeah, just...
1271
1272 A: ...just go in the tree?
1273
1274 Q1: Yeah, just (unintelligible) shooting.
1275
1276 Q: Try to send that as an album versus having you he- e-mail all that...
1277
1278 A: Okay.
1279
1280 Q: ...stuff. See if it shows up. Um, well, I think that was it.
1281
1282 Q1: Hey, call - try to call (Austin) 'cause I don't got all day to wait for him to get
1283 done (unintelligible).
1284
1285 Q: See impatience, um, (unintelligible).
1286
1287 Q1: I am impatient. Just tell him to (unintelligible) just trying to get
1288 (unintelligible).
1289
1290 A: He didn't answer.
1291
1292 Q1: (Unintelligible).
1293
1294 A: So what do you think I'm gonna be getting then for fines? Or what is this
1295 gonna...
1296
1297 Q1: Well, let's talk about it a little bit and see. Here. Why don't we pull up...
1298
1299 Q: Yeah.
1300
1301 Q1: ...this map?
1302
1303 Q: Pull up a map.
1304
1305 Q1: My prized...

1306
1307 Q: Uh...
1308
1309 Q1: ...possession here.
1310
1311 Q: I can't get the damn thing to open.
1312
1313 Q1: iPhone.
1314
1315 Q: You gotta have...
1316
1317 Q1: What - hey, what's that noise?
1318
1319 Q: Oh it's a chainsaw. I thought there was a cat like - I was like what the hell is
1320 he doing?
1321
1322 Q1: You send him a text or...
1323
1324 A: Mm-hm.
1325
1326 Q1: Why don't you just - don't - don't go too in depth, if you don't mind. Thanks.
1327
1328 Q: I don't know why it's not opening. It keeps saying retrieving. And it's not
1329 retrieving it. Yeah. For God sakes. Let's pull out your phone again real quick
1330 one more time - I'm sorry - for your photos. I'm just gonna do it this way.
1331
1332 A: I can airdrop 'em to ya.
1333
1334 Q: I just tried that. Can you do that? I don't know why mine's not working. Do
1335 you know how to turn airdrop on these things? It's on, right, if your Bluetooth
1336 is on?
1337
1338 A: Yeah, it should be.
1339
1340 Q: Okay if we just had 'em like all airdropped, you can just airdrop the whole
1341 day. Maybe it takes a minute or something.
1342
1343 A: It actually does, yeah.
1344
1345 Q: Does it?
1346
1347 A: Did it - did it say it's coming?
1348
1349 Q: No, it didn't say hit.
1350

1351 A: With this many pictures, it'll probably take - yeah. Airdrop.
1352
1353 Q: Oh I had contacts only. Let me change it to everyone. That'll work, right?
1354
1355 A: Yeah.
1356
1357 Q: Oh okay. That's - isn't that amazing? How did anybody do anything without
1358 these damn iPhones?
1359
1360 A: I don't know. I don't know how anybody did anything.
1361
1362 Q: Yeah. Um, well, let's talk about that a little bit. What do you think, uh, should
1363 happen with everything? First for yourself and then for those two guys.
1364
1365 A: I don't know. I know killing something in Yellowstone Park is nothing to be
1366 messing around with.
1367
1368 Q: Right.
1369
1370 A: So...
1371
1372 Q: Yeah.
1373
1374 A: I got, I mean, it's clear - I mean, I - anybody in their right mind knows better
1375 than to (unintelligible) in Yellowstone Park. I mean...
1376
1377 Q: Right.
1378
1379 A: He - I mean, he was a nice cat. But it's not like he was some kind of trophy,
1380 you know?
1381
1382 Q: Yeah.
1383
1384 A: And it's not like we were thinking oh, this is a huge cat. He's (unintelligible)
1385 park. Whatever. I mean, when we realized it was in the park, we were just like
1386 in a disbelief, you know?
1387
1388 Q: But - but didn't tell (Drew).
1389
1390 A: No, we didn't. No.
1391
1392 Q: That's an issue, right?
1393
1394 A: Yeah.
1395

1396 Q: Yeah. So if there was a - if there was a rewind button, uh, that went back till
1397 after you shot the cat but not until the point prior, what would you guys be
1398 doing different?
1399

1400 A: I'd, uh, yeah, now that I know how everything's - somebody's gonna find out
1401 sooner or later. I mean...
1402

1403 Q: Well, is that the reason...
1404

1405 A: I...
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1407 Q: ...it's wrong? Or is it the...
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1409 A: No.
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1411 Q: Yeah.
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1413 A: And [REDACTED] - I was honestly telling them guys. I was like, "I don't
1414 know if it's worth it to just admit it." Or I know that...
1415

1416 Q: What did [REDACTED] say?
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1418 A: What I know I'm just text [REDACTED] that picture that you're showing me.
1419 And he's like, "You see where these guys killed that cat?"
1420

1421 Q: Yeah.
1422

1423 A: And so right, uh...
1424

1425 Q: That's what...
1426

1427 A: Right then I knew. I was like you know what? If [REDACTED] is sending
1428 [REDACTED] a picture of this about it, then people are gonna find out.
1429

1430 Q: We got that picture from a guy in Bozeman.
1431

1432 A: Really?
1433

1434 Q: Yeah, some random guy that worked for an outfit in Bozeman.
1435

1436 A: Uh...
1437

1438 Q: It's 'cause he was on what's his name's, um, Facebook site or something.
1439

1440 A: (Austin)?

1441
1442 Q: Yeah.
1443
1444 A: Yeah.
1445
1446 Q: So it was posted on his Facebook. So everybody saw it. And everybody
1447 commented on it. But...
1448
1449 Q1: I mean, which one of you three yahoos just said - decided not to call me?
1450 'Cause you guys are all talkin'. My name came up. Somebody in the group
1451 said, "I don't wanna call (Drew)." Who was it?
1452
1453 A: Yeah.
1454
1455 Q1: Was it you?
1456
1457 A: I mean, au- obviously, it'd probably be (Corbin). He's the one who shot the
1458 cat, you know?
1459
1460 Q1: I mean, you guys are all roundtabling this thing. And - and...
1461
1462 A: Yeah.
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1464 Q1: ...I try to - I try to treat everybody fair. But when situations...
1465
1466 A: Yeah.
1467
1468 Q1: ...like this come up, there's an expectation that you guys...
1469
1470 A: Yeah.
1471
1472 Q1: ...own up to what you did.
1473
1474 A: Yeah.
1475
1476 Q: You're saying - you're saying obviously. Was it (Corbin)? Or was it not
1477 (Corbin)?
1478
1479 A: I mean, yeah, (Corbin)'s been freaking out about this, really.
1480
1481 Q: Yeah.
1482
1483 A: And I - I just been like...
1484
1485 Q: It is what it is. It's why...

1486
1487 A: I mean - I mean, we did it. We - whatever's happened has.
1488
1489 Q1: Mm-hm.
1490
1491 A: And it honestly wouldn't have been - I mean, obviously, it never really
1492 crossed my mind that I should do it 'cause, I mean, anybody - nobody thinks
1493 of turning themselves in on something...
1494
1495 Q1: Yeah.
1496
1497 A: ...like that.
1498
1499 Q1: I get that.
1500
1501 A: But, I mean, I als- know what you're saying. It's like should we turn ourselves
1502 in?
1503
1504 Q: Yeah.
1505
1506 A: But, no. I mean, I - I never told (Corbin) to turn himself in.
1507
1508 Q: I just...
1509
1510 A: Never asked him, you know?
1511
1512 Q: Here's - here's my issue is you guys are all local. You all live here [REDACTED]
1513 [REDACTED]
1514
1515 A: Yeah.
1516
1517 Q: You know [REDACTED] place well enough, right? You know...
1518
1519 A: And I'm a guide. I don't wanna be losing my fuckin'...
1520
1521 Q: Yeah.
1522
1523 A: ...rights.
1524
1525 Q: You know Crevice...
1526
1527 A: Yeah.
1528
1529 Q: ...those areas, right?
1530

1531 A: Yeah.
1532
1533 Q: So when it comes down to that stuff, I - I gotta call bullshit on the fact that
1534 you guys didn't know you were in the park.
1535
1536 A: Well, like I told them, right, when they were like, "Oh we'll say the GPS
1537 doesn't work." It doesn't matter. We should a looked at a map and saw where
1538 it is.
1539
1540 Q: Yeah.
1541
1542 A: The GPS doesn't mean anything.
1543
1544 Q: Yeah.
1545
1546 A: GPSs will lie to ya.
1547
1548 Q1: I mean, it's, uh...
1549
1550 Q: Who do you guide for? I got it. Thank you.
1551
1552 A: I was guiding for [REDACTED] last year. I didn't guide this last year, though.
1553
1554 Q: Okay but you have your guide's license in the state?
1555
1556 A: I have, yeah.
1557
1558 Q: Okay.
1559
1560 Q1: Then the - the - the - the part, I guess, that - I was talking to (Brian Helms)
1561 today who's also involved in this. And it is so well n...
1562
1563 A: Who's that?
1564
1565 Q1: He's a, uh, park...
1566
1567 Q: He's a park ranger. He's been, uh, he's that guy that runs the northern
1568 boundary there for like the last 30 years.
1569
1570 A: He's just, uh, drives that white Dodge?
1571
1572 Q1: Yeah.
1573
1574 Q: Yeah.
1575

1576 A: Okay.
1577
1578 Q1: Um, and it is so well known down there that like you shoot an elk, and if it
1579 even looks like it goes into the park...
1580
1581 A: No.
1582
1583 Q1: ...make a phone...
1584
1585 A: Oh, yeah.
1586
1587 Q1: ...call. And so it - it - it - it doesn't help that you guys were in a considerable
1588 distance and then say you don't know...
1589
1590 A: Yeah.
1591
1592 Q1: ...you were in the park. I mean, it...
1593
1594 A: That's what's just cra- well, I don't know how - I don't know if we were -
1595 how far we were in there. But it's not like we were just right on the line either,
1596 though.
1597
1598 Q1: How far was your track to the tree?
1599
1600 A: You think you found the tree?
1601
1602 Q: I know I did.
1603
1604 Q1: Well, we found...
1605
1606 Q: I don't know about the tree where you shot it. But I found the tree in the
1607 picture that I just showed you.
1608
1609 Q1: Yeah, the one that's the tree laying over.
1610
1611 A: Oh okay.
1612
1613 Q1: That was his photo...
1614
1615 A: Okay.
1616
1617 Q1: ...that he showed you. That's the same one that was on Instagram or
1618 Facebook.
1619
1620 Q: This is where you guys were at. This is where that tree was. And you're, um,

1621 you're south of this where you actually killed it. Excuse me. So that's that
1622 (Buffalo).
1623
1624 A: Mm-hm.
1625
1626 Q: That's Deckard Flats. That's [REDACTED] right there. So we just took a
1627 snowmobile up to here and then got off. That's that same turnoff that you
1628 guys were at right there...
1629
1630 A: Mm-hm.
1631
1632 Q: ...where it turns off on Palmer Creek. And you can follow Palmer back this
1633 way towards Bald Mountain.
1634
1635 A: Mm-hm.
1636
1637 Q: We went out this way, same way you guys did where you kinda parallel right
1638 there and then went up and over to a place called the lookout which is that
1639 high spot right there. And then you over the lookout. And you drop off into
1640 that thicker timber which is where you guys were and then when down into
1641 here. And that's where the picture - we matched the photos from his Facebook
1642 site in...
1643
1644 A: Okay.
1645
1646 Q: ...to finding that location. I didn't find the tree where you guys shot the cat or
1647 the carcass...
1648
1649 A: Mm-hm.
1650
1651 Q: ...obviously. But it would have been nice.
1652
1653 A: Yeah. No. Yeah, and that's like you're saying, if it's ev- if there's even an
1654 idea that the elks might be on the park line, you don't shoot it. You know, you
1655 just don't.
1656
1657 Q: Yeah.
1658
1659 A: My gr...
1660
1661 Q1: It's...
1662
1663 A: My grandpa used to guide for [REDACTED]
1664
1665 Q1: Yeah.

1666
1667 A: He knows all about it, you know?
1668
1669 Q1: Yeah.
1670
1671 A: He's - he's got in trouble for shooting elk over there before.
1672
1673 Q: Yeah.
1674
1675 A: And - but they just call 'em in.
1676
1677 Q1: Yep.
1678
1679 A: If you're an outfitter, you're not gonna try to...
1680
1681 Q1: Yeah.
1682
1683 Q: Yeah.
1684
1685 A: ...hide anything.
1686
1687 Q1: So you just hit on something. What did you just say that what they would do
1688 when they - when they...
1689
1690 A: If they're an outfitter...
1691
1692 Q1: ...when they screwed up? And what did you say they would do when they
1693 screwed up?
1694
1695 A: Call themselves in.
1696
1697 Q1: Boom.
1698
1699 A: Yeah.
1700
1701 Q1: I mean, I - I'm - we're still gonna work with you, Trey. But like you gotta
1702 understand.
1703
1704 A: Yeah.
1705
1706 Q1: From - from the position of me, you know, I - I - I try to let you guys do your
1707 thing and...
1708
1709 A: Yeah.
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1711 Q1: ...trust your judgment.
1712
1713 A: Mm-hm.
1714
1715 Q1: But, you know, this opens up things like, you know, down the road when you
1716 kill something and you turn it in to me, there's that little thought in my back
1717 of my head that, you know...
1718
1719 A: Yeah.
1720
1721 Q1: ...is he fudging this because it happened somewhere else? 'Cause...
1722
1723 A: Yeah.
1724
1725 Q1: ...we had an issue years ago where he didn't.
1726
1727 A: No. I know he didn't.
1728
1729 Q1: And I - I expect more outta you guys.
1730
1731 A: Yeah.
1732
1733 Q1: I really do 'cause I give you - I - I let you guys - I don't question much of
1734 what you do. Would you...
1735
1736 A: Yeah.
1737
1738 Q1: Is that fair to say?
1739
1740 A: Yeah.
1741
1742 Q1: We show up. We BS about the hunt. I check it in. I don't, I mean, I could sit
1743 down and interview you guys on everything you kill. And I don't.
1744
1745 A: Yeah, right. Yeah.
1746
1747 Q1: And because I trust that you're doing it right.
1748
1749 A: Mm-hm.
1750
1751 Q1: And with the hounds thing being under scrutiny as it is...
1752
1753 A: Mm-hm.
1754
1755 Q1: ...and the wolf issue in the park buffer zone...

1756
1757 A: Yeah.
1758
1759 Q1: ...you guys are just feeding into these anti-hunting groups.
1760
1761 A: No. We were - that's - we were thinking about that a couple days after. That's
1762 why we were talking about turning ourselves in is 'cause people find out
1763 about this, we're gonna become - people figure out our name just like [REDACTED]
1764 [REDACTED] became hated for shooting that wolf there.
1765
1766 Q: Right. Yeah, that's right. Yeah.
1767
1768 A: You know?
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1770 Q1: And so it - it's - it - it just - I can't defend what you guys - not that you - not
1771 that I would defend it. But I can't defend you in the public spectrum when
1772 people, you know, get wind of it. I can't say, "Well, they did the right thing,
1773 though, you guys," and turn...
1774
1775 A: Yeah.
1776
1777 Q1: ...'cause you didn't do the right thing.
1778
1779 A: No.
1780
1781 Q1: Um...
1782
1783 A: Yeah, we're completely in the wrong here.
1784
1785 Q: Well, do me - don't stress about it. I could tell ya you - you didn't do the right
1786 then. But you did the right thing today.
1787
1788 Q1: Yeah.
1789
1790 Q: And that carries a lot a weight so...
1791
1792 Q1: And I did tell him when we pulled up. I said, "Trey, be honest with us."
1793
1794 Q: Yeah, so we're good. And I'm the one. It's not (Drew) probably. Um, as far as
1795 I know, I don't think (Drew) is gonna be filing any charges. It'll be coming
1796 out on our side.
1797
1798 A: Yeah.
1799
1800 Q: So we'll look at it. And I'll be in - I'll be in touch with you and let you know

1801 what's going on.
1802
1803 A: They (unintelligible) gonna do a ranch shot next week. And it's the Padlock
1804 Ranch right on the Montana-Wyoming border.
1805
1806 Q: Where at?
1807
1808 A: It's by Wyola.
1809
1810 Q: Oh cool.
1811
1812 A: Right about (Ranchester) and (unintelligible).
1813
1814 Q: What are you gonna do there?
1815
1816 A: Just cowboying.
1817
1818 Q: Yeah.
1819
1820 A: Riding through (unintelligible) stuff like that.
1821
1822 Q1: How long...
1823
1824 Q: Nice.
1825
1826 Q1: ...are you there for?
1827
1828 A: Probably a couple (unintelligible).
1829
1830 Q1: Oh you're gonna move there?
1831
1832 A: Then I'll go to West Yellowstone right (unintelligible) houses.
1833
1834 Q1: No kiddin'. Do you do that every year?
1835
1836 A: No. I'm - well, the - I went to West Yellowstone and rode la- last summer.
1837 But I didn't work for him.
1838
1839 Q1: Oh.
1840
1841 Q: Write down your contact info for me like your name, date of birth...
1842
1843 A: Okay.
1844
1845 Q: ...all that crap and your phone number and e-mail so I can get a hold of you if

1846 I need to, address, etc., etc. Thank you for talking to us, Trey. I...

1847

1848 Q1: Yeah.

1849

1850 Q: I do appreciate that. What's your pup's name?

1851

1852 A: (Ellie).

1853

1854 Q: (Ellie)?

1855

1856 A: Yeah.

1857

1858 Q1: I just talked to your grandpa the other day.

1859

1860 A: [REDACTED] (Unintelligible).

1861

1862 Q1: He lives over off of (unintelligible) over there to speak...

1863

1864 Q: Oh, yeah.

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1866 Q1: He's pretty high over (unintelligible).

