Lone wolverine continues to roam Sierra

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"Picture a weasel – and most of us can do that, for we have met the little demon of destruction, that small atom of insensate courage. ... Multiply that mite by some fifty times and you have the likeness of a wolverine."

Ernest Thompson Seton – "Lives of Game Animals, Vol. II," 1925 – 1927

He wanders long distances at night, alone.

He curls up under wind-stunted trees at the timberline.

And from a distance, he can hear the rumble of traffic along Interstate 80.

But almost no one has ever seen him.

"He's gone before you even have a clue he's there," said Amanda Shufelberger, a wildlife biologist with Sierra Pacific Industries who has tracked the animal across the Sierra Nevada since 2008. "He does not want to see you."

Three years after the discovery of a wolverine in the Tahoe National Forest north of Truckee, the elusive creature continues to roam the region, defying expectations, delighting many and stirring calls to find him a mate.

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