

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL INDUSTRIES CASE INVESTIGATION FORM

NAME/ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL/COMPANY ALLEGED TO BE CAUSE OF COMPLAINT: Rulon Jones Cedar Creek Elk Blackfoot, ID		DATE AND TIME RECEIVED: 10/26/06 11:00am	COMPLAINT NUMBER: DA-10-06B
		TYPE OF COMPLAINT: <input type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL CARE <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEAD ANIMAL	COMPLAINT DETAIL: DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED: 10/25/06 TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: DURATION OF INCIDENT:
COUNTY: Bingham			
NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE # OF COMPLAINANT: Terry Mansfield, Deputy Director IDFG Tom Lucia IDFG Southeast Region		ASSIGNED TO: Matt Wakley	
		DATE: 10/26/06	
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: Mr. Mansfield phoned ISDA to report that IDFG field personnel had found the remains of approximately 10 mature elk near (within 1/4 mi.) the hunting camp at Rulon Jones' elk hunting reserve near Blackfoot, ID. The skulls all had been transected below the area where antlers would be found and the carcasses indicated that they had been caped. They were all large, mature animals. Some of the carcasses had wasted meat left on them.			DOES COMPLAINANT EXPECT ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

ILLNESS INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:	HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:
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SPECIES:	NUMBER AFFECTED:	FACILITY TYPE:	FACILITY CONDITION:
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FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION:	GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS:	AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS:	BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS:
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ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED:
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EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DISPOSITION: FOLLOW-UP NEEDED BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO CLOSED WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY ISDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO REFERRED TO:
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REMARKS:

On Thursday, October 26, 2006 at about 1:00 pm I contacted Tom Lucia of the Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG) to discuss the dead animal complaint received from his department. Mr. Lucia told me that he and another IDFG officer were accompanied by an unidentified person on October 22, 2006 to a pile of animal remains approximately ¼ mile from Rulon Jones' camp near his hunting facility. I asked the route taken to get to the location of the remains and Mr. Lucia was not sure who the owner of the private ground they accessed the site through was. I asked Mr. Lucia the exact location of the remains. After a brief explanation I was confident that ISDA Livestock Inspector Kelly Mortensen and I could find the spot.

Mr. Lucia said the hunter report stated that there were 6 or 8 parts and pieces of elk but when they got to the site Mr. Lucia saw 10 mature skulls along with other remains. He also said that they appeared to be domestic elk, basing that statement on the condition of their feet which he said were splayed out and not worn like those of wild elk. I asked how long the remains had been there and he estimated at least two weeks; they were decaying and had been eaten on. Mr. Lucia said that he had taken pictures and had a GPS of the location and that we may not even need to go investigate any further because of the amount of time that had passed since IDFG had investigated the report and the condition of the remains. I thanked him for his help and concluded our conversation.

Matt Wakely, ISDA Livestock Investigator

On Friday October 27, 2006, ISDA Livestock Investigator Matt Wakley and I tried to drive to the Rulon Jones property located near Firth, ID, but could not get there because of the slick roads. I called Mr. Jones but could not reach him by phone. We called ISDA Veterinarian Dr. Debra Lawrence at 5:30pm and told her the problem and said that we would ride horses in on Tuesday October 31, 2006. At approximately 6:00pm Mr. Jones called back and I asked for permission to enter his property on Tuesday October 31, 2006. Mr. Jones gave us permission to go onto his property and asked why we would need access to his facility. I told him that there was a dead animal complaint. Mr. Jones said that his guides were supposed to bury or haul off all waste piles, but that one of his guides had inquired about the use of elk parts for bait. Mr. Jones asked about the dead animal rules. I discussed the rules with Mr. Jones and indicated to him there was a 72 hour disposal time frame. I told him that I would mail him a copy of the dead animal rules.

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On Tuesday October 31, 2006 at approximately 8:30 am, ISDA Livestock Investigator Matt Wakley and I drove to the Rulon Jones property located near Firth. When we arrived at the property, the temperature was between 5 and 10 degrees above zero so Mr. Wakley and I were able to drive to the site. We found no animal pieces, but did find some elk hair. We took a GPS reading at the area where the elk hair was (43 13.497 North and 111 52.484 West). Pictures and map are attached.

Kelly Mortensen, ISDA Livestock Investigator

HOURS	MILES:	FOLLOW-UP CALLS MADE?:	COMPLETED BY:	DATE:
6	140	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Kelly Mortensen	11/1/2006

FOLLOW UP: