



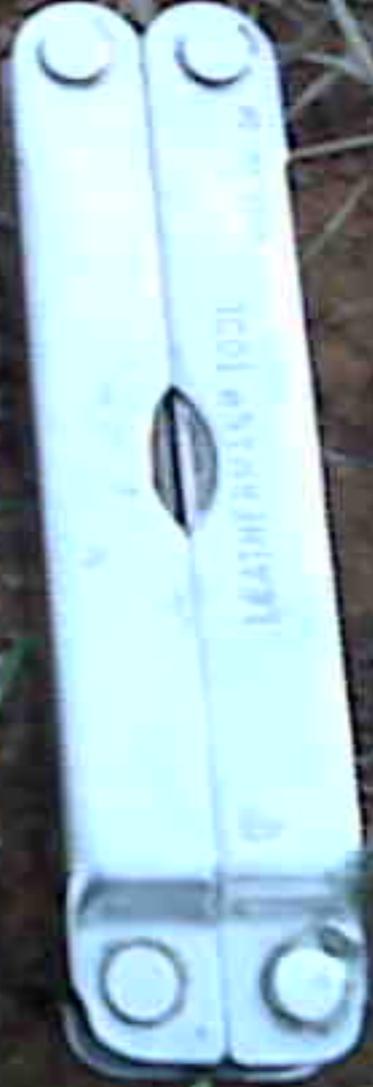


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Wolf #1

Date: May 26th, 2010

Location: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: Wolf was observed in the sheep by the herder. The herder shot at, and missed the wolf.

Reporting Party: [REDACTED] (b)(6) and shepherd

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action Taken: USDA/UDAF investigated [REDACTED] (b)(6) and confirmed it was [REDACTED] UDAF trapper [REDACTED] pictures and casts of wolf tracks w [REDACTED] as wolf was passing though and there were no kills. UDAF/USDA Wildlife Services to monitor the area for activity.

Action terminated: June 4th, 2010

Comments, descriptions, etc: The wolf was said to be dark to black, bold and not wary of herder.

Second sighting

(Presumed to be the same wolf observed on the May 26th)

Date: June 16th, 2010

Location: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: While herding cattle the range rider noticed a wolf harassing the cows, shots were fired in an attempt to scare the wolf off, as range rider was unsure of current legal status. It showed little fear and just loped off a little ways. Range rider called USDA. The next day's ride turned up a depreda [REDACTED] ound calf. The calf was confirmed killed by a wolf. Confirmed by UDAF trapper [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Reporting Party: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action taken: Traps were set around the kill site and checked regularly

Action terminated: June 30th, 2010 due to upcoming holiday site visitation concerns and the decomposition level of the calf.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: The wolf was said to be black.

Third sighting

Date: July 10th 2010

Location: Rich Co.

Brief Description of Circumstances: Herder saw what he presumed was a b [redacted] in the early morning light, which ran off depredation sight. He called a UDAF trapper [redacted] (b)(6) who later confirmed the depredation was due to a wolf not a bear. This was confirmed by track and hair samples collected at the kill sight.

Reporting Party: [redacted] (b)(6)

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action Taken: Traps were set and check on a regular basis. A single black female wolf was trapped at the sight on July 23rd, 2010. The animal was shot by the sheep herder. The state trapper retrieved the animal and it was turned over the Utah DWR on July 26th.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: Necropsy report shows 84 lb female black colored wolf, estimated 2year old, lack of placental scarring showed no previous parturition of young. (no pups)

Wolf #2

(Presumed to be different wolf than Wolf #1)

Date: July 8th

Location: Summit Co, Chalk Creek Area

Brief Description of Circumstances: A cattleman reported two calves had been killed by a wolf. A UDAF trapper [redacted] (b)(6) confirmed the kills as wolf depredations on July 9th.

Reporting Party: Owner – [redacted] (b)(6)

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action taken: Traps set on the 9th of July, 2010

Action Terminated: July 15th 2010

Comments/Descriptions: Traps were pulled due to the lack of visitation by the subject animal and the degree of decay the calf carcasses. Due to hair samples collected at the depredation site this was presumed to be a buff/buff gray colored wolf.