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1868 Q: Yeah, he was telling me that deer was being...

1869

1870 Q1: Yeah.

1871

1872 Q: ...stupid.

1873

1874 Q1: It's sick or something. I don't know what the deal was. But...

1875

1876 Q: Let me see what you got there. [REDACTED] Date of birth. Yeah, how about

1877 an address and e-mail?

1878

1879 A: So you think I'm looking at thousands of dollars in fines here?

1880

1881 Q: I have no idea. Um, I don't...

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1883 A: Jail - jail...

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1885 Q: I don't know.

1886

1887 A: ...time?

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1889 Q: What's that?

1890

1891 A: Jail time?
1892
1893 Q: I don't think you're gonna look at jail time between you and me. I can't speak
1894 to it 'cause it all goes on to what, uh...
1895
1896 A: Yeah.
1897
1898 Q: ...U.S. Attorney says. I just present 'em with the facts. I can certainly make a
1899 recommendation. Put your full name up there too. Um, I can tell you - how
1900 about I - I - I'll tell you this. Like I said, I don't know what the attorney will
1901 say. But I can tell you on - on my end, I'm not going to recommend jail time
1902 for you.
1903
1904 A: Okay.
1905
1906 Q: So...
1907
1908 A: Thank you. Okay my date of birth, address, e-mail, phone number.
1909
1910 Q: Does that say [REDACTED]
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1912 A: No.
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1914 Q: (Unintelligible).
1915
1916 A: That's a T.
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1918 Q: Oh. T.
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1920 A: Yep.
1921
1922 Q: Sorry. Eh, is that how you say your last name?
1923
1924 A: Yep.
1925
1926 Q: Okay (unintelligible). That's perfect. Okay, um, do you want my phone
1927 number?
1928
1929 A: Yeah.
1930
1931 Q: Let me give it to you. That way if you got questions about what's going on,
1932 you can give me a shout. You can always get a hold of me through (Drew)
1933 too. But I'll give you mine as well. So my name is (Jake) Olson. O-L-S-O-N.
1934
1935 A: What's your phone number?

1936
1937 Q: It's [REDACTED] don't judge me. It's a [REDACTED]
1938
1939 A: [REDACTED] okay.
1940
1941 Q: ...number.
1942
1943 A: [REDACTED]
1944
1945 Q: [REDACTED] And that's a - that's just a work number. That's not because I'm
1946 from there.
1947
1948 A: Okay.
1949
1950 Q: So (Jake) Olson. O-L-S-O-N. And I'm a special agent...
1951
1952 A: Okay.
1953
1954 Q: ...with the National Park Service.
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1956 A: [REDACTED] just started on at the park feeding buffalo.
1957
1958 Q: Oh did he?
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1960 A: Mm-hm.
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1962 Q: [REDACTED]
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1964 A: [REDACTED]
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1966 Q: Yeah. That's cool. That's a cool spot down there. (Unintelligible) be crazy.
1967
1968 A: So how are you working right now with the government shutdown?
1969
1970 Q: For free, man.
1971
1972 A: Really?
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1974 Q: Thi- this is your taxpayer dollars at work right here.
1975
1976 A: So are you guys getting check tomorrow?
1977
1978 Q: No.
1979
1980 A: Aw, that's too bad.

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1982 Q: Not unless you're paying. Sounds like you need to keep your money, though,
1983 right now.
1984
1985 A: Yeah, I do.
1986
1987 Q: Um, when you getting your - where are you going to pick up your - your
1988 pickup from?
1989
1990 A: Uh, my - I - I'm buying it from a guy in town.
1991
1992 Q: Oh good.
1993
1994 A: Yeah.
1995
1996 Q: Well, I'll give you a heads-up. And if you...
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1998 Q1: Thanks, Trey. I appreciate it, man.
1999
2000 Q: If you have questions, this stuff, it's a slow-moving beast. But if you got
2001 questions, you call me.
2002
2003 A: Okay.
2004
2005 Q: I'll be happy to fill you in.
2006
2007 A: All righty.
2008
2009 Q: Thanks for talking to us, man.
2010
2011 A: Yep.
2012
2013 Q: I do appreciate it.
2014
2015 Q1: If (Austin) calls ya, tell him to call me.
2016
2017 A: I will.
2018
2019 Q: You think he's up Willow Creek right now?
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2021 A: Yeah. He's (unintelligible).
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2023 Q: Okay. What time is it?
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2025 Q1: Uh, 1 o'clock pm.

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2027 Q: End of interview at 1301 with Trey.

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2030 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
2031 transcription.

2032 Signed_____

INTERVIEW WITH CORBIN SIMMONS

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INTERVIEW WITH CORBIN SIMMONS

Q=(Drew) Scott

Q1=SA (Jake) Olson,

A=Corbin Simmons

A1=

Q1: Ready. Okay. This is an attempt to in- attempt interview Corbin Simmons for part 2 of the interview here at 1417 on January 10, 2019 with Game Warden Drew and Jake Olson, Special Agent. This will be at the residence of Corbin. Is that (unintelligible). I'm gonna park behind this Dodge maybe. There's dad.

A1: Hello.

Q1: Howdy.

Q: How are you?

A1: Good. Corbin.

A: How's it goin'?

Q: Good to meet you. I'm Drew. Hey where did we meet.

A: Uh, first year in cowbell in O'Hare State Field.

Q: Oh nice.

Q1: Hi, I'm Jake Olsen. I work with the Park Service. How you doin'?

A1:

Q1: Nice to meet you, sir.

Q: Nice to meet you.

A1: Yeah.

Q1: Do you have somewhere we can sit down and talk for little bit?

46
47 A: Yeah.
48
49 Q: Thank you. How'd the fishing trip go?
50
51 A: Oh not that good.
52
53 Q: Well at least it's not 10 below out there.
54
55 A: Yeah. It is gonna be crisp.
56
57 Q1: Those dogs inside Corbin or no.
58
59 A: They're in the house. You comin' in? Okay.
60
61 Q1: Would you like this door closed?
62
63 A: Yeah, you comin' in?
64
65 Q: Okay. Mind if we sit down?
66
67 A: Sure.
68
69 A1: No problem.
70
71 Q: Okay. Not much of a winter out this year, but...
72
73 A: Yeah.
74
75 Q1: You're welcome to sit down there, if you want.
76
77 A: There's a lot of snow out there.
78
79 Q1: Have a seat it's your house.
80
81 Q: Yeah. It's your house. Um, couple formalities and we'll get out of the way
82 here. You guys can end and leave at any time. We're not - we're just trying to
83 get to the bottom of obviously this - this whole deal. We're in your house
84 here. That's a big dog. Holy cow. Um, as a - as a formality we record these
85 things, so you can't say I said something...
86
87 A: Mm-hm.
88
89 Q: ...and I can't say you didn't say some type of deal. Um, I gonna read your
90 Miranda rights. Do you ever watch like Law and Order or anything? Okay.

91 That's exactly what these are. Um, we're gonna go through these and then
92 we're gonna chat about the lion. Kinda get our bearings set on kinda how this
93 whole thing started, went down, and finished out.

94
95 A: Uh -huh.

96
97 Q: Um, Jake is - is for the Park here and he's gonna...

98
99 Q1: There's my credentials there if you'd like to see.

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101 Q: Um, so I'm sitting here with Corbin and his father. Um, Corbin, you have the
102 right to remain silent anything you say can and will be used against you in
103 court. Uh, you have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him here during
104 questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer one will be appointed to you before
105 any questioning if you wish. Do you have any questions on those or...

106
107 A: Uh-uh

108
109 Q: You don't seem to be. You probably never had those read to you before. Um,
110 seem like a pretty good kid. Um, let's see here. We've - we've obviously,
111 you've probably already talked to (Trey) already and (Austin). Um...

112
113 Q1: Did you guys get a chance to talk to each other on the way back?

114
115 A: Uh-uh.

116
117 Q1: Okay. You're north of (Harlow), is that what you guys said.

118
119 A1: We were up at Fort Peck.

120
121 Q1: Oh nice. Did you see a bunch of critters running around too?

122
123 A1: Not really.

124
125 Q1: No.

126
127 A1: Our country's rough up there.

128
129 Q1: Yeah. I spent some real deer time up there this year.

130
131 Q: Normally recording it's saying that a red light should be there.

132
133 A1: You see some Elk and stuff go in and out of there.

134
135 Q: Make a copy of it one time.

136
137 Q1: Where's you go in at?
138
139 A1: Crooked Creek.
140
141 Q1: Oh did ya?
142
143 A1: Yeah. From Bohemian Corner.
144
145 Q1: Mm-hm. I went over Winifred and went Cow Creek and all the that stuff this
146 year.
147
148 Q: All right. So I guess, you know, we're gonna just kinda rehash what we talked
149 about on the phone.
150
151 A: All right.
152
153 Q: We got some maps and photos and, uh...
154
155 Q1: Can you just walk us through what happened real quick? Yeah. You're A to Z.
156
157 A: Can I get a piece of paper? I'll map it out for you.
158
159 Q1: You sure can.
160
161 Q: Yeah.
162
163 A: So here's the zigzag part.
164
165 Q: Of what?
166
167 A: As you're just going onto Gardner.
168
169 ((Crosstalk))
170
171 Q1: Okay. That steep hill. Jardine Road.
172
173 A: Yep.
174
175 Q1: Okay.
176
177 A: And here is Jardine...
178
179 Q1: Uh-huh.
180

181 A: ...ravine that goes. Switchback.
182
183 Q1: Mm-hm.
184
185 A: [REDACTED] Deckard Flats.
186
187 Q1: Are you saying, [REDACTED] right there and then there's Deckard. Okay.
188
189 A: Yeah.
190
191 Q1: Yeah.
192
193 A: There there's this big ravine.
194
195 Q1: Mm-hm.
196
197 A: Right between there.
198
199 Q: Bear Creek?
200
201 A1: Yeah.
202
203 A: Yeah. Mm-hm. And right here is where we seen that first lion track right
204 before Jardine.
205
206 Q1: Yeah.
207
208 A: We turned the dogs out and they went down there. They ran that lion clear
209 across Deckard Flats and around [REDACTED] and up there. So we took Jardine
210 Road and right here there's, uh, past [REDACTED] there's, uh, turn to go
211 to a trail head.
212
213 Q1: It goes towards Bald Mountain and that's at Crooked Creek, parking right
214 there.
215
216 A: Uh, yeah - yeah. Yep. Then right here is where we parked the truck.
217
218 Q1: Uh-huh.
219
220 A: And then...
221
222 Q1: That big turnout.
223
224 A: Yeah. Here's the river.
225

226 Q1: Yeah.
227
228 A: And then we park right here.
229
230 Q1: Did you go up Buffalo Mountain or side hill it.
231
232 A: Just side hill.
233
234 Q1: Okay.
235
236 A: We see him in the tree, shot. He just ran back this way a little bit.
237
238 Q1: So you saw - say that again. I'm sorry. You said you went up that...
239
240 A: Parked here. Parked here at Crevice. This is right where the dogs were.
241
242 Q1: This is Buffalo.
243
244 A: Yep.
245
246 Q1: Shot.
247
248 A: And then died.
249
250 Q1: Okay.
251
252 A: Right here.
253
254 Q1: So in relation to the photo that (Austin) put up on his Facebook page.
255
256 A: Mm-hm.
257
258 Q1: And I've got that photo here somewhere.
259
260 A: Um, it's just under the printer.
261
262 A1: Okay.
263
264 Q1: In - in relation to this photo right here...
265
266 A: Yeah.
267
268 Q1: Where was that at?
269
270 A: That was, uh, where the lion was dead.

271
272 Q1: That's where the lion was dead.
273
274 A: Yep.
275
276 Q1: Okay. It wasn't - the lion wasn't dead below that...
277
278 A: Uh-uh.
279
280 Q1: ...are you sure?
281
282 A: I'm positive.
283
284 Q1: Okay. Um, on your way in, what'd you see on your way in? Did you guys
285 come across some of those pickets.
286
287 A: Uh-uh.
288
289 Q1: Are you sure?
290
291 A: Mm-hm.
292
293 Q1: Sure. Okay. They look like this and they're spread out all the way through.
294 So...
295
296 A: Yeah.
297
298 Q1: Does this one - some of them had orange blazes on 'em.
299
300 A: I never seen one of those.
301
302 Q1: There's this one, this one, um, (Trey) and (Austin) both said they saw 'em. I
303 think they were like on - did you - when you were comin' out did you see the -
304 the orange - little orange...
305
306 A: Yeah. By the orange. Yep.
307
308 Q1: That's the boundary.
309
310 A: All right.
311
312 Q1: It's locked.
313
314 A: I never seen one of those white signs.
315

316 Q1: Yeah. But you didn't see the wooden pickets, obviously.
317
318 A1: Locked myself out.
319
320 A: The orange squares.
321
322 Q1: You saw the orange squares on the way in, right?
323
324 A: Yeah or on the way out.
325
326 Q1: Okay. Did you see 'em on the way in?
327
328 A: Uh-uh.
329
330 Q1: Okay. So this is an overview of that same spot that we were just looking at.
331
332 A: Yep.
333
334 Q1: This is just kinda from that - there's a cliff up behind you here.
335
336 A: Yeah.
337
338 Q1: That's that same dead log. Um, this is where the cat died. It's was right in
339 here. Is that accurate?
340
341 A: Yeah. There should be more. I can't really see big rocks.
342
343 Q1: There's a bunch in there. It's just kind a hard photo to see.
344
345 A: All right.
346
347 Q1: But there's some big - big stones right in there.
348
349 A: All right.
350
351 Q1: Is that right?
352
353 A: That looks pretty.
354
355 Q1: That's this - that is essentially this. Just from far away.
356
357 A: Oh right. Farther back up.
358
359 Q1: You're lookin'.
360

361 A: Yeah. That's kinda down.
362
363 Q1: Yeah. Okay. Um, here's the - tell - tell me about what you guys are seeing
364 with the GPS. Were you runnin' the GPS or was that (Austin)?
365
366 A: (Austin).
367
368 Q1: Okay. And what was goin' on with the GPS?
369
370 A: Like when we first set out, it was just being funky...
371
372 Q1: What's that like?
373
374 A: All white.
375
376 Q1: Mm-hm.
377
378 A: And you can just see the dogs where they were at. Like no boundaries or
379 anything.
380
381 Q1: Okay.
382
383 A: It was just all white
384
385 Q1: Right.
386
387 A: And then that's...
388
389 Q1: So you'd see dots on the screen, is that what you're saying or...
390
391 A: Just where the dogs are.
392
393 Q1: Okay.
394
395 A: They have little dog icons.
396
397 Q1: Mm-hm. Okay. This is, uh, generally where that spot was of that photo that
398 we just took.
399
400 A: All righty.
401
402 Q1: Okay. So that's obvious a good ways. Obviously into the park. This is my
403 track not yours. Uh, just comin' up from Deckard. That's that same area that
404 crevice spot that you're talking about.
405

406 A: Yep. Yep.
407
408 Q1: That's - that pull up that goes towards...
409
410 A: Mm-hm.
411
412 Q1: ...that's on Palmer Creek. And then here's Buffalo Mountain. And there's a
413 place called the look out right here. That's pretty common for.
414
415 A: All righty.
416
417 Q1: And then Deckard would be...
418
419 A: What's that right there?
420
421 Q1: These are [REDACTED]
422
423 A: Oh all right.
424
425 Q: [REDACTED]
426
427 A: Yeah.
428
429 Q: He's up there.
430
431 A: Yeah.
432
433 Q1: He's from - I think you know.
434
435 A: I know [REDACTED] down there.
436
437 Q1: Yeah. Um, so when you got down in here, there's this obviously a ways in
438 there. Um, and you mentioned the fact that you guys noticed the boundaries
439 on the way out.
440
441 A: Yeah.
442
443 Q1: Okay. Um, at what point did you decide that you guys were in the park or
444 what point did you decide that maybe some - somethings were not right?
445
446 A: Like I didn't really - the - when we found out, it was days after. The when...
447
448 Q1: I'm gonna caution you here, young man. I'm gonna say it in front of your dad
449 too. So he'll be a witness.
450

