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On this episode of Expedition X.

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That canyon looks exceptionally dangerous.

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Something has been reported stocking the slopes of Mount St. Helens for a century.

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The night of the attack, creatures are trying to beat their way in and they started shooting.

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Could it be an undiscovered primate?

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Something dug out the earth marking its territory.

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With ferocious strength.

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Something had grabbed the fur and just kind of ripped it off.

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We recruit renowned cryptid hunters.

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Let's see if we can hear something out back.

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And a reconnaissance vehicle with all the bells and whistles.

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We have a turret up top with a thermal imaging system, the equivalent of the military Black Hawk helicopter.

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To unearth the truth.

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There's something right there.

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Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah!

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Oh, f***!

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Okay.

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We're not alone.

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In the Canyon of the Apes.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've experienced strange things that defy logic and made me question everything.

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Oh my god.

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Now, I've put together a team to investigate the stranger side of the unknown.

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Let's go!

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Michael Torres is a scientist who hunts for rational explanations.

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This is the corner for naturally found snowstorms.

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Jessica Chobot's paranormal research has made her a true believer.

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Bill, do you see that?

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I just saw some papers across.

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Together, we're searching for answers to the world's most extraordinary mysteries.

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This is Expedition X.

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Okay, so when you think of famous American monsters, what do you think of?

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Mothman.

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Harrier.

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I'm guessing we're talking about Bigfoot here.

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We are!

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Come on, get excited, Phil.

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We're talking Bigfoot, Sasquatch, the king of the American cryptids,

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and much of that fame is due to a single piece of film.

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The Patterson-Gimlin film, which was shot in 1967 in Northern California.

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And even today, more than half a century later, it still reigns supreme

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as one of the most compelling and controversial pieces of evidence out there.

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Still, for my money, is a guy in an eight-man costume.

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It's never been fully debunked.

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Okay, so whatever the truth is, most people do think of that film

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as the thing that put Bigfoot on the map of American folklore.

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But it is far from the first reported encounter to make headline news.

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Nearly a hundred years ago, on the slopes of Mount St. Helens,

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in Washington State, something really, really bizarre happened.

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These are actual headlines.

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Trappers' Cabin Bombarded at Night by Ape Men Eight Feet Tall.

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Ooh, I like mine.

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Expedition ready to begin hunt for mountain devils.

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How about strange beasts attack miners?

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Whatever it was that happened to these miners happened a long time

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before the term Bigfoot was ever coined.

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According to locals in Washington State, these creatures may still be up there.

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1924, gold prospectors flocked to the slopes of Mount St. Helens

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hoping to strike it rich.

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But a few of them encounter something else hidden in the volcano's thick forest.

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According to reports, five men find a promising spot along a treacherous slope

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where they build a cabin and establish a small gold mining operation.

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But one day, they claim to spot a frightening figure across the canyon,

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standing at nearly seven feet tall with blackish-brown hair.

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The men shoot at the creature, but it disappears into the woods.

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The miners are so unnerved by what they see, they agree to abandon the cabin at first light.

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But in the dead of night, the cabin reportedly comes under siege, bombarded by rocks.

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The miners catch a glimpse of their attackers, which appear to be large, bipedal primates.

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The miners shoot in defense, but the assault rages on through the night.

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At first light, the five men flee the cabin.

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But legend says one of the creatures follows in pursuit.

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It is said one miner gets off a shot, sending it toppling to the ground.

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Back in town, their story becomes front-page news,

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and the remote gorge where the incident allegedly took place becomes known as Eight Canyon.

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Expeditions are soon launched into the wilderness for evidence of the beasts, but little is found.

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However, in the ensuing century, sightings in this region have not only continued, but increased.

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Blood-curdling howls and large footprints are consistently reported along the Eight Canyon Trail

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that winds through old growth forest.

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Locals regularly find mutilated deer in the area.

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The skull has been crushed.

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And hikers recently reported seeing three hulking primates and claimed to capture them on video,

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with modern sightings on the rise and an alleged cabin attack stretching back nearly a century.

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Believers contend that Eight Canyon is ground zero for the American Sasquatch.

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Are these stories just local folklore or something real?

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To believers, this area marks the true origin of the creature we now call Bigfoot.

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So what do you think?

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Just the history alone of what the miners went through and their story to me is super compelling.

