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Wolverine Spotted Again on Sierra Pacific Industries Forest Lands in Sierra

Anderson, CA – Sierra Pacific Industries announced today that company biologists have reported camera sightings of a rare North American wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) on the company's forest lands in Sierra County, CA. The sightings follow wolverine sightings that occurred in 2008 and 2009 in the same general area. Markings on the furbearer indicate that this is the likely to be the same animal.

From the previous sightings, DNA extracted from hair samples collected at photo stations by Dr. Michael Schwartz at the U.S. Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station concluded the wolverine is not a descendent of the last known Southern Sierra Nevada population. Based on analysis of its DNA, it most closely resembles genetic types found throughout the Northern Rocky Mountains.

The wolverine detections were made using movement-operated cameras as part of SPI's ongoing comprehensive wildlife monitoring program. The sightings occurred on the company's forest lands in early January northwest of Truckee, California. These lands have been privately owned since the 1860's and have produced forest products since the 1930's. The most recent harvest in the area occurred in 2008. For a video of the sighting, please visit www.spi-ind.com.

