

Bigfoot

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the hair to someone who had done this kind of analysis before.

Dr. W.H. Fahrenbach of the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center has looked at hundreds of alleged bigfoot hairs. I was directed to him by extremely reliable sources in both the Wyoming and Nebraska Game and Parks commissions. To anyone in the business, Fahrenbach is a credible and serious scientist.

Fahrenbach said the hairs most closely matched "presumptive bigfoot hair" his lab has received from similar incidents in the Pacific Northwest.

Fahrenbach said he compared the hair to human, primate and dozens of hairs from animals that are indigenous to Colorado.

He said the Green Mountain Falls hair was the first he had seen from the Rocky Mountains.

Fahrenbach said the core of the hair, called the medulla, was thinner than the medulla of a typical bear hair. The medulla of a human hair is broken throughout the length of the hair. The hair pulled from the screen had a solid medulla.

Fahrenbach would not confirm that the hair was from an unknown humanoid.

"We don't have a standard of comparison at the present stage," Fahrenbach said. "You can't identify a dragon turd if you've never seen a dragon turd. Likewise, you can't identify a bigfoot hair if you're not sure you've seen a bigfoot hair."

The real twist in talking to Fahrenbach was not that the hair was unidentifiable, but that he didn't care that it was unidentifiable.

"Sightings are a dime a dozen," he said. "Same with footprints and hair."

"What we need is lengthy video . . . or a body. People will try to explain the whole thing away unless we have minutes of crystal-clear, image-intensified video or a bloody carcass."

Fahrenbach said he is certain there are bigfoot in the Northwest.

"Sheriff's deputies have seen footprints and creatures time and time again . . . We've got whole neighborhoods giving the exact same descriptions of the things."

"After seeing so much evidence and so many reports," he said, "such a scam becomes much more incredible than the existence of such a creature."

Earlier, Brienzo had said nearly the same thing.

"This (all the recorded bigfoot sightings) would be the biggest, most complex hoax in history," he said.

With the hair and the photos and our own mania, it seems now that the least probable conclusion is that Dan is crazy.

And, looking at all the evidence, it does seem that a hoax would be more incredible than the existence of a hairy humanoid.

Add the fact that Dan refuses to accept money for anything related to the bigfoot story and I'm left with only one probable conclusion. As a somewhat respectable journalist who returned from the hunt without a carcass, I refuse to say what that conclusion is.



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