



MEMORANDUM

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Klamath District Office

DATE: March 5, 2007
TO: Wildlife Staff
FROM: Tom Collom, Philip Milburn
SUBJ: Pacific Fisher- Incidental capture

On February 27, 2007 a local trapper contacted the Klamath District Office to report he had incidentally snared a Fisher. He was instructed to bring the animal to the office. After consultation with OSP no citations were issued as the trapper was legally pursuing bobcats. The carcass was retained by ODFW.

This fisher is a female weighing 2.5kg. Based on tooth wear it appears to be fairly young animal with no sign of prior reproduction. Body condition is fair.

It was trapped about 1 mile NW of the town of Rocky Point on the south side of Pelican Butte at an elevation of 4200' (UTM NAD 27 10T 572422, 4700825). The habitat at the trap site is characterized by open canopy ponderosa pine with Douglas fir and white fir beginning to invade the under story. The area was thinned to remove fir 5-10 years ago. Greenleaf manzanita and snowbrush ceanothus are the predominant shrub species. The site is adjacent to wet meadow and aspen habitat. The trap site is on the boundary between the Winema National Forest and private timberland.

We have contacted Keith Aubry at Pacific Northwest Research Station to have DNA testing and to determine age and reproductive history. It is our intention to have the hide mounted for educational purposes and donate the carcass to a university for research and teaching purposes.

ODFW staff has set a camera trap at the site and baited it with a deer carcass.

C:
Anglin
Cooper
Whittaker
Thornton
Nugent
Boulay
Foster
Hooton
Dale

Carcass



Habitat Photo

