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Non Lethal 2022 Time Log
Birkmaier Ranch

3-30-22 Received call from
Bree - ODF¹/₃W biologist that a
collared wolf from Wenaha pack
was within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of cow/calf
pairs near Crow Creek - Zumwalt
junction. She figured possibly was
feeding on carcass. Did night
checks every 2 hrs. throughout
the night. (5 hrs.)

3-31-22 wolf still in area
checks every 2 hrs. (5 hrs.)

4-1-22 wolf still in area
collar data showed. Spent extra
time checking and searching
for carcass of any kind. Nothing
found. (6 hrs.)

4-2-22 Notified by Bree ODF¹/₃W
that wolf was no longer
a threat and had moved out

4-22 •

Cattle entered allotment
at 1 pm. Dorrance pasture
Approx 1200 acres 127 pr.
Stayed with them until
7 pm. All cattle were settled
and paired. 6 hrs. non-lethal

4-23 Arrived back in pasture
and present with cows at 6 am
Cattle were quiet and mothered
well. Left cattle at 7 am.
Returned to cattle at 4 pm.
Stayed until 5 pm.
2 hrs. non-lethal

4-24 5 pm Cattle near ranch on
crow creek bunched up and
bawling (Gate tore down) Put
cows back in pasture. Stayed
with them until 8 pm. Did
not see a reason for the

4-26

Finished wolf investigation.
Confirmed wolf. Jumped several
wolves off of carcass at daylight.
Properly disposed of carcass.

2 cows without calves hanging
around kill site. 8pm Found
another dead calf. Saw 8
wolves next to carcass. Spent
day and night again with
cows. (19 hrs)

4-27 12am wolves howling
near kill site. Found red cow
missing calf. Several hours later
found dead calf. Marked (18 hrs)
and secured scene.

Notified ODFW. Continued
applying non lethal methods
in my livestock

4-28 AT 2am heard wolves
howling 1 mi east of location
of prior attacks. It was
in a different pasture
containing 32 pr. (6 hrs)

4-29

placed am/fm radios and motion sensitive noise makers along trails. Fired shots in air and used air horns. Also checked cows and walked trails looking for ~~the~~ signs of wolf/cattle conflict. Instructed by ODF 3W to spend as much time with cattle as possible. Sowed trails and old logging roads, further adding to human presence and noise making.

16 hrs (107)

~~4-29~~ 4-30

Found 4th calf carcass and wolf spotted in the cows near dorrance pasture by Brian Rahn. Spent entire day and night checking groups of cattle. Bob Lathrop had a wolf killed calf near the mouth of sumac

18 hrs

Found 2 injured calves in Trap Canyon pasture. One of which had to be euthanized. Both confirmed wolf. Heading up to sleep with the cows.

5-1 I am walked through
trap canyon pasture. Grouped
cows together and left them
bedded. Holly came down and
investigated cow and calf
Confirmed ^{wolf} bites on both.
Went up to Dorrance pasture
and trap canyon pasture and
put out am/FM radios.
Sleeping in head of trap
canyon pasture as close as I
can get to the cows

(17 hrs.)

5-2 Had chase incident with
Trap Canyon Cows. 3 wolves
chased 93 pr through fence.
Saw Tracks and evidence of
pursuit. checked all other pastures
throughout day. Found lone cow missing
calf.

(8 hrs.)

5-3 Spent night with trap

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Even though it has been several days since many of the cows have lost their calves, most of them are still going back to the kill or attack site and searching for their babies. One cow in particular would run up to what was left of the kill site, bawl and sniff the ground, express the soft quiet mothering bawl, then let her milk would let down and stream out of her teats ^{onto} the ground. Her mothering instincts were as strong as a human.

As a rancher I have a moral obligation to provide to them the very best animal husbandry practices. It is my job to provide them with adequate nutrition and proper care during calving, all of

5-3 cont'd

The cattle are not spread out and grazing. They are bunched and having a negative impact on the ground. Also, I believe they have lost an entire body condition score in the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ wks. (10 hrs)

5-4 Fresh wolf tracks seen in Trap Canyon pasture by a bear hunter. He also said cattle were bunched in a fence corner. Headed up as soon as possible to check it out. Spent night again in trap and Dorrance pastures. (11 hrs)

5-5 Spent night in Dorrance pasture and Trap Canyon. Still very worried about Trap Canyon pasture. Wolves are close. Cows

5-6 I am walked through both Trap Canyon and Dorrance Pastures. Took most of the night. Had heavy rain around 6 pm. Found fresh tracks along fence in Trap Canyon pasture. Seems to just be a single wolf. Checked all non lethal devices and put batteries in two of the three radios. (12 hrs.)

5-7 put fresh batteries in all radios, critter getters and foxlight strobes. Walked through both groups of cows after dark with spotlight. Non-lethal actions seem to (8 hrs) be working

5-8
Went through all bunches of cows. Noticed fresh tracks of 2 wolves in the Trap Canyon cows. A neighbor took pictures of 2 other wolves 1 mile from Dorrance pasture.

