

2013/01/31 – Harrison Hot Springs Area. “I Saw a Sasquatch Today”: A resident who recently moved to a location just south of Harrison Hot Springs reported that he saw what he believes was a sasquatch in this area at about 8:30 a.m. on January 31, 2013. He had gone out rabbit hunting, but not seeing any rabbits, he started back to his home. He noticed what he thought was a “big fella” up on a ridge beyond the field in which he was walking. He believes the figure was standing on two legs and estimated that it was over 7 feet tall and weighed over 400 pounds. The ridge was about 100 feet up and about 800 feet from his position. He noticed that the oddity was grey in color and could see its arms, shoulders and head; the distance prevented him from seeing any fine details. He watched the figure for about 15 seconds and saw it moving. He became quite unnerved so hastened his pace on his return to his home; he glanced back at the figure about four times in this process. When he got home he looked out the window and the oddity was gone. He said he was too nervous to go up to the spot where the figure was seen, but later said he would try and get up there. He remarked, “there is no direct way from the farm; it’s basically a cliff wall up to the ridge. I’m hoping the rain hasn’t washed any proof away.” We have not heard anything further in this regard.

The resident's experience came to light when he posted it on the BC Hunting website on December 31, 2013. A sasquatch researcher noticed it and alerted Bill Miller who contacted the resident. At this time the resident said that the size of what he saw ruled out a bear or a human. Subsequently, Miller and Thomas Steenburg visited the resident and interviewed him on May 3, 2014.

Unfortunately, the resident's website post met with all sort of the usual ridicule. He remarked “I am hiding in shame for saying anything in the first place.” Nevertheless, he was heartened by the encouragement given him by the researchers. Thomas Steenburg noted in his report, “I do not think this man is making this up for attention or any other reason as I have no doubt he would rather just put this behind him and carry on with his life without the sasquatch mystery playing any part of it.”

Source: Thomas Steenburg Sasquatch Incident file, No. 10189.