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REWARD OFFERED: OSP FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION INVESTIGATION OF POACHED BULL ELK SOUTHEAST OF EAGLE POINT IN JACKSON COUNTY (PHOTO)

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Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division asks for the public's help for information to identify the person(s) responsible for killing a large bull elk about five miles southeast of Eagle Point in Jackson County. A reward of up to \$10,000.00 is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. The reward is comprised of \$5,000.00 offered through the Humane Society of United States (HSUS) and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust (HSWLT), \$4,500 by the Cascade Ranch, and \$500 through the Turn in Poachers (TIP) Program administered by the Oregon Hunters Association.

On September 8, 2014, OSP Trooper Josh Nugent began an investigation following the discovery of a headless bull elk on Lake Creek Road near milepost 2. After the head was removed, the elk was left to waste. The rate of decomposition suggests the elk may have been killed at night on September 6 or 7.

"If you know someone who has a fresh bull elk head or antlers, but has not meat or elk carcass, you can help solve this crime and be considered for a significant reward just by providing OSP with the key tip," said Sergeant Kirk Meyer.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Trooper Nugent at (541)727-8055, or the Turn in Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888. Information may be kept anonymous.

The HSUS and HSWLT work with state and federal wildlife agencies to offer rewards of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspected poachers. Questions regarding The Humane Society of the United States rewards program should be directed to Kaitlin Sanderson at 240-672-8397 or ksanderson@humanesociety.org.

No photographs provided for this release.

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