5-9 Yam Cows in Trap Canyon pasture bunched in South East corner. Had been standing there most of night. started trailing them back toward the Saddle on the breaks of Cougar Creek. Found wolf tracks in trail. Searching for birds or carcasses. Moved critter gitter to saddle and left one in the fence corner. Will need to talk with Shawn Mork USFS about exiting this pasture. Mike Rahn helping tremendously with Dorrance Pasture range riding. Pairing up cattle that were branded on Sunday. Will need to get them settled in Muddy pasture. (12 hrs.)

5-10- A lone wolf continues his/her presence in the Trap Canyon pasture. ~~was~~ Had no other option but to move the cattle into lower sinac pasture. stayed

5-11 Got cattle moved and settled in ~~Trap Canyon~~ Breeding pasture, (Lower Somac) stayed with them until dark near forks of Bonar canyon. Cattle were bedded at dark.

I placed Fox light near them and am/FM radio also. Spent rest of night with muddy past cattle, near muddy reservoir saddle. Slept in pick-up. (14 hrs.)

5-12 Derrance Pasture cattle all cornered up in North end. Wolf tracks spotted near 40 acre burn just south of cows. Walked through all cattle looking for attack signs. Had trouble pairing up one calf. Struggling to find a cow for the calf. Calf seems healthy, but searching

5-13 Pictures and video of large wolf at 5pm in n. end of "muddy" pasture. Pictures lead us to believe it was the alpha-male.

Spent afternoon checking cows and looking for signs of attack. Moved radios to muddy pasture and added foxlights grouped cows up for the evening near 46 Road

13 hrs

5-14 2 wolves seen near head of gold gulch at 8:30 am. Near K bar ranch, 1 mile west of Dorrance Pasture. Found single calf searching for "mom" in between groups of cows. Stayed with him until he finally mothered up. Friend Jesse Miller reported seeing large white wolf near Red Hill L.O. Spent most of day and night applying non-lethal

5-15 Spent most of night with
muddy and breeding pasture cows.

Alpha Male was sighted again in
the north end of the muddy pasture
Cannot find anything dead around the
area. Most of the morning ~~am~~ checking
for birds or signs of attacks,
Ran through and checked Dorrance
Pasture for any problems. Added salt
to a few areas, especially the north
end of pasture. Appears to be
a single wolf working the area

13 hrs.

5-16 checked 42 AM. Located
on Chesimans creek on the
cool Springs ranch. Noticed a
track on the Chesimans creek
road. Checked cows in both
the muddy and breeding pastures.

Cattle in Breeding pasture were
bunched and bawling. Spent all
evening hours searching for wounded

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Suffered chase incident $\frac{1}{3}$ mile from ranch house. Had group of 8 pr (young calves) in a field close to the house. Cattle were chased through a gate and - and out on to the road. Wolf track was present at site. Also a wolf track spotted by myself near junction of Crow Creek Rd. and 110 road. Camp nearby. Wolf crossed bridge ~~at~~ over Crow creek and was within 30 ft. of 4 men sleeping in a tent. Crossed back over bridge and proceeded back up Crow creek road.

Have red cow in muddy pasture searching for calf and tight bagged, near north end. Have large wolf tracks near

5-17

Got a good look at all of Top Canyon cattle that are located in breeding pasture. Gathered them into saddle, Couldn't get accurate count on all calves, but noticed 4 cows drying up and definitely without calves. 10 hrs.

5-18 Found dead calf in north end of muddy pasture. Calf was chased down into a draw and killed near the bottom. There wasn't much left of the calf. DAVE came and investigated. Spent most of night on the hill with Sumac and muddy pasture cows. 12 hrs

all bunched up and hanging
tight on fence line with
1/2 breeding pasture cattle. Calves
and cows were mixed up.
I had 3 cows and calves
switched around. Was able to
get straightened around.

5-20

10 hrs

Hunter reported seeing large
gray wolf in N. end of
muddy pasture at 6 am. Checked
cows very thoroughly. Found them
in two large bunches. All seeming
very stressed. Hiking canyons and
looking for signs of attack.

Found tracks of at least 2 wolves
near a salt ground. Checked
batteries in all of the radios
and strobe light. 12 hrs

5-21

walked through muddy

5-22

Camper at gravel pit heard incident with cows at dawn.

Kevin explained he heard cattle distressed and calves bawling.

He attempted to call my cell phone, but I was out of service while spending night in dormance pasture.

He attempted to disrupt attack with his physical presence of hanting horn and firing gun. 8 hrs

5-23

Spent ~~the~~ ^{most} of day looking for dead calf. watched very closely for birds and or

a tight bagged cows. walked most of the dawns in the somac/Medypasture. Added batteries to stove light and owl

5-24 Hunter called with

gray wolf sighting near Somac Springs. Also a documented camera picture of black wolf in the middle of muddy pasture. Cows were bunched and bawling at South end of muddy. 3 vines were broke. 22 calves and 8 cows went through fence into barn pasture. Spent most of day looking for calf, fixing fence and pairing up cattle. Spent entire night with cows. 16 hrs.