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I just think it sounds like a perfect story to tell over campfire.

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Well, a couple things to remember.

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First off, these five miners, they didn't seem to profit off this in any way.

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They were ridiculed in the press and they stuck to their story.

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And according to authorities, we're genuinely terrified by whatever they encountered.

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And I think that's an excellent point because why make up a story like this for no reason?

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Well, I don't know the answer to that, but what evidence do we really have that this even happened at all?

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We don't. And that's where you come in, right?

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If this isn't made up, if this isn't a yarn, this would be a really compelling and important mass sighting.

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Got a whole group of people here.

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But the fact is we don't even know if the cabin is real.

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We find out where these men were, find the remains of that cabin.

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That would go a long way to at least putting some meat on the bone here.

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Plus, what about all those recent reports too?

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Exactly.

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So I want you guys to dig in and see what you can make of all of this.

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And to give you some help, I'm going to link you up with Matt Moneymaker,

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the lead investigator of the Finding Bigfoot team.

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Nobody knows more about Bigfoot stories than him.

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I love Moneymaker. I've actually worked with them before in the past.

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Happy squatching.

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Awesome.

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Let's do this.

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The team flies cross country from New York to Portland, Oregon,

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just across the Washington border from Mount St. Helens,

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and the gorge known as Ape Canyon.

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Ooh, it's pretty out here.

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So amazing.

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To me as a biologist, what I think is the coolest thing about Mount St. Helens is that it has been studied extensively.

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It was so destroyed that scientists were able to measure and observe how it came back to life.

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In 1980, a magnitude 5.1 earthquake triggered the most destructive volcanic eruption in U.S. history.

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The lateral blast from Mount St. Helens scorched 230 square miles of forest

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and spewed 900,000 tons of ash 12 miles high.

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57 people lost their lives along with thousands of animals.

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The devastation hit the northern slopes of the mountain hardest,

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but much of the old growth forest to the south and east, including Ape Canyon, was spared.

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So in theory, if an undiscovered species really has lived in that area for nearly 100 years,

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it's possible they survived the eruption and even thrived in the remote wilderness ever since.

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So let me ask you, as a biologist and a scientist, is there anything out here that could explain these sightings?

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Bears. It matches the description so well.

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Washington State is home to upwards of 30,000 American black bears.

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Hikers often spot bears along trails in this area, sometimes even standing up right on their hind legs.

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If I had to bet, many of the alleged Bigfoot sightings could just be smoky the bear.

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I know you're a skeptic, but this is the perfect habitat for a Bigfoot.

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Because this stuff is thick and vast.

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I feel like we could have this conversation a million times, Jess,

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but there's one conversation I feel like we need to have.

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What?

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You're really sticking to that hat?

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What are you talking about?

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Are you trying to, like, if a Bigfoot sees you, then it'll recognize you as one of its kind?

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No, I just don't understand why I can't also be fashionable while finding a Bigfoot.

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Phil, Jess, and the furry hat arrive at the North American Bigfoot Center.

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It's not exactly the Museum of Natural History, but it is one of the largest Sasquatch museums in the world.

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Hello.

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Cool.

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Look at this.

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Wow.

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This is cool.

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The exhibit houses an impressive collection of mysterious primate footprint casts collected in the region.

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There's even a life-size display of Bigfoot that's anatomically accurate.

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Well, supposedly.

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And?

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I checked.

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It's got big feet.

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That's what you checked, huh?

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While Phil deals with his foot envy, we meet up with my old friend, Matt Moneymaker.

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Hello.

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Hello.

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How are you?

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How are you doing?

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Very good.

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It's been a while.

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Yeah, I know.

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I joined Matt several years ago, searching for Sasquatch near Shaver Lake, California.

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He's a legend in the world of Bigfoot exploration and founded the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization.

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And this is Mark Mircelle.

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He's the eight-canyon expert for the area.

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Wow.

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Mark Mircelle has spent decades researching and writing about unexplained historical events,

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and his fascination began after his extensive study of the 1924 eight-canyon attack.

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I've never heard of attacks that hardcore before, so that's not normal.

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No, that's unusual.

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Have people actually found the cabin that they claimed they stayed in?

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Because my thing is, like, if we can't actually find the cabin or evidence of the cabin,

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then how do we even know that this happened at all?

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What we have is a basket full of clues.

