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### **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 the Flathead County Sheriff's Office was contacted by local citizens who had picked up several husky and shepherd mix dogs in the area of Doris Creek in the Flathead National Forest. The parties were able to pick up 11 dogs which were turned over to Animal Control and taken to the animal shelter. Animal Control later located several other dogs in the Doris Creek area which were also taken to the animal shelter. Several of the dogs have tested positive for parvovirus and are currently being evaluated. We are looking to identify the person or persons who left the dogs in the area of Doris Creek.

During this investigation, we were advised through Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks that one of the dogs may have been shot. The person who is believed to have shot the dog has been identified. The case is under investigation.

We ask the public if they have any information pertaining to the investigation to email tips to [tips@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:tips@flathead.mt.gov).

The dogs are not up for adoption at this time.