451 A: All right.
452
453 Q1: I want you to be real honest. Okay.
454
455 A: Yeah.
456
457 Q1: And the details are where these things matter.
458
459 A: Mm-hm.
460
461 Q1: And you gotta keep in mind that we've talked with two other guys at this
462 point...
463
464 A: Yeah.
465
466 Q1: ...before we've had a chance to talk to you. Okay in person.
467
468 A: Mm-hm.
469
470 Q1: So I want you to be really conscious of what you're saying and make sure
471 you're saying the right things.
472
473 A: Yeah.
474
475 Q1: And just to give you some context that Drew's a State Game Warden.
476
477 A: Okay.
478
479 Q1: I'm a federal officer, so we have some different laws. And I don't know how
480 it works in this state, but if you lie to a federal officer and it's deemed to be
481 intentional lying, then that's a felony charge.
482
483 A: Mm-hm.
484
485 Q1: And that is not something you want to deal with at your age...
486
487 A: Yeah.
488
489 Q1: ...I can tell you that.
490
491 A1: It wasn't until the next day that I had him point on the map kinda where they
492 were and I'm like, "Man you guys are so close."
493
494 Q1: Mm-hm.
495

496 A: And up until told me that he is so close to this. He's like we weren't in the
497 park, and you know. And I'm like, uh...
498

499 Q1: Yeah. So it's an issue. I'm mean, there's - you're - you're a ways in there. I
500 did actually walked this a couple days ago. And went down there and found
501 the same tree from the photo and, um, you know, that's a bear. It's not like
502 you're walking across Deckard Flats to get to on the spot.
503

504 A: No, it's...

505

506 Q1: Yeah. It's straight up and down with your referencing. It's - it's a bear to get
507 in there.
508

509 A: It's a shithole, yeah.

510

511 Q1: It's a hole. So when you're finally down in there, I mean, it takes some effort
512 to get in. It take some effort to get out. And then obviously if we're talking
513 about responsibility in regards to where we're gonna be, you've been hunting
514 long enough. I'm sure your dads been around...
515

516 A: Yeah.

517

518 Q1: ...taught you enough. Who's responsibility is it to know where you're at.
519

520 A: The hunters.

521

522 Q1: Absolutely. So, um, what would be an appropriate action you think once you
523 figured out that it was in the park? If you're gonna push a rewind button all
524 the way to the point after you shot the cat and you realized it was in the park,
525 what do you think should happen?
526

527 A: Came to law enforcement.

528

529 Q1: Right. Came to Drew probably, right?
530

531 A: Yeah.

532

533 A1: They didn't act- they didn't actually know though.

534

535 A: Yeah. Until...

536

537 Q1: They did.

538

539 Q: Yeah. They did.

540

541 Q1: Yeah. They did.
542
543 A1: No, [REDACTED] called (Austin) and...
544
545 A: Not that day.
546
547 A1: Not that day the next day.
548
549 A: Yeah.
550
551 A1: And frust- where the frustration comes in on end is that I've got working
552 relationships, you know, I deal with (Austin) 'cause he's and (unintelligible).
553 He's checking critter in and, uh, (Trey)'s checking critters in. And I asked
554 (Trey), um, if there was any discussion about gettin' a hold of me and (Trey)
555 said there was. And I said, "Well at what point in the circle of three people
556 was it decided not to get a hold of me. And he pointed his finger and said you
557 said not too. Is that fair.?"
558
559 Q1: Yeah. I don't know if he it was actually said that it was in Corbin's best
560 interest not to say anything.
561
562 A1: Yeah.
563
564 Q1: ...open for discussion. And no one - there's no rational person around that's
565 gonna say that - that's not in your position there's a lot of people that would
566 probably do the same thing.
567
568 A: Yeah.
569
570 Q1: That's not outlandish to think that you wouldn't want to talk to the Warden to
571 see what happens. With that being said, this boundary as you can see, and this
572 - like I said this here is another example photo like the one I just showed you
573 with those orange things.
574
575 A: Mm-hm.
576
577 Q1: This one has - this has one of those metal boundary markers on it, but...
578
579 A: They didn't.
580
581 Q1: ...if the one that you didn't have a metal boundary with marker on it, so be it.
582 But they do have those orange blazes like you were mentioning.
583
584 A: Yeah.
585

586 Q1: You can see one here and one here. They go about every 40 - 50 yards.
587 Somethin' like that. Maybe 20 yards. I don't know how to tell in the photo
588 here, but, um, that's about the best marked boundary in the park. And the
589 reason being is (Brian Helms) is the park ranger that works down there. He's
590 the guy you see in the white Dodge down there. Um, anyway, he's been there
591 for about 31 years. And he spent like the last 30 years marking that boundary.
592 And that is a very - very well marked boundary. So there's - there's some
593 issue there that, you know, we're gonna have to work through. But, um, what
594 - how did you end up dispatching the - the lion.
595
596 A: Um, I shot him with my Glock.
597
598 Q1: Okay. Like what - what caliber is your Glock.
599
600 A: 45.
601
602 Q1: Okay. Um, was there any other firearms used?
603
604 A: Uh-uh.
605
606 Q1: Was there any other firearms used?
607
608 A: Uh, yeah. (Trey)'s gun. Mine was out of bullets.
609
610 Q1: Okay.
611
612 A: Yeah.
613
614 Q1: Okay. And what caliber is (Trey)'s gun?
615
616 A: 45.
617
618 Q1: 40, you mean.
619
620 A: Uh, yeah. I think it is .40 actually.
621
622 Q1: Okay. And how many times did the cat get shot total?
623
624 A: Eight.
625
626 Q1: Eight times. Okay.
627
628 A: Yeah.
629
630 Q: And who all realize we talked to other people? Who all was in part of or - or

631 involved in pulling the trigger of a gun?
632
633 A: Uh, I shot the first three. And then as it was goin' down, (Austin)'s like, "It's
634 not dead." Boom. And then...
635
636 Q: Who - who was boom?
637
638 A: (Austin).
639
640 Q: Okay. And how many times did (Austin) shoot?
641
642 A: Twice.
643
644 Q: Okay. So you shoot three times with your pistol.
645
646 A: Uh-huh.
647
648 Q: You hit the lion.
649
650 A: Yeah.
651
652 Q: The lion's comin' down the tree.
653
654 A: Jumped out.
655
656 Q: Okay. But (Austin) shoots it twice before it jumps out.
657
658 A: Yep.
659
660 Q: Okay. And is he - what's he shootin' ?
661
662 A: A .4 5.
663
664 Q: Okay. So we've got five shots. Lion takes off.
665
666 A: Mm-hm.
667
668 Q: Then what happened?
669
670 A: And then my gun was out of bullets and the cat was runnin' down.
671
672 Q: All right.
673
674 A: So we just followed the blood trail.
675

676 Q: Okay.
677
678 A: Lookin' for it. And it was underneath this rock. And I didn't have any bullets.
679 I'm like, "Give me your gun (Trey)."
680
681 Q: Okay.
682
683 A: Boom. Finished it off.
684
685 Q1: And that was with the last - how many rounds, give or take?
686
687 A: Two.
688
689 Q1: Two or three.
690
691 A: Yeah.
692
693 Q1: Okay. And, um...
694
695 Q: Did (Austin) hit it when it was coming out of the tree? And when he shots...
696
697 A: He's a good shot, yeah.
698
699 Q: Okay. And he did this seem - seem full of bullets and you guys got - not full
700 of them, but enough bullet holes to count for your shots.
701
702 A: I mean, well you can see out of it. It was - shot the shit out of it. You know it
703 don't respond.
704
705 Q: Okay
706
707 Q1: And then, um, this is not super important, but why'd you only have three
708 bullets in your gun - in a Glock?
709
710 A: I've just been pop shottin'. Just random stuff.
711
712 Q1: Okay. Um...
713
714 A: Not that day. Just...
715
716 Q1: I understand what you're sayin'. So lookin' at this, uh, let's look at this one.
717 Here's another example of one of those barriers - barricades as you can see
718 there's one down below that. A couple going - this one shows three in a row -
719 one - two - three on those open hills. That's kind of on the Deckard - the
720 southeast side there on your - on your way up there.

721
722 A: All right.
723
724 Q1: Going towards Deckard. Similar to what it sounds like you guys exited.
725
726 A: Yep.
727
728 Q1: Um, now take a look here and show me - this is Bull Mountain.
729
730 A: Mm-hm.
731
732 Q1: Okay. So are you familiar...
733
734 A: Yeah.
735
736 Q1: ...or Buffalo Mountain, right in here. This is the location of the photo. Right in
737 here.
738
739 A: All right.
740
741 Q1: And talk in here. You said you shot it. Then it ran.
742
743 A: Yep.
744
745 Q1: Okay. One of the things that we here from one of the guys was that photo that
746 I'm talkin' about where this location was - was actually on the way back up
747 and that the carcass is below it. As I mentioned it's been - what - three weeks
748 or somethin' like that at this point.
749
750 A: Yeah.
751
752 Q1: Three or four weeks. Um, like I said I was in there day before yesterday,
753 didn't see a carcass. Didn't see any ravens, but that's not unreasonable either.
754
755 A: Yeah.
756
757 Q1: Three or four weeks. Uh, I'm just trying to figure out to locate the carcass. Is
758 it actually down here and the photo was taken up here or what are we looking
759 at?
760
761 A: It should be right there.
762
763 Q1: It should be right in that same spot.
764
765 A: Yeah.

766
767 Q1: Okay. In that overview photo again, maybe. Do you want to look at any
768 photos Drew or are you good?
769
770 Q: No, I can't. I'm good. Uh-huh.
771
772 Q1: All right. Okay. Do you want to see some?
773
774 A: Yeah. Sure. Sure.
775
776 Q1: All right. So when it went back in, you ended up registering it, uh, took it to
777 Bozeman and...
778
779 A: Yeah.
780
781 Q: ...we talked about that on the phone, I believe, right? You guys talked?
782
783 Q1: Yeah.
784
785 Q: And what was the reason you took it to Bozeman?
786
787 A: We just had other shit to do in Bozeman that day.
788
789 Q1: Okay.
790
791 A: That's when he checked on his bear.
792
793 Q1: Okay.
794
795 A: Yeah.
796
797 Q: Okay. The same time or no obviously a different year.
798
799 A1: No, I got another year.
800
801 Q1: Yeah. Uh, gotcha. Uh, so went in to Bozeman, checked it. There's obviously
802 some issue. Did you have that document here? This is under penalty of
803 perjury, right?
804
805 A: Mm-hm.
806
807 Q: Essentially, I swear to affirm pursuant to the department acquisition, yada -
808 yada. This information is true and correct.
809
810 A: Mm-hm.

811
812 Q1: That's essentially what that is all saying with your signature there. This is not
813 correct. Uh, excuse me down here, 9 South - 9 East -15 section. That's - as
814 you look here. We're here.
815
816 A: Yeah. I was confused on this when I was in there...
817
818 Q1: Okay.
819
820 A: ...talking to that gal.
821
822 Q1: Well here's (Rail), St. Butte. There's Buffalo right here. So that shot - the -
823 the dead animals right in here. Okay.
824
825 A: All righty.
826
827 Q1: You put this almost 2 miles up as your section 12129.
828
829 A: Uh-uh. That annoys me.
830
831 Q1: Uh, right here. It's right here where probably the like this.
832
833 A: I see.
834
835 Q1: So that's not - you're in Section 15. Again 15. Right there.
836
837 A: Yeah, 15. Excuse me.
838
839 Q: You put it right by [REDACTED] in that section.
840
841 A: Yeah.
842
843 Q: Which is sort of a red flag when we were looking at the form.
844
845 Q1: Yeah. 'Cause [REDACTED] knows everything. Well at least he knows everything
846 that's goin' on in his sections. Yeah.
847
848 A: Mm-hm.
849
850 Q1: Um, he - he just happened to be in the - during - at the rodeo during that week.
851
852 A: So I should have put like 21.
853
854 Q1: Well no, I mean, you shouldn't have put anything. 'Cause you were in
855 Yellowstone.

856
857 Q: I mean, what - what we're gettin' at with checking the line then it is - is we
858 rely on this data, number 1. And number 2, we do - and I talked to (Trey)
859 about this. We - I do rely on you guys to be honest when you're checking
860 these critters in. And, I mean, pulling Section 15 is - is you're - I get it. You're
861 in a position where what do you do. You shot the lion in the park. But you're
862 2 mi - 2-1/2 miles from where you shot it.
863
864 A: Yeah.
865
866 Q: So and - and you don't just pick - you know what I'm sayin'?
867
868 A: Mm-hm.
869
870 Q: Like you look at a map and 'cause there's Section 15...
871
872 A: Mm-hm.
873
874 Q: ...which is what they both.
875
876 Q1: What was your first name, sir?
877
878 A: [REDACTED]
879
880 Q1: Can I call you [REDACTED]
881
882 A1: Oh I honestly.
883
884 Q1: I just don't wanna keep calling you dad.
885
886 A: I wanna say, yeah.
887
888 Q: You know what I mean, like looking at it from our side of the point it's crucial
889 to know, yeah, that's it's - it's - you swear on this form that - that's where
890 you're killed it.
891
892 A: Yeah.
893
894 Q: ...and it's obvious that you didn't. So at that point you knew that you killed it
895 in the park.
896
897 Q1: Have y'all hunted down that area before?
898
899 A: No.
900

901 Q1: Have you hunted that area?

902
903 A: Never.

904
905 Q1: Never. How do you know [REDACTED]

906
907 A: I heard stories about legendary [REDACTED]

908
909 Q1: Um, cool. All right. Well one of the things is I'm not - I'm not into lecturing.
910 I'm just trying to in fact-finding thing with this kinda like shows lecturing, but
911 it's not. What if that - if you're ever confronted with a similar circumstance or
912 anything like that - when you're in the park and he donned you for that matter.
913 I'm sure (Drew) agree, um, but with the park it's fairly well known that if an
914 animal goes in there, it's - it's not retrievable.

915
916 A: Mm-hm.

917
918 Q1: And you - I'm sure you heard about that within the area that people have had,
919 you know, they shot bulls and they slide back into the park. And half the
920 animals in and half of it's out and people can't retrieve it. You know.

921
922 A: Yeah.

923
924 Q1: I mean, like they can take the back quarter or something. You know what I
925 mean. It's like that - that's how strict the park is about that stuff. Um,
926 historically what would happen as hounds men, you know, you guys aren't the
927 first ones to run cats in this area. And you can't always control where your
928 dogs gonna go much less a cat. So if it goes into the park, you know, a lot of
929 times what those folks will do is they'll call and they'll say, "Hey retreat a cat.
930 We're pullin' the dogs. We just want to let you know they went in the park
931 and we're gonna come out." They wouldn't shoot it. Obviously that's - that's
932 where the major error occurred here. The second major error occurred in the
933 fact that you did not alert (Drew) or the Park Service that - that incident
934 occurred in here. And now we're three or four weeks after the fact 'cause I'm
935 hearing about it. You know, we ended up getting a lot of this information from
936 a guy in Bozeman off of Facebook. 'Cause you guys put a bunch of stuff on
937 social media, you know, which is fairly common seems like all the time any
938 more anyway. Um, are those three photos that you had, uh, you sent, are those
939 the only ones that you took photos of or do you have videos of?

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941 A: Those are the only ones that are on my phone, you know.

942
943 Q1: Okay. Do- are they the only ones that you're in possession of?

944
945 A: No, I have another photo.

946
947 Q1: Okay. Can we see that one?
948
949 A: It's one that (Trey) took on Snapchat.
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951 Q1: And say it again.
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953 A: It's one that (Trey) took on Snapchat.
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955 Q1: Snapchat. Gotcha.
956
957 A: There's a better one.
958
959 Q1: Okay. Can you - can you send that to (Drew) as well, if you have the chance?
960
961 A: Yeah.
962
963 Q1: If it - if you're comin' with that.
964
965 A: I was just looking through and I'm like, "I thought I had better ones."
966
967 Q1: Um, do you have questions on anything else that's goin' on?
968
969 Q: Nope. I just that - that - did, you know. I - I not - I'm gonna lecture for a
970 second because I'm really frustrated with (Austin Peterson) and (Trey) on this.
971 Like I don't deal with you much because you're not checking in critters and -
972 you guys have to police yourselves out there. You've gotta do this right.
973
974 A: Yeah. If I would have known I was like in the park, I - there is no question in
975 my mind...
976
977 Q: No.
978
979 A: ...that I would not shot that cat.
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981 Q: And I...
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983 A: And even if I would have had the slightest like...
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985 Q: Yeah.
986
987 A: ...inkling.
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989 Q: Yeah. I - I think where we're at now is like when I talked to (Trey), you know,
990 there was so many - we're - you're - you're feeding into the anti-hunting of

991 this of prey of predators with dogs and wool (unintelligible), but you know
992 how this stuff goes down there like that. The buffer zone, um, you're feeding
993 into this. Do - do you see where I'm going down, like the...
994

995 A1: I do. You know, when you seem to hit buffer zone, I'm...

996
997 Q1: There is no buffer zone.