5-25

Spent early morning hours going through muddy, Dorrance and Somac pastures. Looking once again for injured or missing livestock. Report of gray wolf near Red Hill in road. Stayed out with

5-26 Jeff Sealins, former
USFS employee camped at
Sumac Spring saw what appeared
to be large breeding male $\frac{1}{4}$
mile north of muddy pasture
at 7 pm. Ran across road and
headed south into muddy pasture.
Cattle bunched and not using the
north $\frac{2}{3}$ of pasture. South end
grass very short. Spent many
hours with cows. Still very
bunched. There appears to be
wolf presence in the cows
almost every day. 12 hrs

5-27 Most of cattle in
muddy still hanging out
on S end of muddy. Looking
hard to locate missing calf.
Cow appears to be ~~on~~ unable
to find calf. Checking draws
and ridges on west side

(412)
Mrs

5-28 -

Cattle finally working towards north middle part of muddy pasture.

Moved Breeding pasture cows into

Somac pasture. Missing 3 calves, most of which died in Trap Canyon.

I don't believe I lost any calves in b. pasture. Stayed with

breeding past cattle until they quieted down. Put 3 ylg bulls into ^{Somac} breeding pasture cows, and

4 ylg. bulls into muddy past. cows. Walked through muddy past. cows.

All seemed OK and. no visible signs of attack to Mrs

5-29 Turned older bulls out today.

Dornance pasture cows were against fence corner near bottom of Dornance

Pasture. 2 wolves were seen crossing

the road at the bottom of culvert canyon.

Pushed cows back up culvert canyon

and looked for dead or injured

5-30

checked cows in pm hours

lots of rain and another wolf track observed in muddy pasture.

Wolf sighting near pink barn on cow creek at 2 pm. I am still experiencing almost daily sightings of wolves in cows either on cow creek or on the cougar allotment. Looked for wounded or predated calves in Donance and muddy pastures.

(6 hrs)

5-31 Found running cow tracks in Donance pasture. They were chased down the ridge between culvert canyon and ~~the~~ cow creek. 2 wolf tracks in the mud behind the cows. Found no calves or cows injured. Massive damage to hillside occurred. Shaw

6-1

Confirmed with Holly, Shawn Mark and Brian Johnson 2 wolves chased Swamp creek cattle down into cow creek bottom. Holly spending night with Dorrance past. I am staying and checking cows in Swac and muddy pastures. Wolf track observed in N. muddy pasture along road 8 hrs.

6-2 checked Dorrance pasture, Swac and muddy pasture, cows, Holly spending night again in Dorrance and checking cameras in both Dorrance and Gettel ridge preparing to begin trapping 6 hrs

6-3 Notified by mushroomer about 2 wolf tracks running together near red hill lookout. They were both travelling south and headed into muddy pasture. Holly

6-4

Notified by commissioner Nash of wounded calf owned by Triple Creek Ranch just east of Hearing places. Investigation confirmed wolf. Calf had to be euthanized. I subsequently found calf on cool springs ranch. Cattle were bunched up in the East Chesimnos pasture.

I was salting Hinton corner pasture and noticed the cows balled up near the top. After walking up the hill I found dead calf with several bites on his body. Most were in the rump area and along the neck. Bree and Jen came and investigated. Evidence led us to believe wolf was responsible for the attack. The calf was not fed upon. Tag ripped out of ear and split. Very sad to see another calf

taken by wolves. This is my 12th one in the 2022 season. I have had 3 confirmed dead

6-4 cont'd

Jacob Stanford helped me dispose of calf properly. I continue to do everything in my power to practice non-lethal measures in everything I do with the cattle. This whole process is beginning to take a toll on my family and our cow herd.

6-5 Stayed with herds and checked all groups in early am hours. Neighbor Jon Erwin also checked muddy and sumac pastures. Mike and Mona Rahn spent entire day and night in Dorrance pasture. 2 fresh wolf tracks seen near Red Hill look out heading 8 hrs. north

6-6 Checked Dorrance and cool springs ranch cattle in early am hours. Rest of day working fence and checking muddy and sumac cattle. Talked with Bree and was told my calf that was killed on Sunday was a probable. I asked for a review on

6-7 Moved muddy pasture cows into
Hinton pasture. They will be further
from Ben area and closer to the
cool springs ranch cows. Got a good
look at all cows and calves. Did
not see any scratches, bites or
tooth marks. Spent late evening
hours and half of night in
Dorrance Pasture. Received news from
Holly of ~~the~~ helicopter being used by
3000 to take out 1 wolf and
attempt to collar another.

9 hrs