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Right after the attack, two or three journalists actually went up to the cabin site.

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One journalist was a guy named Jack Gregory.

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He gave us in his articles sort of a narrative of how he traveled enough to get us in the right location to at least start looking.

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On July 20th, 1924, journalist Jack Gregory publishes an article about an expedition to not only find the cabin,

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but also, as he puts it, wild apes.

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He details his journey down a sharp cliff face into eight canyon and claimed to find the cabin site on a flat ledge about 700 feet down.

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Well, we want to get to eight canyon.

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We want to see if the cabin is there.

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But it sounds like this cabin place, if it exists at all, is going to be pretty high up of volcano.

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But we've got a plan.

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Phil and I have arranged a chopper to take us, Matt and Mark, along the steep slopes of Mount St. Helens to attempt to identify the location of the fabled cabin site.

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With recent Bigfoot sightings and eight canyon, if we can find proof of the cabin's existence,

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the site would not only mark the first documented report of a sasquatch,

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but also help prove that these creatures have inhabited the forests around Mount St. Helens for nearly a century.

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That is if the high winds stop banging us around.

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That's a choppy air.

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Get ready for fun rides, Matt.

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Whoa, f***!

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How are the conditions looking?

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A little bit shaky.

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Yeah, you can say that.

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Hey Jess, if you're going to puke, puke out the window, please.

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Oh gosh!

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Alright, eight canyon on the left.

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We've got eight canyon!

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Whoa, whoa, whoa!

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Wow!

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That canyon looks exceptionally dangerous.

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Eight canyon is a steep walled gorge that plunges two and a half miles down the southeast shoulder of Mount St. Helens.

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So where do we think the cabin would be?

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On the left-hand side of this of our deep canyon, that's where we need to be looking for the cabin right now.

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Hmm, this side is steep.

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According to one journalist who claimed to visit the cabin site in 1924, the cabin was located down the side of the canyon about 700 feet from the top.

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But I can't exactly say that miners were attacked by Sasquatches at their cabin unless we find actual evidence that this place even existed in the first place.

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Well, you know, they didn't have access to dynamite.

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They were using it mainly to blast out the mine itself, but they would have also used it to make the cabin look like it was a cave.

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But they would have also used it to blast out an area to the side of the hill to have a flat space to be able to build the cabin.

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Okay, so we should be looking for a flat area.

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At first glance, a cabin has no business being hidden along this steep canyon.

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But this might have been strategic.

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In 1891, German immigrants discovered extensive deposits of precious metals on the slopes of Mount St. Helens, sparking a wave of gold fever.

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Over the next several decades, thousands of miners poured into the area, forcing many prospectors to climb higher up the steep slopes of the mountain to stake a claim of their own.

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Are you seeing anything yet?

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Nothing yet.

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I don't see anything.

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Wait, look right there.

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So I see a little flat area, a flat ish area.

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Oh yeah, I do.

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Maybe it's this area right here, anywhere along that ridge.

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That's about 700 feet.

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Well, obviously there's nowhere to put a chopper down on that ridge.

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The area we've identified matches the only description of the cabin site ever documented.

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It's hard to get a sense of how big that shelf is from the air, but I'm determined to find out firsthand.

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I want to get on the ground to see if we can find any evidence of the cabin, because I've not seen anything from up here.

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Maybe me and Mark could hike up, and then you guys could tackle from down below.

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Yeah, that works.

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Yep.

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I like that plan.

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Back on the ground, we'll split up to maximize our efforts.

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Jess and Matt will head into the valley of Ape Canyon at a lower elevation to start hunting for any evidence of Bigfoot in the area.

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Meanwhile, Mark and I have a very long hike, 4,000 feet up the mountain to reach the coordinates of the potential cabin site we spotted from the air.

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And the whole way, we need to keep an eye out for bears, cougars, and these guys.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, look at that.

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Look what we got.

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We got two mountain goats ahead of us.

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Yep, keep your distance.

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Last year here in Washington, just north of here, a hiker was hiking.

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The goat didn't want them there, and the goat killed him.

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Oh boy.

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When we walk through here, we need to keep one eye on the trail and one eye on those goats.

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Okay.

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As we gain elevation, we've hit a dense, old growth forest filled with towering trees.

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Many of these massive timbers are over 500 years old, so it's clear this thick forest was spared from the catastrophic eruption in 1980.