998
999 Q: No, I'm sorry. I'm talking for wolves.

1000
1001 A1: I know. I was just - isn't there a buffer zone?

1002
1003 Q1: No.

1004
1005 A1: On the south side of Big Sky.

1006
1007 Q: That's for Elk hunting.

1008
1009 A1: So I mean, how come that same - your close line doesn't carry all the way
1010 through?

1011
1012 Q: What do you mean? So there's a buffer zone over here for hunting Elk like a
1013 permit.

1014
1015 A: Yeah.

1016
1017 Q: There's only ten permits that we give so...

1018
1019 Q1: This is the boundary no matter what.

1020
1021 Q: Yeah. And they can't hunt in the park.

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1023 A1: I know that. But...

1024
1025 Q: Yeah. But FWP has a buffer.

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1027 A1: Like all the way from the park to 320 Ranch Buffalo Horn. Wherever that is.

1028
1029 Q: It's - I know where you're - that's - there...

1030
1031 A1: That's basically the buffer zone for Elk.

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1033 Q: For Elk because we've instituted that season, you know, for at Trophy Bull
1034 Management area.

1035

1036 A1: Yeah
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1038 Q: And I think there's ten permits or less.
1039
1040 A1: Okay. It's not a...
1041
1042 Q: It's not...
1043
1044 A: It's not that you're close to Yellowstone zone.
1045
1046 Q: No - no - no, it's - it's, uh, it's, uh, it's a buffer zone tag. It's - we - the
1047 numbers have dropped and so we don't institute unlimited permits there
1048 anymore. The park line has always been...
1049
1050 A1: This is a huge scenario. It's not like a private property was, but it's crossed.
1051
1052 Q: Exactly.
1053
1054 Q1: No, it's very - this is - it's a big deal in fact that essentially what you're in
1055 violation of something called the Lacey Act. And the Lacey Act talks about
1056 essentially there's a double prong to the Lacey Act. One of them - there's the
1057 Lacey Act can go into some felony stuff. Um, where tools of the trade are
1058 seized. So tools that are used in a crime to include, firearms, pickups,
1059 backpacks, camouflage, uh, GPSs, et cetera - et cetera to be seized. Um, that's
1060 one part of it. There's also portions of where it could be felonies. So if there's
1061 some kind of commercial gain in this, so I don't know did you payoff so they
1062 go on this trip.
1063
1064 A: No.
1065
1066 Q1: Okay. So...
1067
1068 A: It my burden.
1069
1070 Q1: I understand. Like you know to say those, uh, there's a payment that exceeds
1071 \$350. So you give him 400 bucks to on a lion hunt with him. You harvest the
1072 lion here and it's taken illegally and then moved. That's another prong of
1073 Lacey, which can be a felony prong. What we're dealing with here tends to be
1074 a misdemeanor prong, ideally. And what I will - what I would like to do and
1075 I'm sure you're gonna be comfortable with this, is I'm gonna ask my, um,
1076 attorney, the one that deals with this, the United States attorney guy that deals
1077 with this - we're gonna recommend that he pursues a misdemeanor charges.
1078 So misdemeanors like drinking, you know, like drinking under age. That's a
1079 misdemeanor. Um, doing something like that, you know. It's not exactly the
1080 same class, but there's different classes of misdemeanors, but that's what

1081 you're looking at. It's not a felony that you're gonna lose your firearm
1082 privileges. Things like that. I don't know how it's gonna work with hunting. It
1083 depends on what the prosecutor and that kind of stuff says. Um, a lot of it has
1084 to do with the fact that you guys have been so easy to talk to today. That's the
1085 only reason why I'm gonna recommend a lot of those things. Is 'cause all
1086 three of you boys are very forthcoming once we approached you. That being
1087 said we're four weeks after the facts. So the leniency - the leniency jar is
1088 pretty thin right now. You know what I mean? So the fact that we had to
1089 spend that much time, I busted my ass on the same cliff you did, tryin' to find
1090 that friggin' spot. So that was - it was - it was a bear to get in there. That's
1091 kind of a pain in the butt. So that's the issue. Um, Lacey is a huge - huge
1092 crime. It has huge penalties and it can have fallout that can last your whole
1093 life. Um, so I would - we're - we're goin' to pursue the misdemeanor version
1094 of that. With that being said, I want you to understand how close you were to
1095 completely life altering mistake in that regard. And it doesn't matter that you
1096 necessarily didn't realize you were in the park 'til you saw those boundary
1097 signs on the way back in. You know you saw boundary signs on the way in.
1098 They had the red-orange or had the orange blazes. And you saw boundary
1099 signs on the way out that had orange blazes between the three of you. Right?

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1101 A: I was by myself on the way out.

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1103 Q1: Like I said you eventually saw the orange blazes on the way out.

1104

1105 A: Yeah.

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1107 Q1: One of the other guys mentioned that you guys saw it on the way in. So what
1108 I'm sayin' is that's, uh, there's some issues there, right? So, I mean, we're
1109 gonna have to account for it. But it certainly is helpful that you guys spoke
1110 today candidly versus making us really pry it further.

1111

1112 A: You know like, this was crazy and an honest mistake and all this and...

1113

1114 Q1: Yeah.

1115

1116 Q: No, I get it. Uh, just in the future if you, you know, we teach this in hunter
1117 safety if you make a mistake...

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1119 A: Oh yeah.

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1121 Q: ...I mean, I'm pretty easy to work with. And - and (Trey) admitted this that -
1122 that - and I would have got - I would have got (Jake) in the look on this and
1123 said, "Hey," you know, you kinda - we could - we're kinda able to work
1124 through situations to an extent. I mean, there's still gonna be some
1125 accountability, but it's - it's - you make a mistake, you turn yourself in. And I

1126 get that.
1127
1128 A: Yeah.
1129
1130 Q: Like it's not very easy to say, "Hey this is what I did." But...
1131
1132 A: Yeah. If you're speeding you're not gonna turn yourself in.
1133
1134 Q: Exactly. Exactly and I get that. But a little bit. But I take it, "No, that's - that's
1135 a little bit. I mean, when you take a cat to Bozeman and try to check it in as a
1136 month - this isn't even considered in their own sovereign like this is...
1137
1138 Q1: It's exclusive jurisdiction. So we don't answer to the State (unintelligible).
1139
1140 Q: So the quota is affected by you turning in the cat. Considering it trying to play
1141 it off as a Montana cat. Quota shut down, 'cause you cat went on the quota.
1142 That cat shouldn't of went on a quota. So there's some hounds men that - that
1143 are frustrated that the quota closed. Um, because not - your cat wasn't the one
1144 that closed it, but it counted on the quota.
1145
1146 A: Yeah.
1147
1148 Q1: And see Wyoming is like right here. You know so, you're like - you're right
1149 in there. It's a little nerve-racking, but, um, do you have questions about it that
1150 you'd like to know the answer to - anything I can answer for you before we
1151 get out of your hair?
1152
1153 A: When will I see you guys next?
1154
1155 Q1: Well that's - we'll figure that out. We have to document everything and
1156 present it to the United States Attorney and then he'll look at it with our
1157 recommendations and decide what's forthcoming. Um, depending on, you
1158 know, this United States Attorney in particular, he tends to do a lot of plea
1159 deals. Um, I don't believe you have any prior offenses from what I looked at,
1160 is that accurate? So if there's no prior offenses for most these guys, I think
1161 there's a couple small fi- a couple small wild life crimes for one of the other
1162 guys.
1163
1164 Q: Yep.
1165
1166 Q1: Um, but for yourself and one of the other guys, I don't think there's any
1167 priors. So that's factored into it. Um, all that kind of stuff so. That's - you'll -
1168 you'll be hearing from us sooner than later especially once he gets the
1169 consideration. He'll reach out to ya. Um, just so I do know how to get a hold
1170 of you, would you be willing to - or I can write it down, um, how about all

1171 your contact info, name, address, and phone number, you know.
1172
1173 A: You want that right now?
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1175 Q1: Yes, sir. Yeah. And your date of birth. How old are you?
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1177 A: Nineteen.
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1179 Q1: Nineteen. Are you workin' at all?
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1181 A: Uh, unemployed at the moment.
1182
1183 Q1: Yeah. I know the feeling. I work for the federal government, so...
1184
1185 A: All right.
1186
1187 Q: You work around here?
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1189 A1: Mm-hm.
1190
1191 Q1: Where do you work?
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1193 A1: All over.
1194
1195 Q1: You a contractor or...
1196
1197 A1: Mm-hm.
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1199 Q1: Okay.
1200
1201 A: What else did you need to know?
1202
1203 Q1: Name, date of birth, uh, age. And then, uh, phone number and address, please.
1204
1205 A: Yeah. We bounce around from [REDACTED]
1206
1207 Q1: What kind of work is it?
1208
1209 A1: Concrete.
1210
1211 Q1: Oh okay.
1212
1213 Q: Housing markets booming, so I'm assumin' you guys are busy.
1214
1215 A1: We're busy.

1216
1217 Q1: I talked to the inspector yesterday, he says it's gonna drop. He thinks it's just
1218 gonna fall out the sky.
1219
1220 Q1: Yeah. It's - he said the faucet's runnin' dry out in Bozeman town.
1221
1222 A: Let's see. I think that's what you...
1223
1224 Q1: Yeah. All right. I'm gonna give you - do you have a pen somewhere and a
1225 piece of paper. Where's it at? Let me - let write - I'm gonna write down my
1226 name and number on her for ya. If you or your dad or anybody's got questions
1227 about somethin' that - that you're dealin' with here, call me and let me know.
1228 And I'll help answer it for you.
1229
1230 A: All right.
1231
1232 Q1: All right.
1233
1234 Q: Yeah. If you have any questions, call. I mean, this isn't like there's no secret
1235 squirrel stuff going on here. We're not gonna - at least I think that's fair to
1236 say. Like we just...
1237
1238 A1: We don't have your number.
1239
1240 A: Can I see the rest of those photos?
1241
1242 Q1: The ones that you have.
1243
1244 Q: These ones.
1245
1246 Q1: I just showed them to ya, didn't I? Didn't you just have them?
1247
1248 A: I didn't get those.
1249
1250 Q1: Yeah.
1251
1252 A1: We probably would have called you if we didn't. If we had your number.
1253
1254 Q: Yeah.
1255
1256 A1: But not everybody has your number.
1257
1258 Q1: (Austin) does though. So does (Trey). So does FWP.
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1260 A1: (Unintelligible). No, it's just we're - we go to Bozeman so much and that's

1261 just.
1262
1263 Q: Oh called him to check it and...
1264
1265 A1: Yeah.
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1267 Q: Gotcha.
1268
1269 A1: And we got stuff right by the college to do and...
1270
1271 Q1: Here you go, sir.
1272
1273 Q: The photo the one you were just lookin' at, this is the - essentially the
1274 Facebook or Instagram photo right here.
1275
1276 A: Hey, I didn't see that.
1277
1278 Q: The tree.
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1280 A: Yep.
1281
1282 Q: Tree.
1283
1284 A: Rock.
1285
1286 Q: The rock. It's probably still got snow on it, but, um...
1287
1288 Q1: That's just an overview of the same place.
1289
1290 A1: Yeah. These guys they hoofed around in there all day long.
1291
1292 Q1: It went for a 2-hour day to a 9-hour day pretty quick.
1293
1294 A1: Yeah. So they know the country you were in there.
1295
1296 Q1: Well how much meat did you take out by the way, I forgot to ask?
1297
1298 A: Two steaks.
1299
1300 Q1: Did you eat 'em or...
1301
1302 A: Yeah.
1303
1304 Q1: So you took out two off the rear hands or...
1305

1306 A: The were in the rear, yeah.
1307
1308 Q1: Yeah.
1309
1310 A: I think one in the back strap.
1311
1312 Q1: Okay. Hopefully you cooked it well, so you don't get Trichinosis and that's
1313 (unintelligible).
1314
1315 A: No, I didn't actually eat it.
1316
1317 Q1: Oh yeah. I heard lion's pretty good though.
1318
1319 A1: And I was - I've had it before I asked him, "Did you bring any meat home?"
1320 He said...
1321
1322 Q1: So just I think everybody's worried that we're gonna lose the cat for sure.
1323
1324 Q: That's obvious, I think, but I wanted to.
1325
1326 A1: I did not know that.
1327
1328 Q: You can't possess it 'cause it wasn't taken legally, so.
1329
1330 A1: Well I'm sure it's up at a tannery in [REDACTED] right now.
1331
1332 Q: We've already located it. So we're good.
1333
1334 A1: That's...
1335
1336 Q1: You got questions on those photos?
1337
1338 A: I mean, I'm here to tell you I never seen one of those white signs.
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1340 Q1: You saw the orange ones though, right?
1341
1342 A: I've seen the orange square.
1343
1344 Q1: Yeah. And some of those might lose those. Hunters like to pull those
1345 sometimes. But, it's a physical and visual boundary for people to reference.
1346 'Cause that can, you know it runs at a catawampus angle there. But, um...
1347
1348 Q: You know, and for the future it's kind like if you're hunting a private ranch
1349 and your GPS breaks down and you're seeing things that you - you're in
1350 unfamiliar territory.

INTERVIEW WITH CORBIN SIMMONS

Interviewer: SA Jake Olson

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1351
1352 A1: Mm-hm.
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1354 Q: It's probably good to back out and especially when you guys released your
1355 dogs a little over the park line and you're - the chase is on. My understanding
1356 is you kicked your dogs loose at daylight and you shot the lion around 11:00.
1357 So daylight is 6:30-ish. So in four hours, roughly.
1358
1359 A: Yeah. That and town.
1360
1361 Q: Five hours.
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1363 A1: Mm-hm.
1364
1365 Q: In five hours you can cover a mile. A human can in 20 minutes. So your dogs
1366 can cover it in, in 5 to 10 minutes.
1367
1368 A1: Oh yeah.
1369
1370 Q: So look in front of common sense. Five hours later you're gonna end up in no
1371 man's land. Theoretically. With not knowing where you're at it would...
1372
1373 Q1: Yeah. Where do you eat chow by the way like when you guys went and ate...
1374
1375 A: Next town.
1376
1377 Q1: No, God that morning you guys left after you picked the guns up.
1378
1379 A: Oh, we just went to the gas station and came through
1380
1381 Q1: In Gardner.
1382
1383 A: Yeah.
1384
1385 Q1: Okay. All right.
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1387 Q: All right guys. Corbin I appreciate it.
1388
1389 A: Yep.
1390
1391 Q: Good to meet ya.
1392
1393 A: Yep.
1394
1395 Q: Sorry for the situation you have here.

1396
1397 Q1: Well I wish you a nice week or this nice weekend or whatever up at the
1398 fishing anywhere, right.
1399
1400 Q: Were you up there for a couple days?
1401
1402 A1: Uh, we went up Monday morning.
1403
1404 Q: Oh wow. Is the ice getting a little a sketchy?
1405
1406 A1: No, it's the only place that has good ice. The river was 6-1/2 inches. It was a
1407 little sketchy, but the bay was 10 to 12.
1408
1409 Q1: Did they have any snow up there?
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1411 A1: Zero.
1412
1413 Q1: Zero.
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1415 A1: So just like here. And it was probably one of the worse trips ever. Do you like
1416 our fish?
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1418 Q1: No.
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1420 A1: Your judge.
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1422 Q1: Bye guys.
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1424 Q: Have a good day guys. Thank you.
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1426 Q1: We'll be in touch.
1427
1428 Q: End of interview at 14:55 on January 10, 2019, Corbin and father.
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1431 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
1432 transcription.
1433 Signed _____

INTERVIEW WITH AUSTIN PETERSON

Q=Special Agent (Jake) Olson

Q1=Ranger Brian Helms

A=Austin Peterson

Q: This is a telephonic interview, attempt to contact Austin Peterson. Present for interview, Ranger Brian Helms, Special Agent (Jake Olson). It is currently, um, 0929 hours on January 15, 2019.

Q1: You don't want - I'm not gonna (unintelligible). Do I need - I don't need to Mirandize him, do I?

Q: Not over the phone.

A: Hello.

Q1: Austin, Brian Helms in Yellowstone. How are you today?

A: Good. How are you?

Q1: I'm doing well. How's things going?

A: Oh, pretty good.

Q1: Good. Hey, we're, ah, trying to put all of our, ah, notes together here from our interviews the other day. I got a couple more questions I need to ask you. Um...

A: Uh-huh.

Q1: ...so (Corbin) states that you shot that, ah, cat as well. I need to know how many times you shot and with what, ah, firearm you used.

A: Um, I just had my pistol with me.

Q1: Okay.

A: And...

