

## Man shoots Oregon wolf while hunting coyotes

### OR-22 third to die since August

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GRANT COUNTY A Grant County resident in Eastern Oregon reported to Oregon State Police Oct. 6 that he shot a wolf while hunting coyotes on private property south of Prairie City. Wolves are protected throughout Oregon under the state endangered species law and under federal regulation in the western two-thirds of the state. Killing them is not allowed except in defense of human life and, for authorized livestock owners, when wolves are caught in act of attacking livestock or herd dogs.

State police investigated, recovered the wolf's carcass and submitted a report to the Grant County district attorney's office for review, according to an OSP news release.

However, the Grant County DA's office said the case has been transferred to Harney County prosecutor's office. District Attorney Tim Colahan said his cohort in Grant County has a conflict of interest because he knows the hunter's family, and asked Colahan to handle the review as a courtesy. Colahan said he is just now receiving case information from OSP and has not made a charging decision.

District attorneys in Oregon can present cases to a grand jury for possible indictment, bring charges themselves or decide the facts don't warrant prosecution. The man who shot the wolf was not identified.

The wolf, designated OR-22 by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, is at least the third to die in Oregon since late August, when the Sled Springs pair in Wallowa County were found dead of an unknown cause. State police suspended their investigation in that case, saying they didn't have probable cause to say the deaths were due to human action and that the cause of death couldn't be determined because the carcasses had deteriorated.

State police said the wolf shot in Grant County was a male that dispersed from the Umatilla Pack. Young or sub-dominant wolves often leave their home packs to establish their own territory and find mates.

According to ODFW, OR-22 has worn a GPS tracking collar since October 2013 and dispersed from the Umatilla Pack in February 2015. He was in Malheur County for awhile, then traveled into Grant County. He did not have a mate or pups, according to ODFW.

### Online

ODFW spokeswoman Michelle Dennehey said information about distinguishing wolves from coyotes is available at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/Wolves/docs/Wolf\\_Mngmt\\_Flyer\\_2011.pdf](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/Wolves/docs/Wolf_Mngmt_Flyer_2011.pdf)

# Loose cattle; bike found; gunshots

## Dispatch log

**Oct. 12**  
8:00 a.m. Joseph theft reported.  
10:10 a.m. Noise complaint filed with EPD.  
10:34 a.m. Found male lab mix. Green collar, no tags, near Fish Hatchery Rd. and Stockton Rd.  
11:09 a.m. Wallowa assault reported.  
6:09 p.m. Cattle loose on Hwy 3.  
8:34 p.m. 911 Joseph burn complaint.  
9:36 p.m. 911 domestic in Joseph.

**Oct. 13**  
12:29 a.m. Domestic reported in rural Lostine.  
6:36 a.m. Errol Clarence Bullock, 33, Wallowa, arrested for probation violation, original charge of assault 4. Transported to Union County Jail.  
10:16 a.m. Community Corrections arrested Johnny Duane Sabey, 53, Wallowa for probation violation. Original charge of manufacturing marijuana. Transported to Union County Jail.  
11:45 a.m. Joseph littering complaint.  
11:59 a.m. Enterprise theft reported.  
12:22 p.m. Rural Wallowa controlled burn.  
2:09 p.m. Deputy advises of Joseph abandoned vehicle.

## FOR THE RECORD

10:50 p.m. Request for rural Wallowa welfare check.  
**Oct. 14**  
12:52 a.m. Lostine 911 call.  
8:33 a.m. Horses loose, Wallowa Lake Hwy.  
9:47 a.m. EPD arrested Ashley Noel Dedios, 23, Hermiston on charges of theft III and fraudulent use of credit card. Cited and released.  
10:11 a.m. Agency assist.  
10:33 a.m. Two non-emergency 911 calls from Enterprise.  
12:50 p.m. Possible wolf depredation, rural Wallowa County, unfounded.  
1:28 p.m. 911 for Enterprise disturbance.  
7:43 p.m. Enterprise civil dispute.  
10:05 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.  
10:15 p.m. Possible violation of restraining order, Enterprise.  
**Oct. 15**  
12:31 a.m. 911 Wallowa barking dog complaint.  
4:34 a.m. 911 domestic call in Enterprise.  
6:55 a.m. Possible rural Enterprise wolf depredation - unfounded.  
8:10 a.m. Found rural Joseph mountain bike.  
9:50 a.m. Rural Lostine