Wolf #3

Date: July 8th

Location: Utah/Idaho border near Franklin Basin

Brief Description of Circumstances: A wolf depredated a sheep herd, that summers on both sides of the Utah/Idaho border. A sheep herder (b)(6) saw a lone wolf chasing his sheep and shot the wolf from his sheep camp in Idaho.

Reporting Party: Sheep herder (b)(6) UDAF Trapper & Idaho Wildlife Services

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action taken: Investigation of incident

Comments/Descriptions: Buff gray wolf. Sheep where killed in Utah, Wolf was shot while chasing the same herd on the Idaho side of the border.

Wolf #1

Date: May 26th, 2010

Location: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: Wolf was observed in the sheep by the herder. The herder shot at, and missed the wolf.

Reporting Party: [REDACTED] (b)(6) and shepherd

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action Taken: USDA/UDAF investigated [REDACTED] (b)(6) and confirmed it was a [REDACTED] tures and casts of wolf trapper [REDACTED] (b)(6) et by UDAF as wolf was passing though and there were no kills. UDAF/USDA Wildlif [REDACTED] continued to monitor the area for activity.

Action terminated: June 4th, 2010

Comments, descriptions, etc: The wolf was said to be dark to black, bold and not wary of herder.

Second sighting
(Presumed to be the same wolf observed on the May 26th)

Date: June 16th, 2010

Location: (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: While herding cattle the range rider noticed a wolf harassing the cows, shots were fired in an attempt to scare the wolf off, as range rider was unsure of current legal status. It showed little fear and just loped off a little ways. Range rider called USDA. The next day's ride turned up a depredated and calf. The calf was confirmed killed by a wolf. Confirmed by UDAF trapper (b)(6)

Reporting Party: (b)(6)

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action taken: Traps were set around the kill site and checked regularly

Action terminated: June 30th, 2010 due to upcoming holiday site visitation concerns and the decomposition level of the calf.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: The wolf was said to be black.

Third sighting

Date: July 10th 2010

Location: Rich Co.

Brief Description of Circumstances: Herder saw what he presumed was a black bear in morning light, which ran off depredation sight. He called a UDAF trapper (b)(6) who later confirmed the depredation was due to a wolf not a bear. This was d by track and hair samples collected at the kill sight.

Reporting Party: (b)(6)

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action Taken: Traps were set and check on a regular basis. A single black female wolf was trapped at the sight on July 23rd, 2010. The animal was shot by the sheep herder. The state trapper retrieved the animal and it was turned over the Utah DWR on July 26th.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: Necropsy report shows 84 lb female black colored wolf, estimated 2year old, lack of placental scarring showed no previous parturition of young. (no pups)

Wolf #2

(Presumed to be different wolf than Wolf #1)

Date: July 8th

Location: Summit Co, Chalk Creek Area

Brief Description of Circumstances: A cattleman reported two calves had been killed by a wolf. A UDAF trapper (b)(6) confirmed the kills as wolf depredations on July 9th.

Reporting Party: (b)(6)

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action taken: Traps set on the 9th of July, 2010

Action Terminated: July 15th 2010

Comments/Descriptions: Traps were pulled due to the lack of visitation by the subject animal and the degree of decay the calf carcasses. Due to hair samples collected at the depredation site this was presumed to be a buff/buff gray colored wolf.

Wolf #3

Date: July 8th

Location: Utah/Idaho border near Franklin Basin

Brief Description of Circumstances: A wolf depredated a sheep herd, killing
mmers on both sides of the Utah/Idaho border. A sheep herder (b)(6)
(b)(6) saw a lone wolf chasing his sheep and shot the wolf from his s

Reporting Party: Sheep herder (b)(6) UDAF Trapper & Idaho Wildlife Services

Classification: **Confirmed**

Action taken: Investigation of incident

Comments/Descriptions: Buff gray wolf. Sheep where killed in Utah, Wolf was shot while chasing the same herd on the Idaho side of the border.

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First Sighting - Wolf #1

Date: May 26th, 2010

Location:

(b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: Wolf was observed in the sheep by the herder. The herder shot at, and missed the wolf.