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47 Q1: How many times did you shoot?
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49 A: Ah, I don't know. Maybe once or twice.
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51 Q1: Once or twice? Okay. All right.
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53 A: I just wanted to make sure when it was - came out of the tree that it wasn't
54 gonna be still alive.
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56 Q1: Okay. And what - what pistol do you have?
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58 A: I just have a 45.
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60 Q1: And what make, model?
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62 A: Ah, it's a 1911.
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64 Q1: Oh cool.
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66 A: Ruger.
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68 Q1: Okay. Cool. Um, and then, ah, there was a question about Trey, ah, climbed
69 the tree and kicked a cat out. Was that a - was that the female that you guys
70 turned out on first or was that, ah, the tom that you guys wound up, um,
71 shooting?
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73 A: Ah, no. That - we did not catch that female. That - that was that tom.
74
75 Q1: Okay.
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77 A: There was that video I sent you...
78
79 Q1: Okay.
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81 A: ...of it coming down out of that tree.
82
83 Q1: Right, okay.
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85 A: But he didn't climb up to it but he went up there a few feet, then he got scared
86 and came back down.
87
88 Q1: Okay. Yeah. So, all right. Um, so you guys didn't - you guys didn't shoot at
89 him the first time he was in the tree?
90

91 A: Uh-uh. No. He - he just went up there and then that cat got nervous and they'll
92 jump a lot if they get nervous when you're there.
93

94 Q1: Okay. Um...

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96 A: And so he jumped and then went a couple hundred yards and then the dogs
97 caught him again.
98

99 Q1: Okay, the one - one thing too that we're curious about in the interview with
100 (Corbin) was that he stated he only had a couple rounds in his handgun. Um,
101 had he - do you know what happened to the other - other rounds that he had in
102 there? Did...
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104 A: Ah, I really don't know what that would be about.
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106 Q1: Because that - yeah, it didn't make sense that he had just a couple rounds and
107 then he borrowed another pistol and, ah...
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109 A: Yeah, I don't - I don't know anything about that.
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111 Q1: Okay. And then also we need to clarify, um, and, ah, that Trey also shot that,
112 ah, lion with his 40?
113

114 A: Mm-hm.
115

116 Q1: Okay. All right. And how many times did Trey shoot?
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118 A: Ah, I don't know. (Corbin) shot - honestly I can't really say but he shot a few
119 times and then that thing started to bail and me and Trey both shot.
120

121 Q1: Okay.
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123 A: Because we didn't want it to come out and, you know, being all wounded and
124 stuff so.
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126 Q1: Right. Okay. So when you - when you actually finally killed the - killed the
127 cat, was it - was it at that big rock? Is that where it was at?
128

129 A: Yeah, so it - it jumped out of the tree and took off and probably went, I don't
130 know, like maybe 80 yards, just like kind of side hilled.
131

132 Q1: Okay.
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134 A: And laid up under this big rock and we went over there. It was under that rock
135 and Trey gave (Corbin) his pistol because (Corbin) was out of bullets...

136
137 Q1: All right.
138
139 A: ...and (Corbin) shot it.
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141 Q1: Okay. So the - the cat was wounded when he got to the - to the rock?
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143 A: Ah, yeah he was laid up under it.
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145 Q1: Okay. All right. Okay. Um, and then, ah, where did you - where did you guys
146 actually shoot the cat at? Did you...
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148 A: What do you mean by that?
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150 Q1: Did you - did - initially when you shot him, did you like shoot him in the chest
151 or was it a gut shot or is that?
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153 A: Ah, I don't know. There was most of - or I don't know how many rounds were
154 in it but they were pretty much all in the chest area I think.
155
156 Q1: Okay. And so both - both you and, ah, (Corbin) were shooting initially?
157
158 A: Ah, well we just had (Corbin) shoot it and then as it started bailing we...
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160 Q1: And - and then everybody opened up on it?
161
162 A: Yeah.
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164 Q1: Okay.
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166 A: Yeah, and I realized it looked like he was coming out.
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168 Q1: Okay. And then so all three of you - all three of you shot when the lion was in
169 the tree or coming out of the tree?
170
171 A: Uh-huh.
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173 Q1: Okay. All right. That's what I needed to clarify. All right. Well, um, if I have
174 any more questions I will get a hold of you again and so I appreciate your
175 cooperation.
176
177 A: Uh-huh.
178
179 Q1: Um, so just so you know, um, we're still compiling all of our notes and doing
180 our paperwork and stuff here so we will definitely be in touch with you again

INTERVIEW WITH AUSTIN PETERSON

Interviewer: Ranger Brian Helms

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181 here in the near future so. And with the - with the shutdown going on I don't
182 know how that's gonna affect the process here, but it is gonna affect it to a
183 certain extent as far as delays go.

184
185 A: Okay.

186
187 Q1: Um, but we'll, ah, we'll try and get this behind us as soon as we can, so.

188
189 A: Okay.

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191 Q1: All righty?

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193 A: Thank you.

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195 Q1: All right, thank you sir.

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197 A: Yep.

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199 Q1: Okay.

200
201 A: Bye.

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203 Q1: Bye.

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205 Q: End of interview at 0934, January 15, 2019 with Austin Peterson.

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208 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
209 transcription.

210 Signed _____

INTERVIEW WITH TREY JUHNKE

Q=Special Agent (Jake) Olson

Q1=Ranger Brian Helms

A=Trey Juhnke

Q: This is attempt to contact Trey Juhnke on January 15, 2019 at 0938 hours. Present for interview in Brian Helms and Special Agent Olson. This a telephonic interview. I might do it over here so he knows it's coming from the park.

Q1: (Unintelligible).

Q: Oh yeah, it probably is.

Q1: It'll say unavailable.

Q: Yeah. I'll do it from my - he probably won't answer a [REDACTED] number but.

A: Hello.

Q: Hey, is this Trey?

A: Yeah.

Q: Hey it's (Jake) Olson, Special Agent from the Park Service. How are you?

A: Good, how are you?

Q: Good. You - am I catching you at an okay time?

A: Yeah, I'm at work but I'm all right.

Q: Okay. Hey, I gotta clarify something. We're just putting our notes together here to make sure everything is squared away. Um, we talked to Austin and (Corbin) and just wanted to kind of clarify here with you. So how many rounds did you put into that cat when it came out of the tree?

A: I didn't put any into the cat.

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47 Q: Well according to - according to those guys you shot it when it came out of
48 the tree with them.
49
50 A: Huh. No, I had a hold of the dogs. Like I told you in my story before I had a
51 hold of my dog and another dog and I did not shoot.
52
53 Q: Okay. Well, I'm not sure what the deal is then because Austin mentioned that
54 (Corbin) shot and then you and him both shot because you were afraid that it
55 wasn't gonna die when it was coming out of the tree and then went down to
56 that rock, you know, it side hilled for like 80 yards, went down to that rock to
57 - to kind of die and that's when you loaned your pistol to (Corbin) to finish it
58 off because he had left his gun or did something stupid. So the, ah, I'm just
59 trying to clarify that portion.
60
61 A: Yeah. Yeah, that day I only had three bullets in my pistol and like I told you,
62 (Corbin) shot it three times.
63
64 Q: Why would you...
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66 A: That second time with my pistol.
67
68 Q: Why would you only have three bullets in a semiautomatic pistol?
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70 A: I don't know.
71
72 Q: Because the weird thing about this, that's what (Corbin) said too is he only
73 had three rounds in his gun. Is that - I'm - I'm missing why that's a standard
74 here.
75
76 A: Well I'm not - I'm not saying that's a standard. I just - like I'm saying, I was
77 worried about that day as we were going out there because it was still early in
78 December and I was thinking hopefully we don't run into a grizzly bear
79 because I only have three rounds and I'm shooting a 40, but I'm telling you
80 right now I only had three rounds in my pistol when I left the truck and when
81 we got to that cat the second time, (Corbin) shot it three times with my pistol
82 so.
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84 Q: Where were the rest of your rounds?
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86 A: I was out. That was the...
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88 Q: Well what did you...
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90 A: ...last of my 50 bullets.

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92 Q: What had you shot of them?
93
94 A: What?
95
96 Q: Where did the other ones go? Where did the other 47 go?
97
98 A: I've had that box of bullets since I've had that gun. I haven't even - I probably
99 shot that gun less than 60 times.
100
101 Q: Okay.
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103 A: So.
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105 Q: Well, so what's the deal there then? So is this...
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107 A: I'm kind of wondering why the fuck (Corbin) is telling you guys that I shot it
108 when I didn't.
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110 Q: Well Aust- Austin just told me that right now.
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112 A: Austin did?
113
114 Q: Yeah.
115
116 A: Huh. Huh. This is all weird that my friends are saying that I did something
117 that I didn't but.
118
119 Q: Well...
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121 A: I mean I - I'm sure they might have said that. When did you talk to them? Was
122 this when you guys first talked to us or what?
123
124 Q: I just talked to Austin five minutes ago, or well, Ranger - Ranger Helms, the
125 guy that's in that white Dodge, he just talked to him...
126
127 A: Yeah.
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129 Q: ...five minutes ago, because he interviewed Austin right after we talked. And
130 that's what I'm trying to clarify is that there's a couple things there that were -
131 were off. Your - your statement so far has been the most accurate statement
132 out of all three of them. So I'm not - I'm not trying to give you a hard time.
133 I'm not hassling you.
134
135 A: Okay.

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137 Q: That's why I'm - that's why I'm bothering to call you is because I think you
138 bullshitted us, you know, minimally if not the least at all, ah, compared to
139 those other guys. But, you know, it is - it has been stated by Austin that you
140 put a couple rounds into it. I'm just trying to clarify if that's the case. And I
141 want to clarify to you right now is that that's an easy thing to check. I mean
142 we have the - we have the hide now, and we have that - we have that cat, so if
143 you know, if there's more than some of those 40 caliber rounds in there than
144 what you're saying, you know, then you'd be intentionally lying to me and
145 that's that felony that we were talking about it, that 1001 so.
146
147 A: Yeah.
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149 Q: I don't want that to happen to you for something silly, you know. So you
150 know, if - if you did throw a couple rounds into it to keep it from, you know,
151 running any farther, so be it, I don't care. I just need to know truthfully so I
152 don't have to go and do this forensic autopsy of this cat.
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154 A: Yeah. No I'm telling you right now I didn't shoot it.
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156 Q: Okay.
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158 A: I've been at - I've been at quite a few lion shootings and the only lion I've
159 ever shot is mine.
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161 Q: Okay.
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163 A: So.
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165 Q: No problem. That's fine. So if - if - if that's the case so be it. And what was
166 yours, 2017 or something like that?
167
168 A: Yeah.
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170 Q: Yeah. All right. You got anything else for me since we talked last that you
171 want to - you want to talk about at all or anything else you wanted to say?
172
173 A: No, I'm kind of wondering what you think I should - like we've kind of been
174 talking about it. I've been hearing that I should get an attorney and stuff like
175 that. So I'm just kind of..
176
177 Q: I - I can't..
178
179 A: I've been wondering what I should be prepared for. You guys have - I know
180 it's you guys' job to not let us know what's gonna be happening but.

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182 Q: Well that's not - that's not exactly true. I can't give you legal advice in
183 regards to getting an attorney or not getting an attorney. Um, I can tell you
184 that if it's true that you didn't shoot that cat then you're in for the least amount
185 of trouble according to my rec...
186
187 A: Okay.
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189 Q: ...according to my recommendation. Um, if Austin and (Corbin) were the only
190 ones that shot it and they, ah, and Austin did shoot it, correct?
191
192 A: Yes.
193
194 Q: Yes. Okay, so just to clarify, if those guys were the only one that shot it and
195 they did the kind of the illegal take, there's - they're in for the most trouble.
196 Um, as of right now, like I said, you have given me the most accurate
197 statement and that's something that I'm gonna try to reward with my
198 recommendation to the prosecutor. So, um...
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200 A: Yeah I mean I'm not - I'm not...
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202 Q: That being...
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204 A: ...gonna lie when I'm already busted, you know.
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206 Q: Well that - right. Well that's what I'm trying to make sure. So...
207
208 A: There's nothing to lie about anymore.
209
210 Q: ...if they - if they do that - if they do that forensic - if they do that forensic
211 evaluation of the, um, cat though, and there's more than 40 - more than the 40
212 caliber bullets we talked about in there...
213
214 A: Yeah.
215
216 Q: ...ah, that's gonna be an issue so.
217
218 A: Okay.
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220 Q: So clarify with me one more time.
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222 A: I did not shoot that cat.
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224 Q: All right. Thank you Trey. That's a good - good answer. So all right. As of
225 right no, you know, I'll probably - we don't - we probably don't need to talk

226 again for right now until we get some of the stuff submitted to the court. Um,
227 this is the only real follow-up I had. But like I said, you know, between you
228 and I and not Austin and (Corbin) you're - you're the one that's given us the
229 most help so far so...

230
231 A: Okay.

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233 Q: Or the most accurate help I should say. I mean everybody talked. You're just
234 the only one that told us the - the truth for the most part so.

235
236 A: Yeah.

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238 Q: So don't - don't, you know, don't stress over it too much and if you got
239 questions you have my phone number. You can call me if you got questions.

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241 A: All right.

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243 Q: All right?

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245 A: Thank you.

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247 Q: All right man. See you.

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249 A: You have a good day.

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251 Q: Bye. Hm. End of interview, 0946.

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254 The transcript has been reviewed with the audio recording submitted and it is an accurate
255 transcription.

256 Signed_____



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Statement Form:

ON DECEMBER 12, 2018 I, AUSTIN PETERSON, TREY JUHNKE, AND CORBIN SIMMONS WENT LION HUNTING NEAR SARDINE MT. WE FOUND A LION TRACK JUST BEFORE SARDINE AND TURNED MY DOGS LOOSE. THEY RAN IT ACROSS DEKARD FLATS AND I PULLED OUT ~~MY~~ MY GPS TO SEE WHERE THEY WERE HEADED. MY GPS WAS NOT WORKING TO SHOW WHERE PROPERTY LINES WERE. I TRIED USING MY PHONE TO SEE WHERE THE PARK BOUNDARY WAS BUT I WAS ZOOMED IN AND THOUGHT THE BOUNDARY FOLLOWED THE RIVER. WE HIRED DOWN TO WHERE THEY WERE, AND DID NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA THAT WE WERE IN THE PARK. ~~WE~~ AFTER GETTING TO THE TREE, WE DECIDED IT WAS A BIG TOM. CORBIN SHOT HIM WITH HIS PISTOL, AND WE SKINNED HIM AND CUT UP THE MEAT. THEN WE HIRED OUT WITH THE HIDE AND MEAT. A FEW DAYS LATER I WAS LOOKING AT MY PHONE ON ON-X HUNT MAPS, AND REALIZED THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE WHERE CORBIN SHOT THAT LION WAS IN THE PARK. I WAS EXTREMELY WORRIED BUT DECIDED TO JUST SEE WHAT HAPPENED.

I have read this statement and have been given the opportunity to make correction thereon. I attest that this statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that I gave this statement freely and voluntarily, without coercion or reward.

Signed:

Austin Peterson

Date:

1/10/19

Time:

2:11 PM



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In December of 2016 I received a photo from I think [REDACTED] in a private message. It was a photo that where the person taking it was most definitely in Yellowstone Park. The individual said it was posted on facebook and he thought ~~it was posted~~ that a lion was killed there. I said it was for sure in the park. He replied that he was pretty sure himself but didn't know for sure. I deleted the message and thought that if all was out on facebook nothing I could do. I can't recall all the conversation but this is my recollection.

1-11-17

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Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____



Original Facebook photo posted by Austin Peterson

**Montana Fish
Wildlife & Parks**Hide Seal Number
36965Reference Number
MT-181212-113**Mountain Lion Harvest Form****Hunter Information**

Name (First) Corbin Simmons (M.L.) A Phone No. [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip [REDACTED]
 ALS Number: [REDACTED] Contact Phone No (Non-Res): [REDACTED]

Methods/Effort

Date of Harvest: 10/12/18 Time of Harvest: 11 Am License Purchase Date: 12/16/18
 Permit/Harvest Type: General License ☒ Special Permit ☐ FWP ☐ USFWS ☐ Other ☐
 Incidental Trap: ☐ If Incidental Trap, Intended Target Species: _____
 Type of weapon used: Rifle ☐ Handgun ☒ Archery ☐ Trap ☐ Other ☐
 Did you use dogs? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, name of owner Angela Peterson Phone# ()
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Name of Dog Handler (If different than owner) _____
 Did you use the services of an outfitter? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, name of outfitter _____
 How many lions did you see/encounter prior to taking this lion? 3
 Seasons Hunted: Fall ☐ Winter ☒ Both ☐

List up to 3 HDs hunted most for lions in FALL: 33 Total days in each: _____
 List up to 3 HDs hunted most for lions in WINTER: 713 Total days in each: 4
 Lions not pursued: Single Adults _____ Adults w/kittens _____ Number of kittens with Adult _____

Location of Harvest

Hunting District 313 County Park Township 95
 Creek Name, Mountain, etc. Bear Creek Range 4E
 Section 15

Biological Check Information

Sex: Male ☒ Female ☐ Age: Kitten ☐ Yearling ☐ Subadult ☒ Adult ☐ Unknown ☐
 If female, presently lactating? Yes ☐ No ☐ Tooth Collected: Yes ☐ No ☐
 Lion Parts Inspected: Skull & Hide Only ☒ Entire Lion ☐
 Ear Tags, Collars, Other Markings? Yes ☐ No ☒ Tag Color/Desc.: _____
 Remarks _____

Examiner's Name (Print) [REDACTED] Region 3 Inspection Date 12/13/18

I swear and affirm that the mountain lion was taken pursuant to Department rule which permits the acquisition of title to the mountain lion by me described on this application, and the information is true and correct. MCA 87-2-106 (6).

Signature of Hunter [Signature] Date 10/13/18

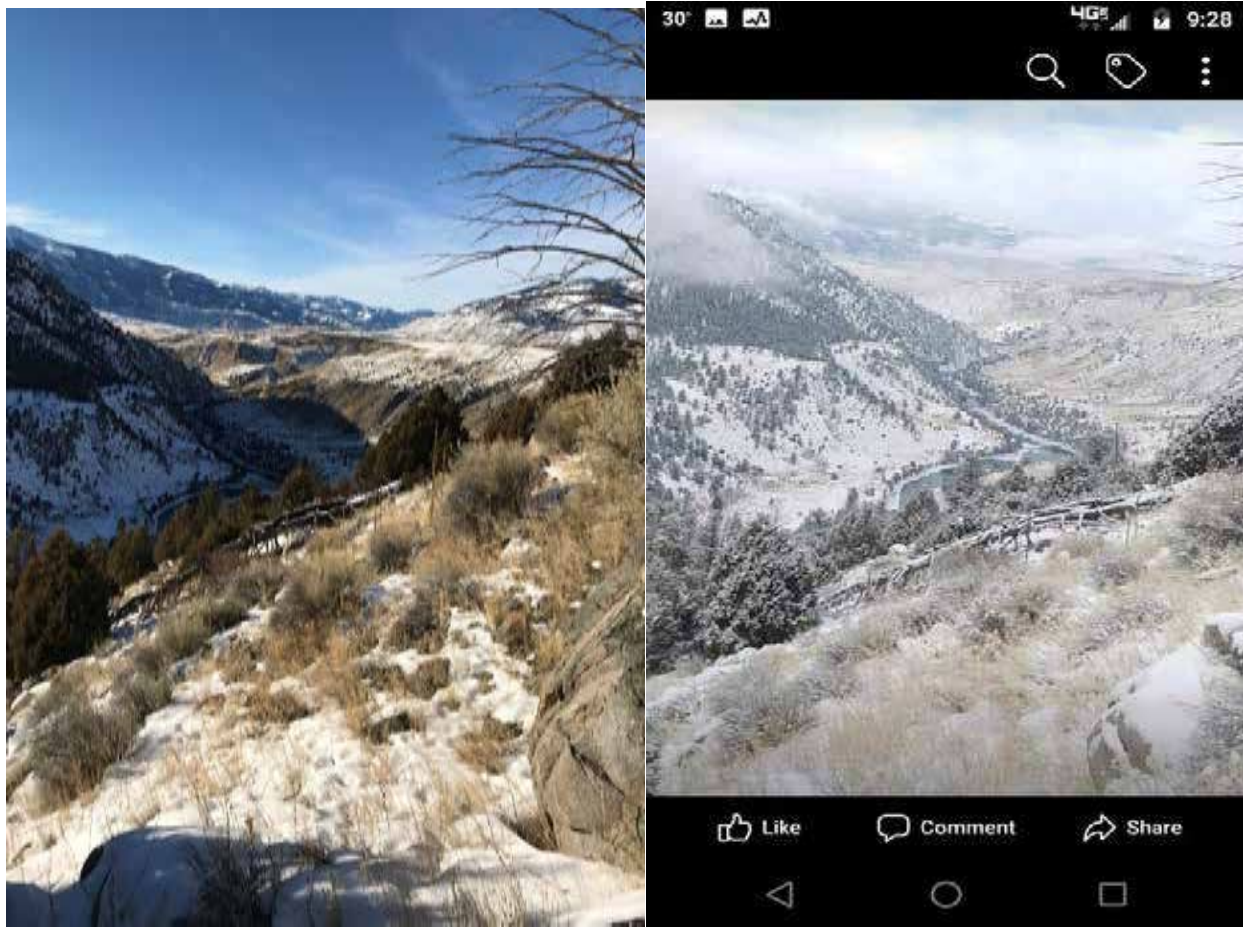
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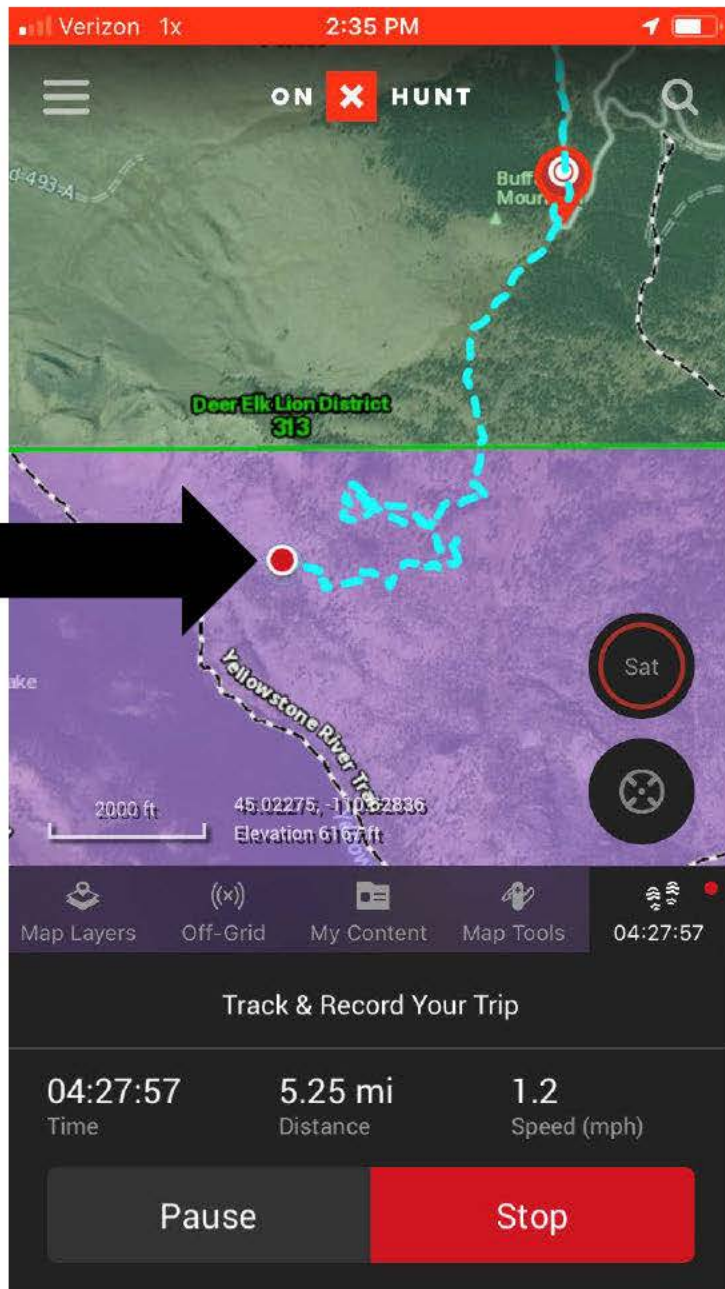
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Left Picture: Olson photo matching original Facebook photo posted by Austin Peterson.

Right Picture: Facebook photo posted by Austin Peterson.

Location Original Facebook photo posted by Austin Peterson. Within Yellowstone National Park Boundary marked in purple.



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T. Juhnke provided photos



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Boundary marker example photos near Deckard Flats.



Crevice Parking area, located North East of Deckard Flats.



Corbin Simmons with skinned lion within Yellowstone National Park boundary.



Corbin Simmons and Austin Peterson with illegally harvested lion.



Corbin Simmons and Trey Juhnke with illegally harvested lion.

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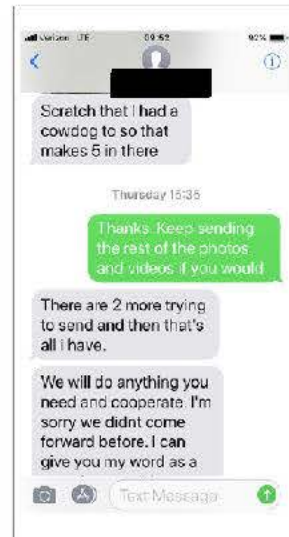
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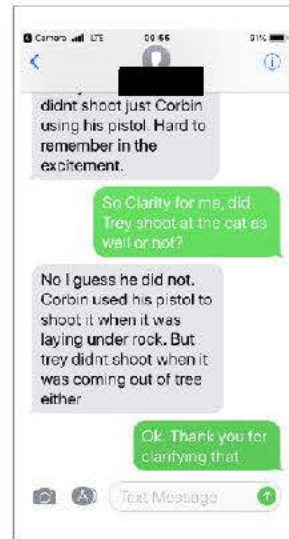
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Text message string between Ranger Helms and Austin Peterson.

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GAME WARDEN Drew Scott	BADGE NO. 38
SEIZED PROPERTY RECEIPT	
DATE, TIME OF SEIZURE 1-15-18 2019	SEIZURE TAG NO. 108287
DESCRIPTION: Mountain Lion/Hide/ Skull	
GAME WARDEN Drew Scott	MTA NO. Pending
SEIZURE TAG NO. 108287	

Montana Fish and Wildlife and Parks Evidence Seizure Tag for illegally harvested Mountain Lion taken by Corbin Simmons.