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We are going higher and higher up here.

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How much higher we got?

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Probably another 600 feet.

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After hiking for hours, we reach a dangerous dead end.

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Whoa.

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Check this out.

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Whoa.

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This is a canyon fill.

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We've arrived.

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Wow.

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We are in the clouds up here.

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We're at about 4,000 foot elevation right now.

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So you think somewhere down there is where the cabin was?

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Hopefully, and that's why we're here.

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All right.

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With darkness nearly upon us, it's too dangerous to repel down into the canyon tonight.

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What do you say?

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Let's set up tents.

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Maybe we get a fire going.

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So Mark and I will establish a base camp and contact Jess and Matt.

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Okay, so Ape Canyon is kind of across and to the right.

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After an hour of hiking, Matt and I are finally in position at the bottom of Ape Canyon after dark.

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Approximately 2,500 feet directly below Phil and Mark's position.

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And based on recent reports, this is the prime location to investigate.

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Should we bust out the fliers?

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That might be a good idea.

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So I'm busting out the FLIR camera to help identify any heat signatures moving in the brush.

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Phil, you copy?

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You ever hear of you?

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Awesome.

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Okay, well we're in position, so we're ready to get started.

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Perfect.

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So, what you guys plan?

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We're going to kick off some howls here on our end.

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And I want you to let us know if you hear anything reply.

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Copy that.

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All right.

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We'll be listening.

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Sounds good.

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Here we go.

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Matt is literally mimicking what he believes is the sound of a big foot howl.

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He thinks these creatures communicate with one another over great distances, much like a coyote pack.

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I'm keeping my eye on the FLIR to see if these calls draw anything in.

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That sounded fantastic.

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Yeah, the echoing's real good.

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So it's going to carry a long way around.

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Phil, did you hear Matt's howl up there?

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But we hear you.

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Okay, cool.

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Have you guys heard anything respond?

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You hear anything?

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:02,000

No.

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00:19:02,000 --> 00:19:03,000

Nothing yet.

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I think we should just give it another shot.

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Do you mind if I try?

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It's been a while.

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Okay.

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Okay, Phil, Jess is going to do one of her screams.

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Copy that.

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We'll be listening for it.

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Okay.

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I heard it.

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I heard it.

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That was crazy.

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What did we just hear?

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I don't know.

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Perhaps coyotes.

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You think this I am?

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That's a good point.

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I don't know.

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Maybe not.

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I don't know.

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Oh, I just saw something move.

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We're not alone.

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We're moving.

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What did you see?

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I don't know.

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It just moved from right to left.

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It just kind of like went across.

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It was right coming through here.

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Oh, look, look, look.

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Oh, where did it go?

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Damn it.

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Phil and Mark are near what could be the location of the cabin,

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where the first alleged Bigfoot sighting was reported in 1924.

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Jess and Matt are 2,500 feet below them in the valley of Ape Canyon,

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a hotbed for recent Sasquatch sightings.

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That hurts rock.

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Well, let's just see what it was.

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Hang on.

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Look at that.

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Oh, yeah.

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That is fresh scat.

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Look at this.

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And look, almost looks like something dug out the earth.

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It seems like something was marking its territory with this scat.

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What's your guess?

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Is it herbivore?

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It's pellity like a deer, I know.

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It is a little pellity.

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Look, we got real pellet scat right here.

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Yeah.

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This is something different.

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This almost seems more omnivore.

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Hey, guys, we got something up here.

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Very, very fresh scat with some like scratch markings right below it.

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Of course Phil would find the Pope.

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We have a sample that we could send back to analyze

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and just at least see what it is.

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Whatever left this scat behind could still be in the area.

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So after collecting our sample,

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Mark and I continue searching for anything out of the ordinary.

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All right, let's keep it going.

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All right.

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After another hour of investigating, the forest has gone quiet.

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I'm not seeing anything.

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Before calling it a night, I set up a few trap cameras.

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Maybe whatever I picked up on thermal will come out of the area.

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As the sun rises on the next day, Mark and I set off to investigate a flat area

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along the sheer ape canyon cliff that we discovered from the air.

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Oh, wow.

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We're searching for any physical evidence of a cabin

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that was supposedly abandoned by a group of miners

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who claimed they were attacked by Sasquatches.

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I know Jess is already a believer,

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but if I can find proof, I can find out.