Reporting Party: Local herder

Classification: **Confirmed sighting**

Action Taken: USDA/UDAF investigated and confirmed it was a wolf. Pictures and casts of wolf tracks were taken. No traps were set by UDAF trapper as wolf was just passing though and there were no kills. UDAF/USDA Wildlife Services continued to monitor the area for activity.

Action terminated: June 4th, 2010

Comments, descriptions, etc: The wolf was said to be dark gray to black, bold and not wary of herder.

Second Sighting of Wolf #1 and first Depredation by Wolf #1
(Presumed to be the same wolf observed on the May 26th)

Date: June 16th, 2010

Location:

(b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: While herding cattle the range rider noticed a wolf harassing the cows, shots were fired in an attempt to simply scare the wolf off, as range rider was unsure of current legal status. It showed little fear and just loped off a little ways. The range rider called UDAF trapper. The next day's ride turned up a depredated 375+ pound calf. The calf was confirmed by the UDAF trapper as having been killed by a wolf.

Reporting Party: Local range rider

Classification: **Confirmed Sighting and Depredation**

Action taken: Traps were set around the kill site and checked regularly

Action terminated: June 30th, 2010 due to upcoming holiday site visitation concerns and the decomposition level of the calf.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: The wolf was report to be black.

Third and Fourth sightings of Wolf #1
(Presumed to be the same wolf observed on the May 26th)

Date(s): July 30th-August 2nd, 2010

Location: (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: While looking for deer and monitoring the cattle a lone black wolf was spotted on two different occasions, by two different family members.

Reporting Party: (b)(6)

Classification: **Possible Sighting**

Action taken: Sites were visited by UDAF trapper, but nothing could be confirmed.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: The wolf was said to be black.

Second Confirmed Depredation of Wolf #1
(Presumed to be the same wolf observed on the May 26th)

Date: August 3rd, 2010

Location: (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: The (b)(6) range rider called UDAF trapper saying he had found two more dead cows (a cow and calf), and was requesting assistance. The UDAF trapper responded the same day and investigated. An adult cow was found dead of natural causes with no signs of predation. A second dead cow, a 375+ pound calf was observed on the same ranch and was confirmed as a wolf depredation. It was confirmed by UDAF trapper. The determination was made due to the large amount bruising trauma and locations of the wound sites. The calf had bite wounds to the flanks, front shoulder, and nose region. The nasal bones and nasal arch were crushed and blood stained, and a large tear of the nose and top lip was observed. The flanks and front shoulder had crush/bite wounds along with associated hemorrhaging. There appeared to

be two feeding sites. One the right side brisket and shoulder area, and the second site on the paunch and flank.

Reporting Party: Head range rider for the (b)(6)

Classification: Confirmed depredation

Action taken: Traps were set around the kill site and checked regularly

Action terminated: Upon notice of Judge Malloy's ruling relisting the gray wolf as endangered.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: A single large wolf track was found in the calf's offal that had been spilled out of its abdominal cavity. There exists a slight possibility of a second wolf. (two feeding sites and more than one attack point).

Third Confirmed Depredation by Wolf #1
(Presumed to be the same wolf observed on the May 26th)

Date: August 5th, 2010

Location: (b)(6)

Brief Description of Circumstances: The UDAF trapper found a fresh calf kill while checking wolf traps and riding looking for new wolf sign. This calf was found near a water hole slightly to the west of the Aug 3rd depredation. The area had been ridden on the 3rd and the 500 +/- lb calf was not there on the 3rd. This calf kill was confirmed, as a wolf depredation, by UDAF trapper. The determination was made due to the severe trauma and locations of the wound sites, and wolf tracks associated with the kill.

Reporting Party: UDAF Trapper, It was also witnessed by the range rider.

Classification: Confirmed depredation

Action taken: The UDAF trapper, set traps and then sat within rifle range of the kill for several hours, hoping the wolf would return in an attempt to feed again.

Action terminated: Actions ceased upon notice of Judge Malloy's ruling to relisting the gray wolf as endangered.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: Very fresh depredation, with lots of wolf sign.

