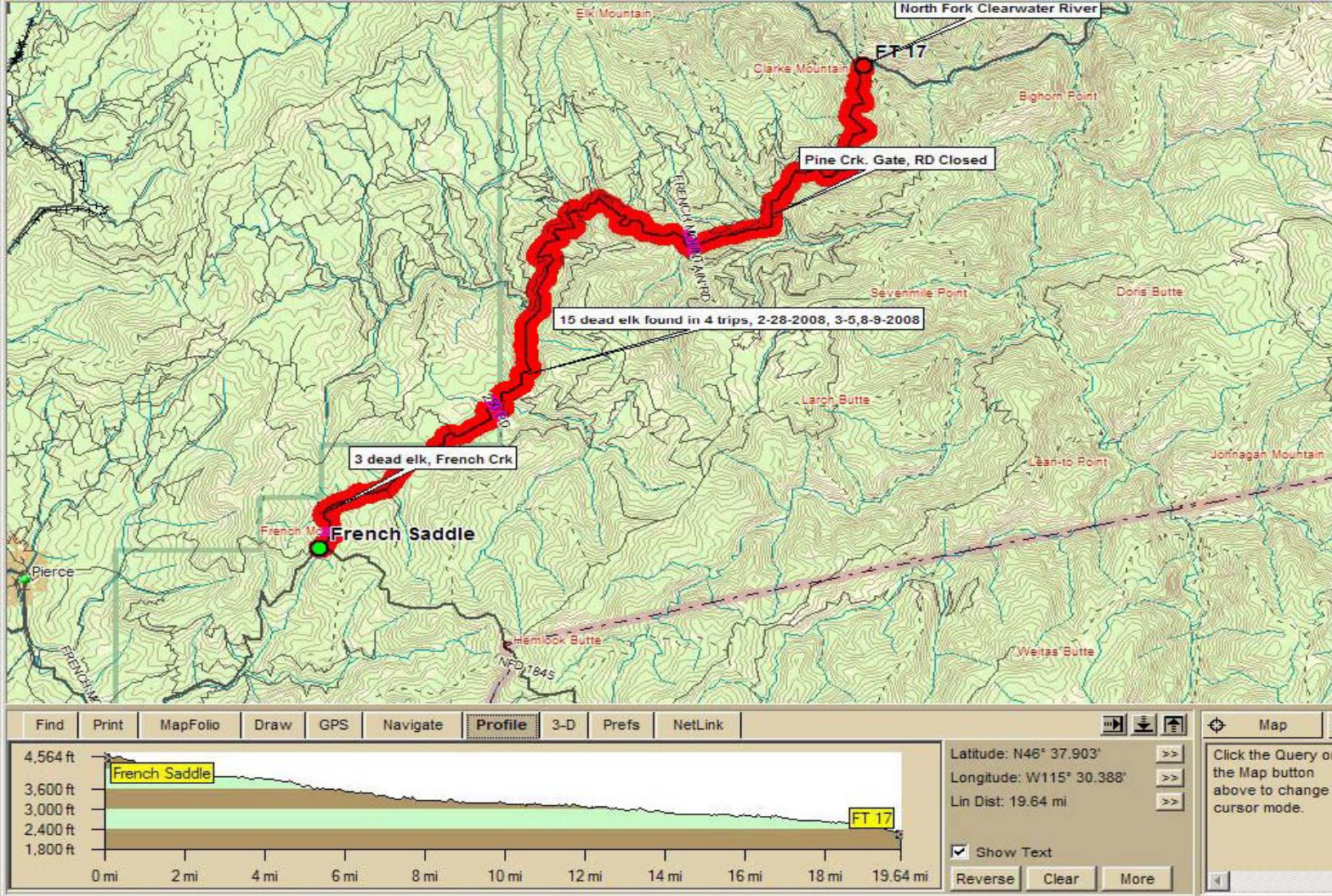


The following pictures were taken during 4 separate trips within just an 11-day period from 2-28-2008 through 3-9-2008. The location of the predation was along a small section of road at Orogrande creek, which empties into the North Fork of the Clearwater River in North Central Idaho. Idaho Fish & Game officials put a gate in below Pine creek banning access to the river where the majority of the elk winter, claiming snowmobilers might cause trauma and undue stress to the elk. This small section of this huge country is indicative of how severe the predation has been this winter as elk have been trapped by deep snow and are easily killed by wolves.



Google earth image of Orogrande Creek where it empties into the North Fork of the Clearwater river in Idaho. Note this is just one of many tributaries that enter the North Fork where elk typically winter in.





2-28-2008



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3-5-2008



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This elk was killed above the road and a bloody trail indicated where the wolves drug it down to the road. We found that most of these elk in this area were killed by a pack of 6 wolves. Their killing strategy was very sophisticated. We found that 4 of the 6 wolves in the pack would run above the road in heavy timber where the elk would be located and flank the elk downhill towards the road where the two remaining wolves would be strategically located to cut off and make a frontal assault on the elk if necessary.





3-5-2008



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This cow had been “gutted” on the run and ran into the creek for safety where it eventually died. Due to the cold water the wolves won’t feed on it as they have many more elk in the area to kill that will die in warmer conditions!



3-8-2008





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This elk was one of 3 killed in the picture below.





3-8-2008

This photo shows 3 different dead elk within 50 feet of each other!



3-8-2008

Beaver jaws. Top and bottom lying in the snow after wolves had killed it and actually ate it as the meat must be superior to elk meat.





3-9-2008

Another cow that had only received a bad bite mark on its side but ran for safety in Orogrande creek where it would never leave the creek again where it eventually died from exposure or trauma.



3-9-2008

A Calf elk surplus, (sport) killed for fun and left uneaten!





3-9-2008

A 3<sup>rd</sup> cow found that must have endured a slow miserable death after being ran into the freezing creek.



1997

Photo from January of 1997 before the wolves found our large elk herds and began the devastation. This photo was taken along the North Fork of the Clearwater River in North Central Idaho. A courteous snowmobiler stops to allow the elk to move along in front of him as to minimize any undue stress on these wintering animals.