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Horse Found in Deschutes National Forest - Help Needed to Find Owner

Deschutes National Forest—An Arabian bay gelding, approximately six years old, was reported by hunters and located in the Deschutes National Forest by Law Enforcement Officer Fred Perl late Friday, October 17th. The horse was loose Friday evening in the vicinity of Cache Mountain on the Sisters Ranger District. He was wearing a halter with the lead line still attached. He was very thirsty and hungry.

With help from citizen horse owners, the animal was rescued and transported to Bend Equine Medical Center (BEMC) where he has been receiving care since arrival Friday night. After medical assessment, staff at BEMC determined the horse had been shot in the head. The horse is being treated by Dr. Wayne Schmotzer at BEMC, and is recovering remarkably well at this time.

“The horse appears to have been well cared for in the past,” said Officer Perl.



This matter is currently under joint investigation by Forest Service Law Enforcement and the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office. Forest Service law enforcement officials ask that anyone who has information about this horse, or information to help locate the owner, please contact Forest Service Law Enforcement through the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office at (541) 693-6911.