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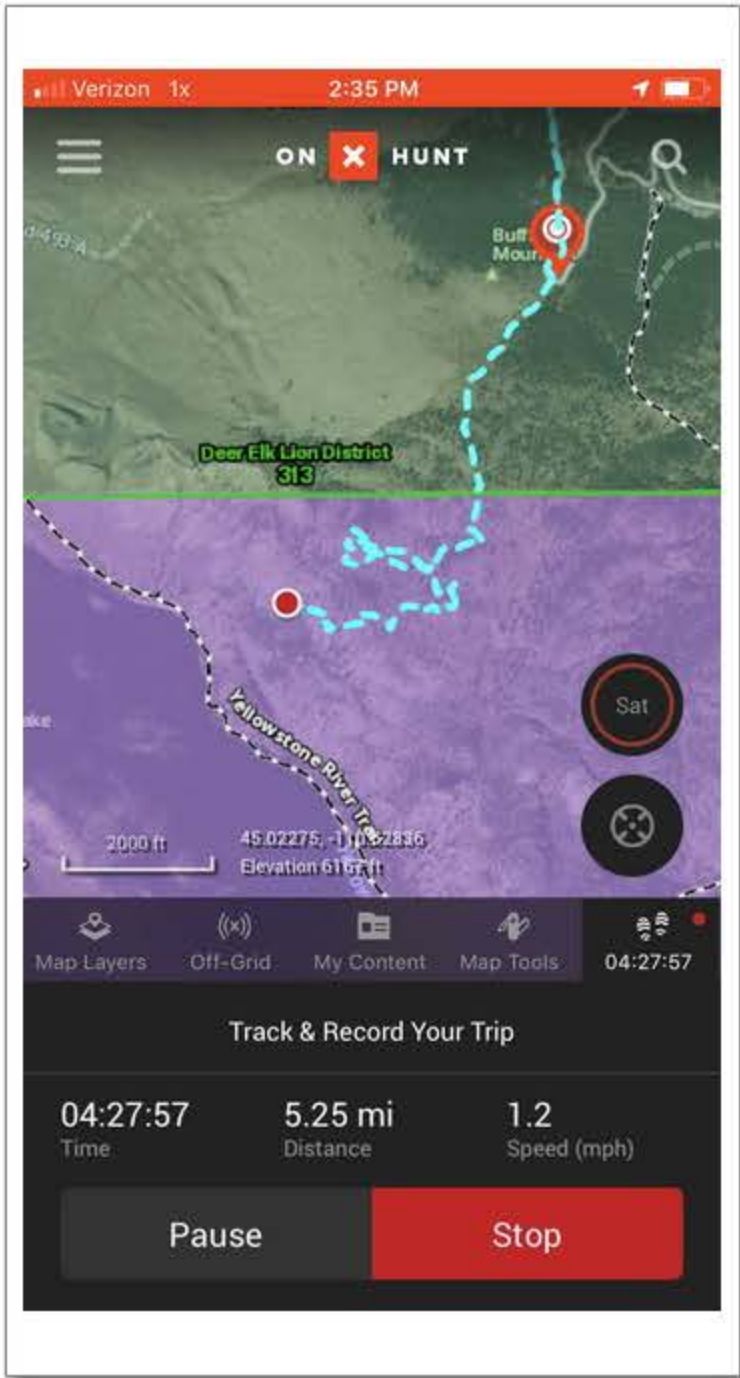
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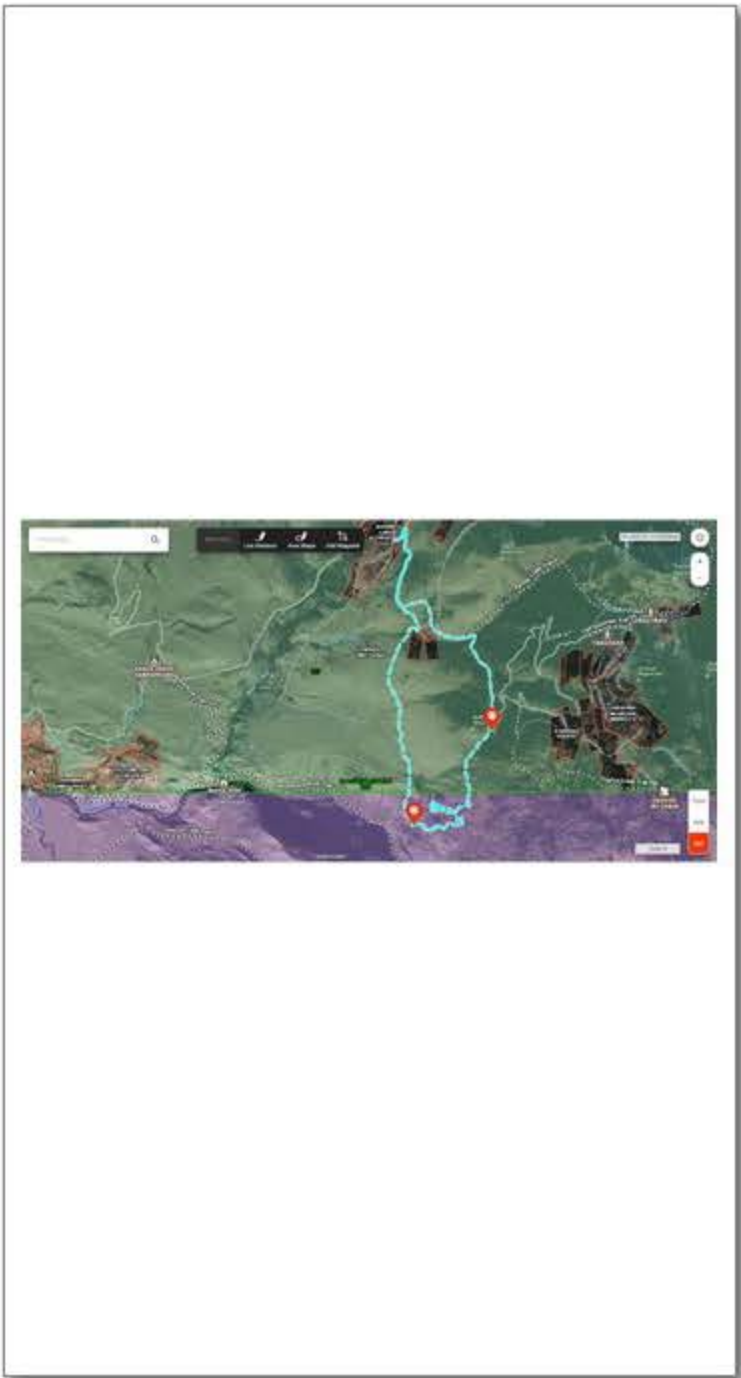
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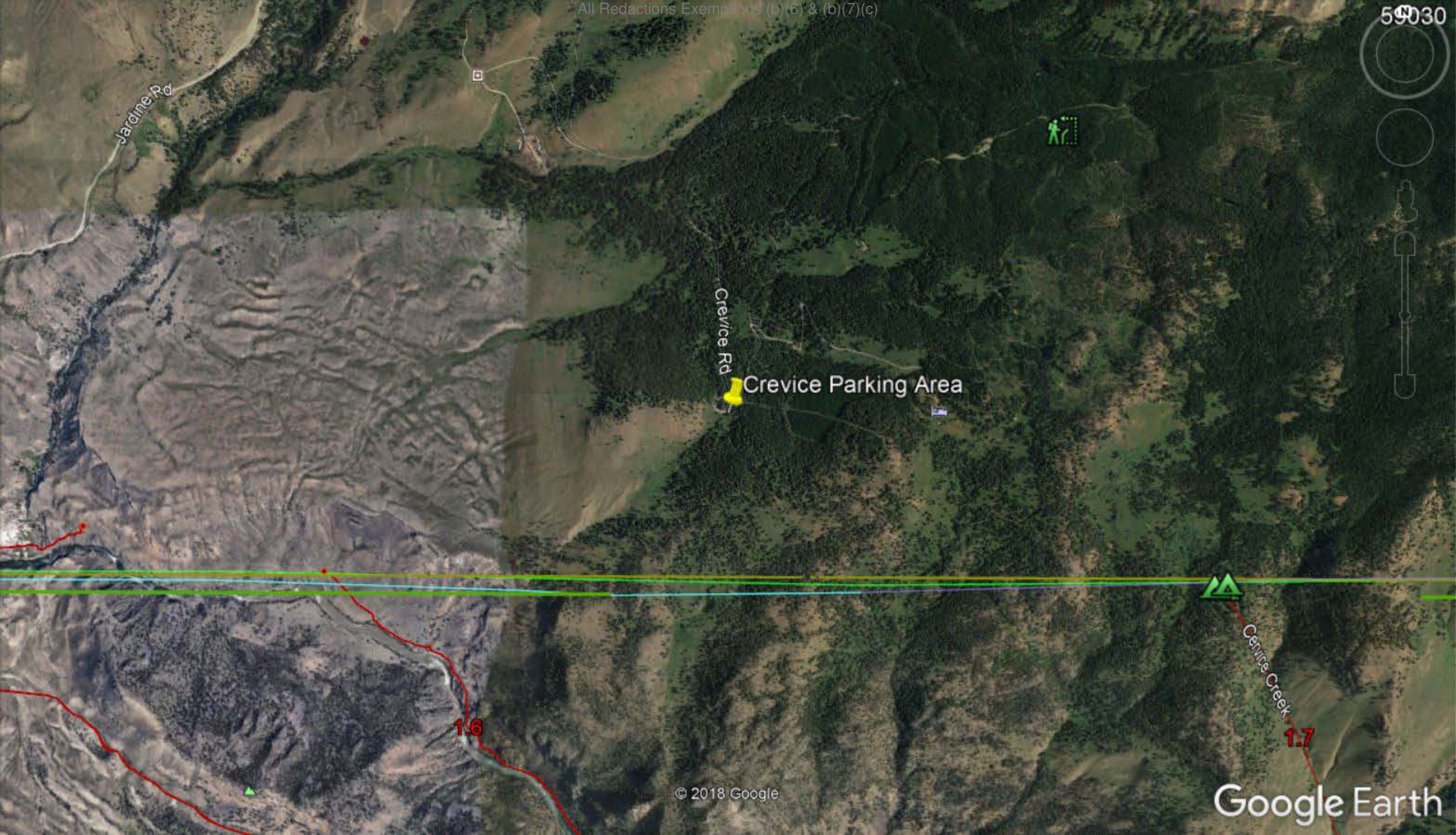
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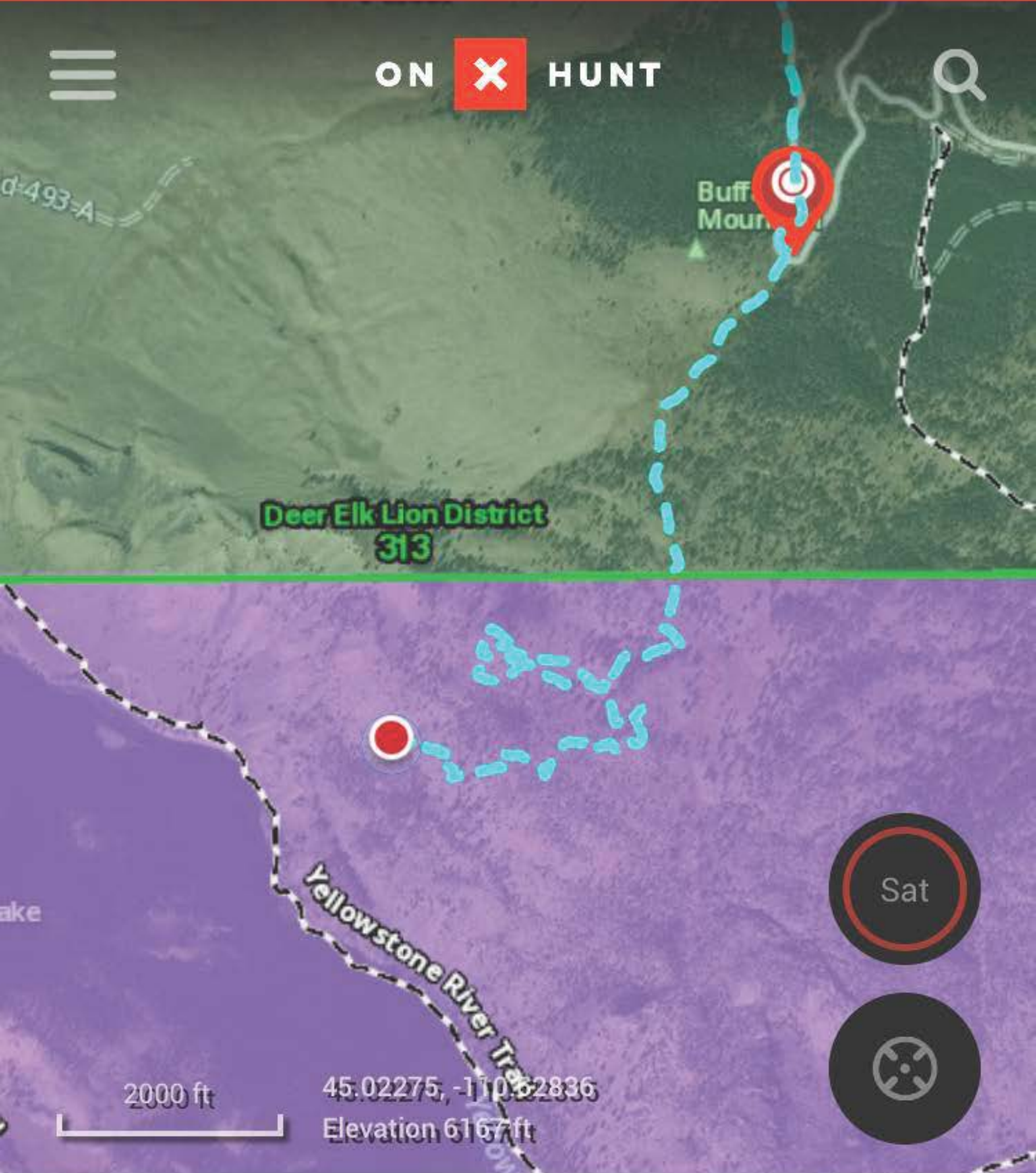
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Rescue Creek

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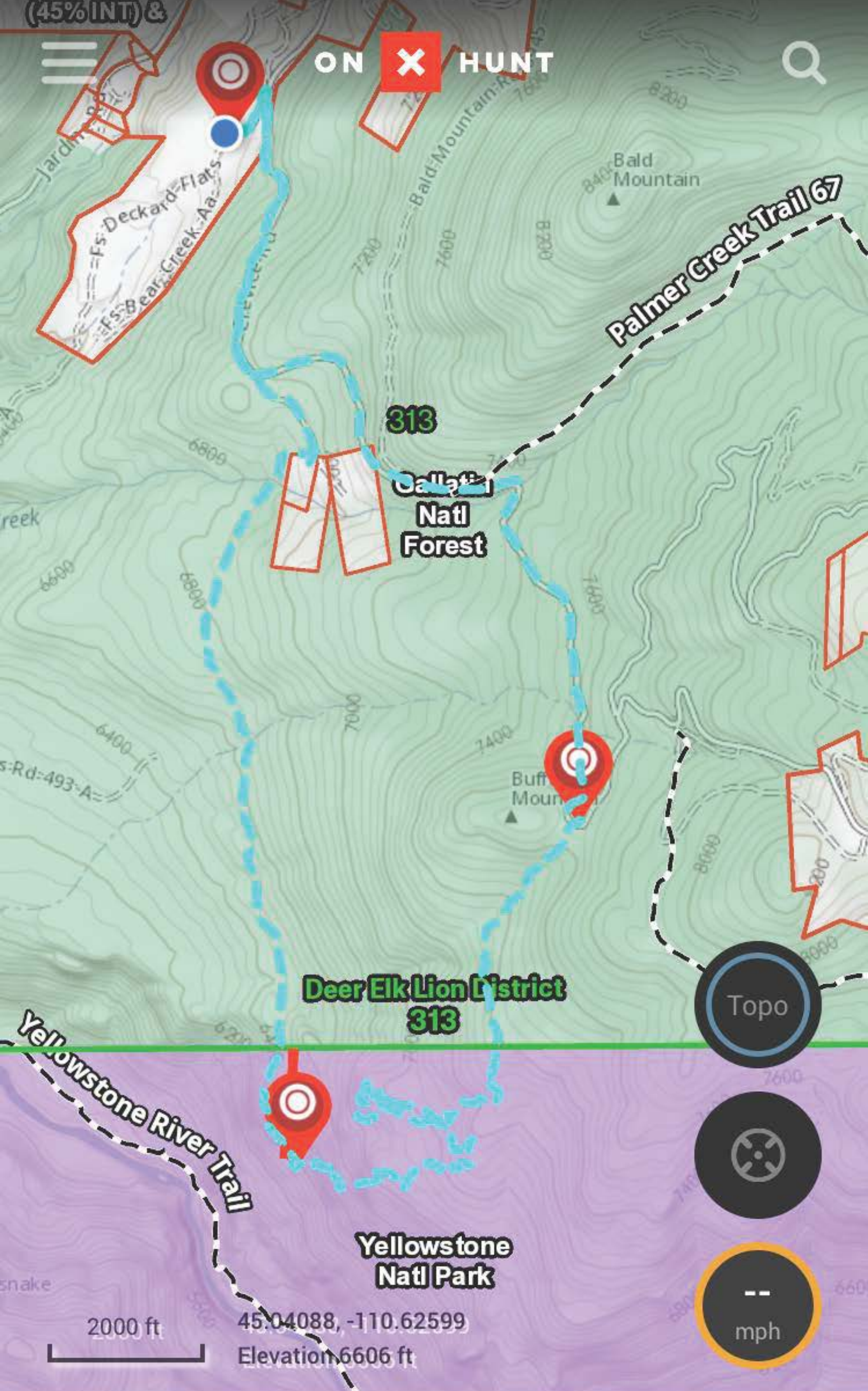
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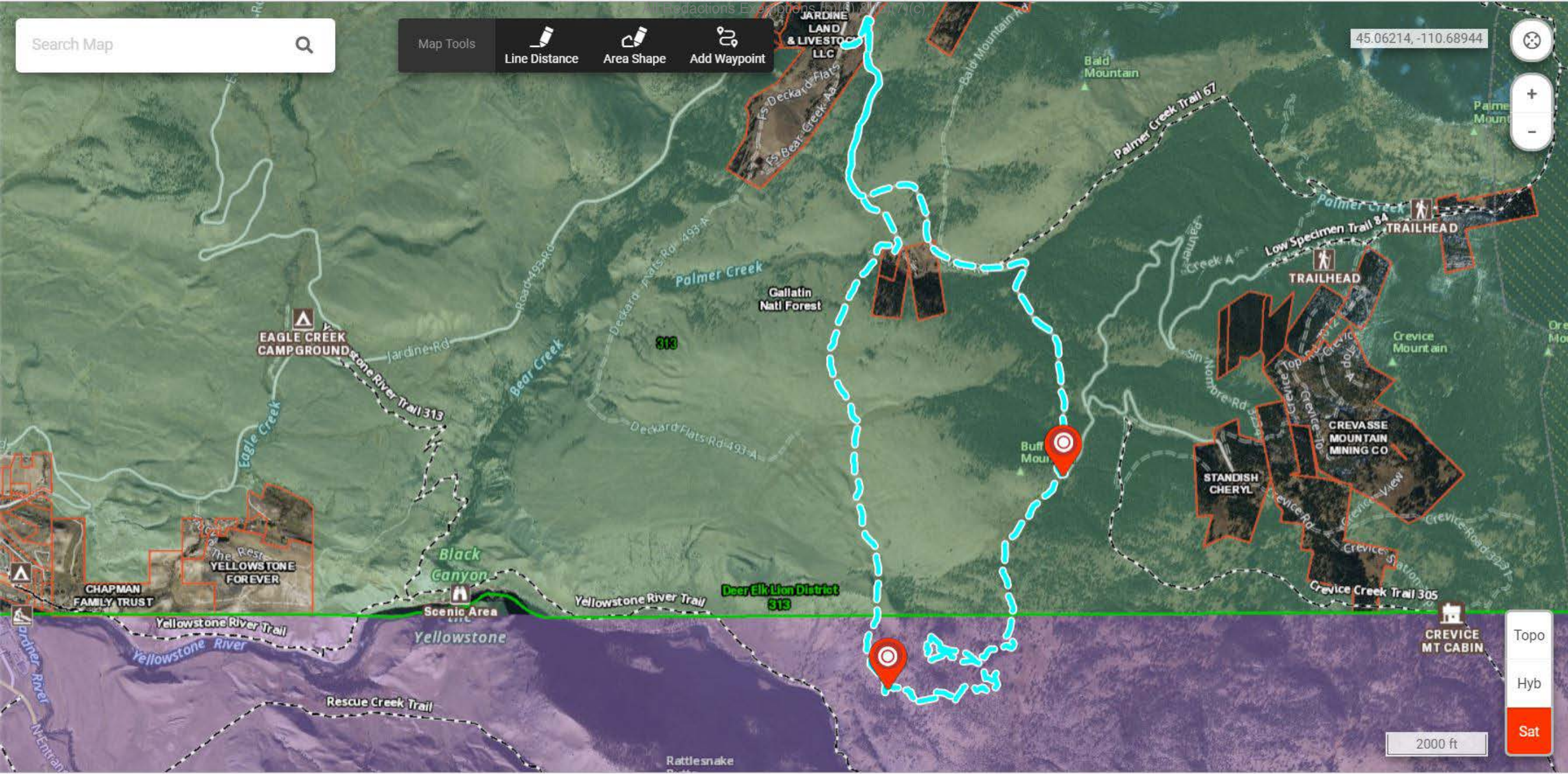


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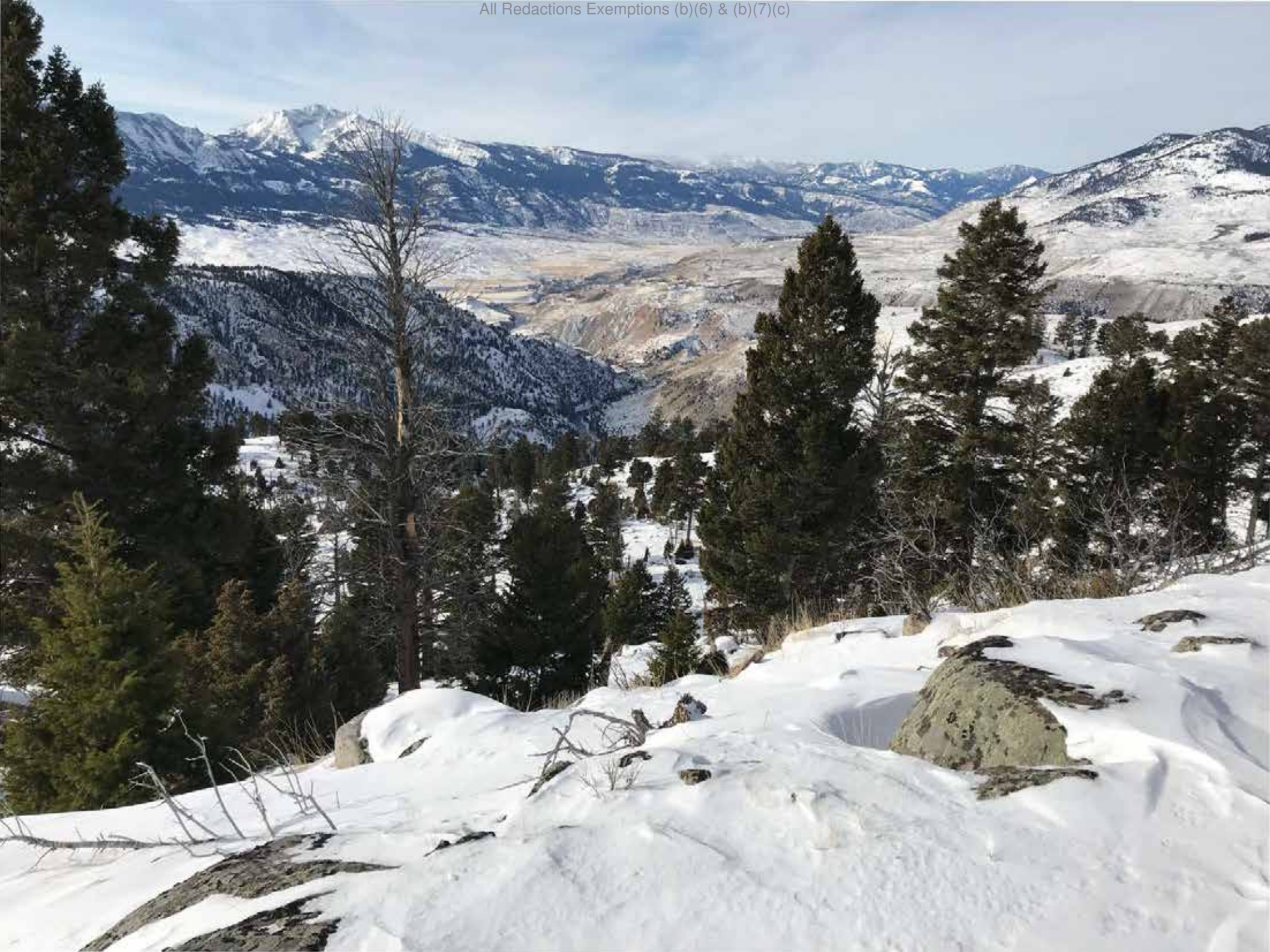




