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I'm not sure if I can find any evidence of any of this.

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I'm not sure.

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I don't know.

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I know Jess is already a believer,

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but if I can find proof the cabin was down there,

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it would help convince me that this whole story isn't just another tall tale.

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That is steep down there.

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Yeah.

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All right, let's get to it.

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Let's go.

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With Mark acting as my safety from above,

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I'm starting my descent into ape canyon to search for the lost cabin.

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It might not look like an ideal place for a gold mining venture,

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but throughout history, men have put their lives on the line,

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blasting tunnels and trails into sheer mountain sides

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with hopes of finding a potential fortune hidden in the earth.

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This is a crazy story about miners being in here,

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being attacked by Sasquatches,

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but I think the craziest part is this damn descent into this canyon.

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I mean, what were these people thinking?

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This cabin better be here.

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Okay, feeling good.

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Just got like 200 more feet to go.

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That's what I get for trying to calm down all fancy.

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At the bottom of my 700 foot descent,

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there appears to be a small flat area hidden by a cluster of heavily leafed trees,

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which explains why we couldn't see it from the helicopter.

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Okay, well, I gotta admit this place doesn't look like much,

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but it is at least flat, and especially flat for ape canyon.

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So if these miners were to have a place to work to build a cabin,

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I mean, I feel like this gotta be it.

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According to news articles,

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the cabin was located on such a steep cliff that you needed a rope to get to it.

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This location definitely lines up with that description.

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We also know that it was a small basic cabin

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made with logs, some wood planks, and building paper.

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There's been countless snowstorms and windstorms and rainstorms,

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but maybe there's something left behind that we could find.

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There'll be a bit of evidence to say at least some of that ape canyon story is true.

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So let's get started.

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Wood planks from the cabin are most certainly rotted away from the cold and damp climate here,

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but there would have been nails or other metal hardware from the cabin.

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On top of that, the miners would have been using metal sifting pans, hammers,

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and other mining equipment here.

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So I'm going to use a metal detector to see if anything like that may have been left behind.

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God, what's not something here?

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Oh!

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00:25:34,000 --> 00:25:37,000

Okay, got something here.

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00:25:39,000 --> 00:25:41,000

What the hell?

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Phil is in ape canyon on the eastern slopes of Mount St. Helens.

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Oh!

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Okay, got something here.

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Searching for evidence and investigating the 100-year-old legend of the first reported Bigfoot attack.

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Oh!

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That's a rock.

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That's another rock.

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Hold up!

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Oh my God, look at that!

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That is 100% man-made.

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Now you can see there'd be nails going in this side, there'd probably be nails going in this side.

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This is a bracket that would hold pieces of wood together, pieces of wood like you would use to build a cabin.

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And it is old!

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Look at all that corrosion that we're getting here.

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This thing is easily 50 to 100 years old.

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The condition of this bracket makes it hard to date, but the one attached nail offers a clue.

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Because the material and the shapes of nails have changed over time,

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archaeologists often will use a technique called nail chronology to date historical structures.

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So there's a chance I'll be able to see just how old this really is.

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And after finding the bracket, the floodgates open.

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Wow!

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I find several more pieces of metal all very weathered and old.

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I'll send all of these samples out for analysis to see if they date back to the same time as the alleged Bigfoot attack in 1924.

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There's no way that it is just a coincidence that all of these really, really old pieces of metal ended up in this flat spot where purportedly there was a cat.

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Now I'm not saying that that means Bigfoot is real and that they were attacked by Bigfoot, but something might have happened to them.

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And we are in the right spot to figure out what it was.

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Let me see what else I could find before I have to climb back up that cliff to then hike back down this volcano.

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Phil's discovered potential evidence that there could have been a cabin in Ape Canyon,

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which in my mind only corroborates the story of the Sasquatch attack in 1924.

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Last night, we heard strange howls in the same canyon.

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And I managed to capture something on thermal in the valley of Ape Canyon,

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the same area where locals have reported large bipedal creatures.

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We need to hit that location again even harder tonight.

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But in such dense forest, we'll need even more surveillance tech and vehicles to navigate that terrain.

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So we're hoping Josh can hook us up with the gear we need to finally get video evidence of these animals

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to prove that they've been living in Ape Canyon since they were first reported a century ago.

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The only other weird thing that happened to us Josh, you're gonna love this, I got some scat heading your way.