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First sighting of Wolf #1a

(originally thought to be Wolf #1, later renamed wolf #1a)

Date: July 10th 2010

Location: Rich Co.

Brief Description of Circumstances: Herder saw what he presumed was a black bear in the early morning light, which ran off of a sheep depredation sight. He called a UDAF trapper, who later confirmed the depredation was due to a wolf not a bear. This was confirmed by track and hair samples collected at the kill sight.

Reporting Party: Local herder

Classification: **Confirmed sighting**

Action Taken: Traps were set and checked on a regular basis. A single black female wolf was shot at the sight on July 23rd, 2010. The animal was shot by the sheep herder. The state trapper retrieved the animal and it was turned over the Utah DWR on July 26th.

Comments, Descriptions, Etc: Necropsy report shows 84 lb female black colored female wolf, estimated at 2 years old, lack of placental scarring showed no previous parturition of young. (no pups)

Wolf #2-First depredation File Wolf #2
(Presumed to be different wolf than Wolf #1)

Date: July 8th

Location: Summit Co, Chalk Creek Area

Brief Description of Circumstances: A cattleman reported two calves had been killed by a wolf. A UDAF trapper confirmed the kills as wolf depredations on July 9th.

Determination was made based on wolf sized tracks, hairs samples and extreme trauma seen on depredated animals (extensive bruising and hemorrhaging to the calves' flanks, also noted tails missing on both calves)

Reporting Party: Local Landowner

Classification: **Confirmed depredation**

Action taken: Traps set on the 9th of July, 2010

Action Terminated: July 15th 2010

Comments/Descriptions: Traps were pulled due to the lack of visitation by the subject animal and the degree of decay of the calf carcasses. Consistent with hair samples collected at the depredation site this was presumed to be a buff/buff gray colored wolf.

Wolf #2- 1st Guard Dog Incident
(Presumed to be different wolf than Wolf #1)

Date: July 11th

Location: Summit Co, Chalk Creek Area

Brief Description of Circumstances: While trailing sheep up the mountain a guard dog went missing, upon further investigation the shepherd and an adjoining neighbor found the guard dog "torn to pieces, with parts scattered, and the hind quarters fed upon" The tracks found were presumed to be the guard dogs due to size. It was later suggested that the wolf, that had killed calves in the adjacent property might be the culprit. A UDAF trapper responded to the site, and witnessed the dead dog, however several days had passed and he was unable to confirm that a wolf was the cause of the depredation.

Reporting Party: Local shepherd

Classification: **Possible depredation**

Action taken: Documentation only

Comments/Descriptions:

Wolf #2- 2nd Guard Dog Incident and Wolf Sighting
(Presumed to be different wolf than Wolf #1)

Date: July 28-30th

Location: Summit Co, Chalk Creek Area

Brief Description of Circumstances: A local sheep herder reported that he witnessed a wolf and his two guard dogs in a meadow below camp. Shortly there after he reported that his guard dog came back to camp but had been badly torn up and his other one was still missing. He also reported watching an injured wolf cross a meadow in the same vicinity. A UDAF trapper responded to the site and also witnessed a wolf cross a small opening at the south corner of the meadow less than fifty yards from where the trapper had parked earlier. This site is less than two miles from the calf kills confirmed on July 8th.

Reporting Party: Local sheepherder

Classification: **Confirmed sighting**

Action taken: Traps were set on the 29th of July, 2010, in hopes of capturing the animal, collaring it, and tending to its wounds.

Action Terminated: August 4th 2010

Comments/Descriptions: Traps were pulled due to the lack of visitation by the subject animal and lack of a carcass at the site to act as a draw station. The second dog which had been presumed to be dead, returned July 30th, injured but alive. Tracks were also found indicating a wolf sized animal had been in the area. The wolf seen was reported as buff/beige in color, and presumed to be a female as it squatted to urinated several times while in the meadow, according to the herder.

File Wolf #3

Wolf (Wolf/Dog Hybrid) #3

Date: July 8th

Location: Utah/Idaho border near Franklin Basin

Brief Description of Circumstances: A local herder reported a wolf had been depredating his sheep herd, killing 3 ewes and a lamb that summers on both sides of the Utah/Idaho border. While sitting in camp he saw a lone wolf chasing his sheep and shot the wolf from his sheep camp window, just across the Idaho border.