911 for ambulance.  
10:45 a.m. Joseph public assist.  
11:34 a.m. EPD arrested Daniel Paul Sticka, 42, Enterprise on Community Corrections detainer for parole violation, original charge of Violation of court stalking/restraining order. Transported to Union County Jail.  
1:46 p.m. Ambulance dispatch - Enterprise.  
7:01 p.m. 911 reporting rural Imnaha traffic crash.  
11:59 p.m. 911 for rural Joseph possible disabled vehicle.  
**Oct. 16**  
6:37 a.m. 911 reporting gunshots heard in Enterprise.  
8:39 a.m. Reported consumer fraud scam from Joseph.  
10:07 a.m. Enterprise agency assist requested.  
10:19 a.m. Enterprise road hazard reported.  
10:55 a.m. EPD arrested Jacob Michael Ellis, 25, Enterprise, on Umatilla County Circuit Court SW misdemeanor or warrant on original charges of assault IV and harassment. Transported to Union County Jail.  
12:50 p.m. Enterprise barking dog complaint.  
4:38 p.m. Enterprise theft complaint.  
6:00 p.m. 911 reporting Joseph fire. JFD responded, controlled burn.

9:51 p.m. Loose horse reported on Whiskey Creek Rd.  
**Oct. 17**  
7:25 a.m. Report of loose cattle in Minam Canyon. Open range, owner notified.  
12:34 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop. Citation issued for DWS violation, driving uninsured.  
1:25 p.m. WCSO arrested John Jerome Tye, 28, Enterprise for possession of controlled substance. Transported to Union County Jail.  
2:12 p.m. Enterprise theft complaint.  
3:02 p.m. Male yellow lab w/collar reported in Joseph where Main St., Hwy 82 split.  
5:07 p.m. Enterprise agency assist.  
5:58 p.m. Subject cited at Enterprise traffic stop.  
6:10 p.m. 911 report of hunters firing from rural Enterprise roadway.  
7:14 p.m. Trevor Nicholas McWaters, 21, Joseph, arrested for probation violation. Transported to Union County Jail.  
9:43 p.m. Robert Joseph Jennings, 51, arrested by Portland police on probation violation warrant. Jennings posted bail, was given court date and time.  
10:57 p.m. 911 call reporting Enterprise vandalism.

**Oct. 18**  
2:15 a.m. Lostine non-emergency 911.  
6:51 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Enterprise.  
12:25 p.m. Two dead deer reported on Hwy 82 near Lostine.  
6:32 p.m. Enterprise theft complaint.  
7:12 p.m. Missing hunter reported, rural Imnaha, located.  
7:40 p.m. Rural Wallowa traffic complaint. Info to OSP.  
8:55 p.m. Enterprise non-emergency 911.  
10:03 p.m. Enterprise information call about vehicle. Vehicle departed during call.  
10:35 p.m. Horse loose in rural Wallowa.

## Circuit Court

Scott Lee Fouste, 53, Imnaha, pleaded guilty to assault IV constituting domestic violence, menacing constituting domestic violence, unlawful uses of weapon against another, fined \$1060, 36 months supervised probation, 40 days work crew.  
Dalton Daniel McKay, 21, pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to an intoxicated person. Sentenced to 12 mos. bench probation, fined \$500.



Steve Tool/Chieftain

You can see the fire juxtaposed against the night sky to the left in this photo of the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire taken from behind the Shiloh Lodge Café on Aug. 20.

## Grizzly fire still burning

The U.S. Forest Service has lifted closure areas as of Oct. 16, associated with the 82,659-acre Grizzly Bear Complex Fire, burning on the Umatilla National Forest.

Road closures have been implemented in place of the area closure on the south side of the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness to keep vehicles from entering an area that remains hazardous with many fire-weakened trees.

The Grizzly Bear Complex, which burned across a large swath of the wilderness, began in August and continues to

burn actively in pockets in the steep, rugged terrain. The closure order encompassing most of the wilderness area and a number of roads to the north and south had been in place for nearly two months as District Rangers from the Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts have needed to balance access to the area with the level of fire activity and risk to the public.

While the primary road that crosses south of the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness, Forest Service Road 62, will remain open, five other roads between the 62 road and the wil-

derness will remain closed until further notice. These roads are: 6206, 6208, 6200090, 6214 and 6217. Bicycle, horse and foot travel will be permitted on these roads. The reasoning for this is there are many fire-weakened trees along these roads that could fall at any time and place stationary vehicles in harm's way.

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