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00:29:13,000 --> 00:29:18,000

Phil's been on the road for a while now, and I'm sure you'll be able to see it.

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00:29:18,000 --> 00:29:22,000

I'm not sure if you've heard of it, but I'm sure you've heard of it.

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I'm sure you've heard of it.

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00:29:24,000 --> 00:29:26,000

I'm sure you've heard of it.

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00:29:26,000 --> 00:29:28,000

I'm sure you've heard of it.

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I'm sure you've heard of it.

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I'm sure you've heard of it.

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I'm sure you've heard of it.

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Josh, you're gonna love this, I got some scat heading your way.

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Phil, why are you always mailing me sh**?

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You know, if I find some mystery scat, I gotta throw it in a bag Josh.

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Share the smell of the adventure a little bit.

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Okay, well we'll send it to the lab and we'll see if we can idea it.

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I mean the bottom line is that we need to get back out to that spot with some upgraded tech as soon as possible.

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That way we can get a clean photo of whatever we saw and heard while it's still in the area.

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Yeah, we could use all the backup we could get.

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There's a guy up there I would love for you to link up with.

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His name is Joe Bangeavani, not John Bonjovi, very easy to confuse.

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This guy is like the Mount St. Helens Bigfoot authority.

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He has been up there for years, he knows all the back country up there,

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he has a huge array of investigation equipment.

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I think meeting up with him could be invaluable for the next investigation.

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Yeah, for sure.

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Okay, I'm gonna text you his info, good luck and stay safe out there, alright?

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We will.

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You got it.

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Happy hunting.

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With the team heading back to the valley of Ape Canyon where they already encountered something the other night.

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I'm calling in some backup that have designed state of the art tech specifically designed to search for Bigfoot.

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Well hello there.

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Welcome.

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John Bangeavani, founder of the Cascade Sasquatch Research Organization,

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has been hunting Bigfoot since he claimed to have encountered one near Mount St. Helens in the year 2000.

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And along with his colleague Jim Snodgrass built a custom Humvee equipped with over \$120,000 worth of state of the art military grade,

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search and reconnaissance gear.

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It's the perfect vehicle for tracking at night when the majority of sightings take place.

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Well I'm looking at this and I'm seeing a lot of things that do not look like typical modifications on a Humvee.

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What do you set up here?

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So one of the things that we've been doing looking for Bigfoot is to try and make us as not noticeable as possible.

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And the best way to do that is to not use any light.

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We have a turret up top with a thermal imaging system, the equivalent of a military Blackhawk helicopter.

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And then there's an IR illumination system on it.

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We use this to look 360 degrees.

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The idea is that if we see something on thermal the operator can turn on an IR spotlight and light that target.

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Most of the time we use that to eliminate the variables and say this wasn't a Bigfoot, this was something more common in life.

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And then I drive using night vision equipment, all IR illumination.

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So here's the plan for tonight.

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We're targeting the area where I captured the large heat signature in the Valley of Ape Canyon.

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I'll be on patrol in the tricked out Humvee to stay mobile in case we need to move fast.

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If they manage to scare something up in the Humvee, I might be able to see it from my position.

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I'll be surveilling the area from 100 feet over the forest floor in a tree stand in the middle of our search zone.

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This is pretty high.

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Any big animal that's down below, when they're looking for any threats or any prey, they're going to be looking to the left and to the right.

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They're not necessarily going to be looking up.

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That's where I'll be if I can get there.

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I'll also be equipped with a thermal camera to help me see anything that might be lurking below in the dark.

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Alright Jess, I'm up.

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Really, really good view up here.

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If anything's moving down below here, I think I'm for sure going to get on the thermal.

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With our eye in the sky in place and the Humvee in stealth mode, we start our patrol.

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You can see that road real good, I hope.

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I can see it perfectly.

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And along with the Humvee's mounted thermal camera, we have multiple handheld thermal and IR cameras to help us spot anything hiding in the forest.

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Alright Phil, how you doing up there?

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Alright, I'm settled. It is dark, it is time, but I got the fleer going.

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We have all of our equipment running, so we're going to see what we can pick up.

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Alright, good luck.

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Thanks you too.

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Let's see what we got.

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This is trickier than it seems because I can't actually see where the edge of this platform is.

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Because it's completely dark out here, this is the only light I have, so here's to not fall off the edge.