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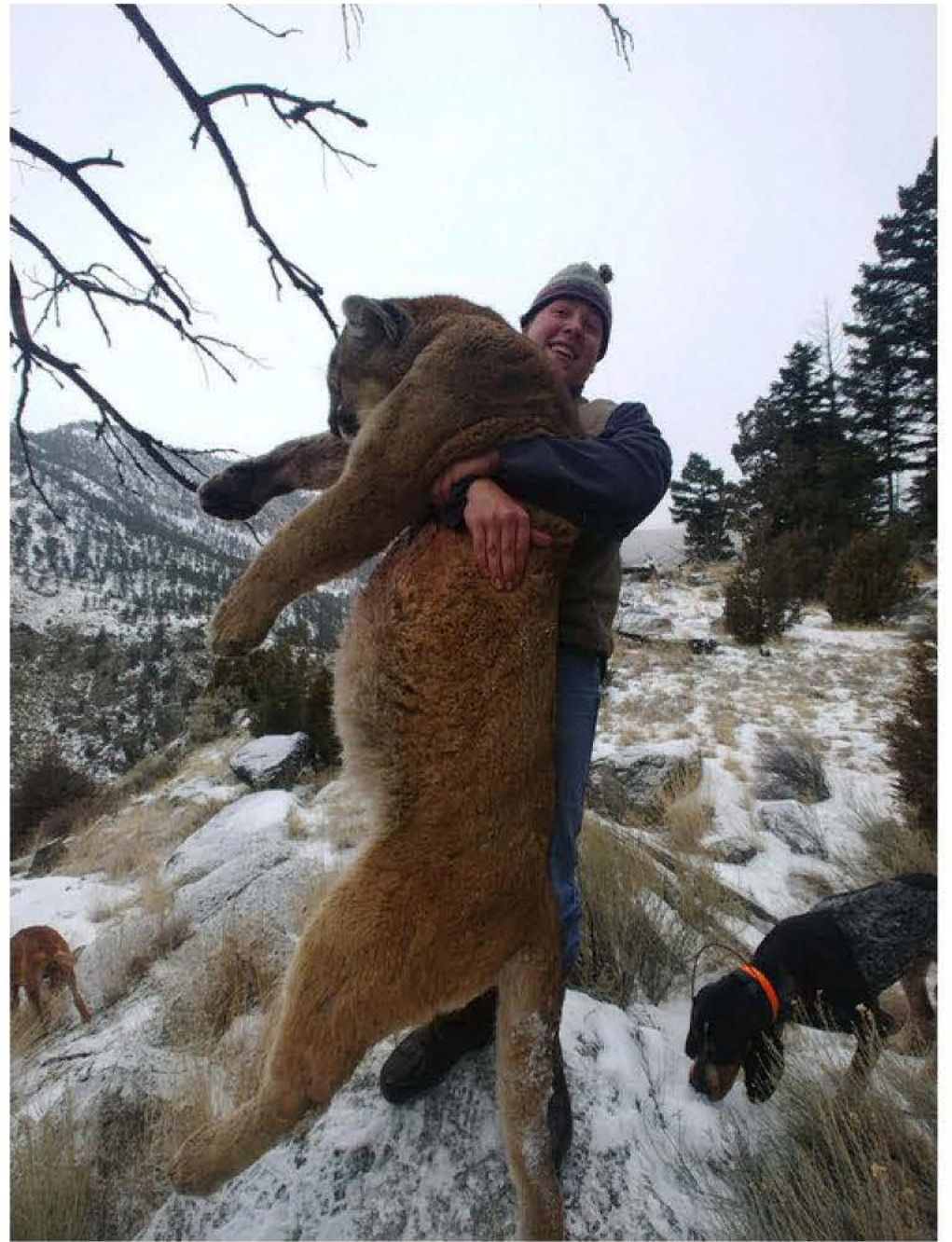
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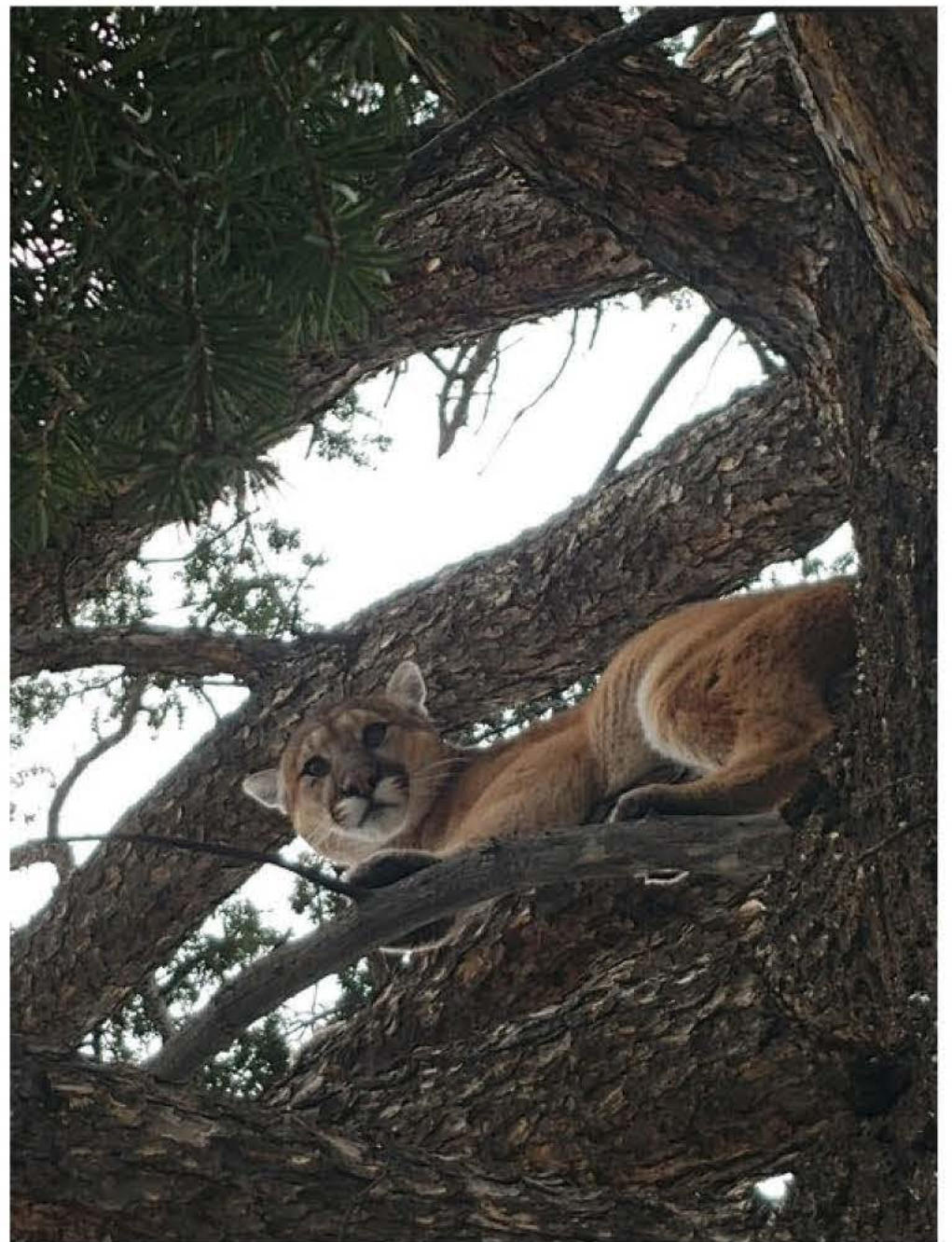
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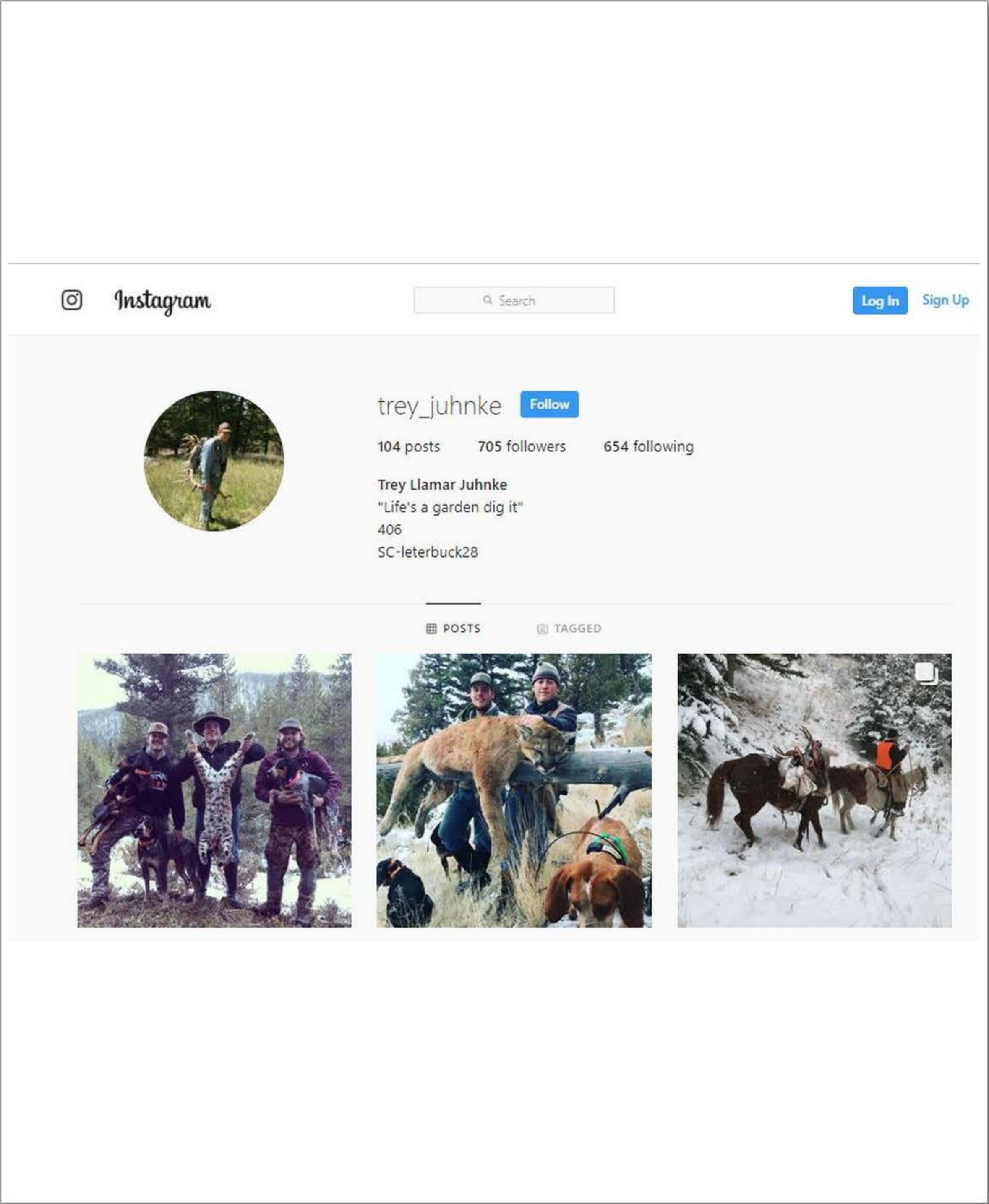




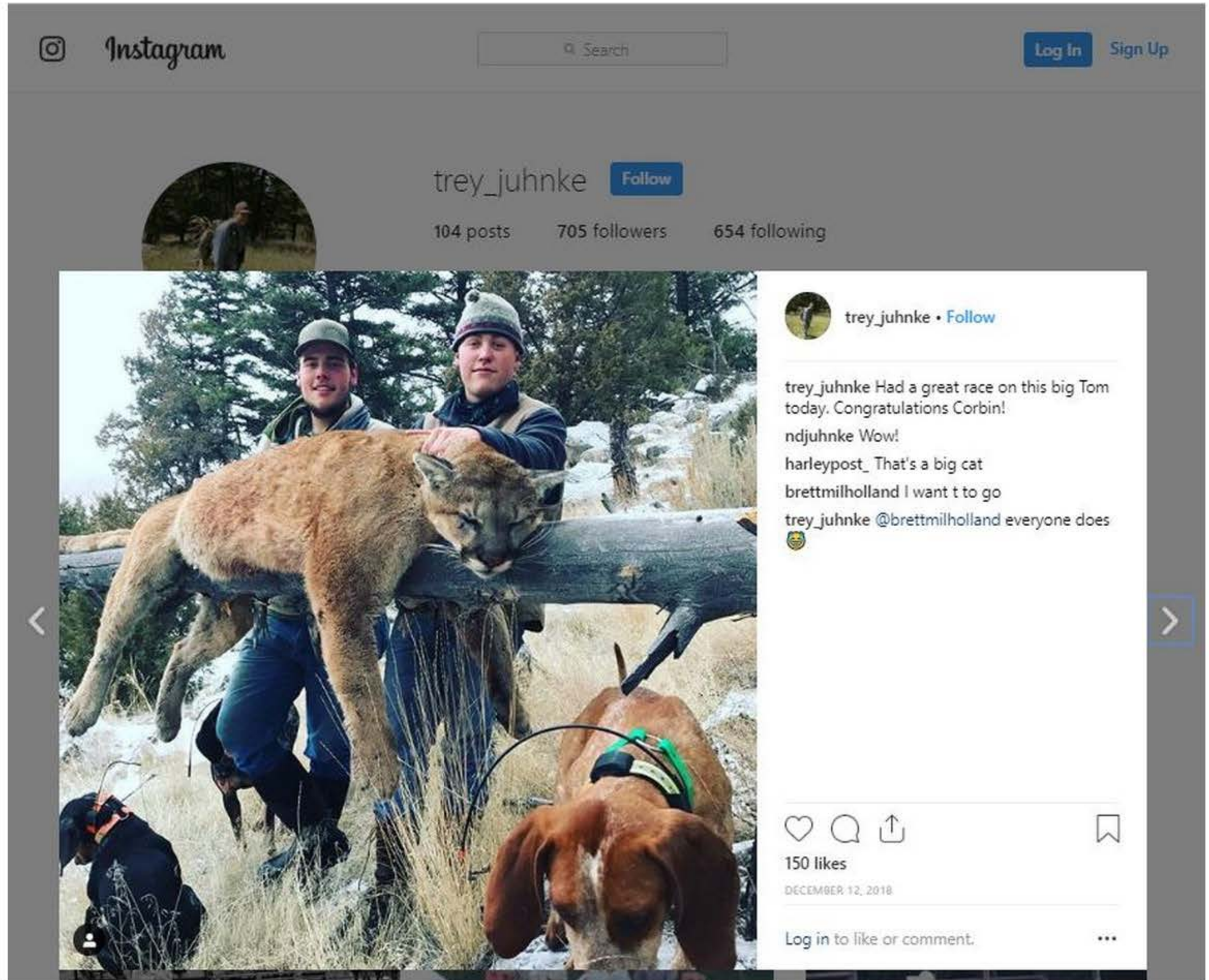


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