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I'm hoping we spot a big animal.

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Did you guys get any on your side?

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I don't see anything ahead on Mayfusion.

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Nothing yet here.

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How about you Matt, are you getting anything on your end?

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Nothing over there.

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Is that a...wait hang on, I think I saw something over there.

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Stop.

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Whatever Jim saw, we can't get a visual on it, so we're going to send out some calls and hopefully draw it out of hiding.

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Okay, let's see if we can hear something out back on us.

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You ready Jim and Joe?

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Oh, lots of echoes.

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Do you hear that?

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Something up the canyon.

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Yeah.

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There's something right there.

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When the Ape Canyon story made headlines back in 1924, newspapers called the mysterious creature Ape Men, Beasts and even Mountain Devils.

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Because, well, the iconic name Bigfoot wouldn't be coined for another three decades.

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In 1958, Jerry Crue, a bulldozer operator for a logging company, made a shocking discovery in Northern California.

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Unusually large human-like footprints in the mud.

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The Humboldt Times picked up the story and ran it on October 5, 1958.

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But it was the first time the name Bigfoot was officially put in print.

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And so began a worldwide phenomenon.

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Sure, it was revealed in 2002 that hoaxers made those prints by walking around in oversized feet carved out of wood.

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But hey, one fake event doesn't diminish a genius bit of branding.

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So sorry, Mountain Devils, you got the boot.

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Bigfoot is here to stay.

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What the f*** is this?

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There's something right there.

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The team is searching for the truth behind sightings of Bigfoot in the shadow of Mount St. Helens.

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And the hunt is heating up.

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Right there.

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Oh, yeah?

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Yeah.

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There's two. There's two. There's two. There's two.

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There's that one that's big and there's one over here.

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Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah.

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Yup.

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I can't see it at all now. I think it took off. It's not there anymore.

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The two anomalous heat signatures are nowhere to be found.

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It's like they were watching us and once they realized we had eyes on them, they disappeared.

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The question is, where did they go?

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Nothing so far.

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Oh, f***.

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I think we got something.

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Is it moving though? Is the question...

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Yeah, I think it's moving.

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Oh, f***, we got something. What is that?

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Okay, I just heard Jess and Money Maker call the distance.

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I want to see if this thing reacts.

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Oh, it's changing directions.

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This is definitely an animal.

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F***, it's going behind this branch.

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Hang on.

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Try to... how do you stand on this thing?

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Come on.

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I think we'll stay low.

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From here on out.

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But I got it.

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F***.

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Dammit.

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Come on, come on.

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That slip may have cost me a chance to get a full picture of what's lurking around Ape Canyon.

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I don't know what this thing went.

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Dammit, I think I lost it.

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If there were Sasquatches in the area, I think after they got a look at us, they moved on.

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That's so frustrating.

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We send out calls and continue to patrol the area into the early morning, but with no luck.

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Whatever was out here is long gone.

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You having fun, Phil?

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Not really.

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You guys, tree platform.

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That's a serious thing right there.

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Yes, it is.

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After a long, exhausting night, we call it quits.

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So we reconnect with Phil and head back to civilization.

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How did I have it in front of me and yet it still manages to get away?

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It's so frustrating.

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Welcome to Bigfoot.

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Right?

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For many people of the Pacific Northwest, the legend of Bigfoot is all too real.

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But is Ape Canyon, along the slopes of Mount St. Helens, truly ground zero for the origin story of the elusive creature

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known as Sasquatch?

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The team did capture multiple unidentified heat signatures on thermal cameras,

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but are they truly legendary beasts or just a known species?

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After lab analysis, the scat sample that Phil recovered turned out to be from a bear.

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However, after wildlife experts analyzed the strange sounds recorded in Ape Canyon,

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they could not be identified as a bear, wolf or coyote.

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In addition, the nail and metal fragments Phil discovered at the alleged cabin site

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all date back to late turn of the century, between 1900 and 1930.

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That is 100% man-made.

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This suggests the cabin did exist and miners were likely in this area at the time of the reported attack.

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This adds credibility to their story, but it doesn't close the case.

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However, the trap cameras just set up are still rolling right now.

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With all of the strange activity the team experienced in the area, something unknown could be out there.

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So if a strange animal does inhabit Ape Canyon, we may be just one snap away from proving it.