Reporting Party: Sheep herder, UDAF Trapper & Idaho Wildlife Services

Classification: **Confirmed (wolf like animal)**

Action taken: Investigation of incident

Comments/Descriptions: Buff/light gray colored wolf (or wolf/dog hybrid). The sheep had been killed in Utah. The wolf like animal was shot while chasing the same herd on the Idaho side of the border. Idaho Fish and Game retained the carcass. There is currently an ongoing IDFG investigation into the claim of a private individual that this may be her wolf dog hybrid that was lost in the same general vicinity.

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Subject Fwd: Wolf report to date
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All,

The attached document is a summary from WS of wolf / livestock interactions in Utah over the past couple of months. Please honor the request below to respect the privacy of the livestock producers identified in the summary.

KDB

Kevin D. Bunnell, Ph.D.
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"We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations the important thing is not to achieve, but to strive."
Aldo Leopold

>>> <Jared.R.Zierenberg@aphis.usda.gov> 7/26/2010 4:44 PM >>>

Even though the names are in this report, please respect their privacy when talking to the media. This is a summary of what we believe to be three different wolves in Utah. Hope this clears things up for you. Thank you.

Jared Zierenberg
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Utah 2010 Wolf Report.doc

----- Forwarded by Jared R Zierenberg/UT/APHIS/USDA on 08/21/2010 12:22 AM -----

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07/08/2010 01:09 PM

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Subj Fw: Confirmed Wolf Predation 7-8-10
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Today, WS confirmed wolf predation on 1 ewe and 1 lamb on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest in Franklin Basin (located about 15 miles east of Franklin, ID).

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Subject Wolf Depredation Chronology

Hello all,

Here is an update of the wolf depredations in Utah to date. I have also attempted to attach a few Google Earth placemarks for each wolf. There may be a few sightings that have not been included, but I wanted to give you a general idea, geographically of where each wolf's location has been centered. I am still collecting more accurate GPS location from the Chaik Creek incidents, and will update you as these become available. I believe there to be three different wolves and a wolf dog hybrid that have been identified in Utah this year. Each individual animal has it's own file and corresponding placemarks. I will update these files with new information as I receive it, along with some supporting photos. You may have to use the "open with Google Earth" function on the placemarks.

Thank you for your help and patience,

Jared Zierenberg

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UT Wolf #2.doc



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Wolf #1



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Wolf #1a



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Wolf #2



- ~GE67C.kmz

Wolf#3

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08/16/2010 02:34 PM

To Jared.R.Zierenberg@aphis.usda.gov
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Subj Re: Pictures, I said I would send a while back...
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Jared- thanks for photo - no doubt that the face mask and pointed ears make it a dog- but looks like to it might have trace of recent wolf in it. Also always closely look at feet, wolf feet are huge >5" x 4 1/2" and even big dogs have smaller feet than wolves. But a captive wolf or even wolf/dog hybrid can look exactly physically like a real wolf.

I think IDFG was going to run a genetic sample but not sure where that might be...

▼ Jared.R.Zierenberg@aphis.usda.gov

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08/16/2010 12:11 PM

To "Kevin Bunnell" <kevinbunnell@utah.gov>

cc Ed_Bangs@fws.gov

Subject Pictures, I said I would send a while back...

Kevin, you may already have these pictures but this is the only dead animal picture I have. Todd Sullivan, Idaho District Supervisor sent me this as far as pictures of the possible dog/hybrid wolf in Franklin Basin.

Are they the same dog?

Kevin, Do you have any other pictures of the dead animal from (b)(6) Maybe one that would show the conspicuous black dot on the dogs jaw?



(See attached file: IMG_0274[1].jpg)(See attached file: Black Lip Dot.JPG) IMG_0274[1].jpg



Black Lip Dot.JPG



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Subj Utah Wolf Incidence Report
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John,

Thanks for your phone call and interest in this issue. I have attached a copy of the "Wolf Incident Report" that has been compiled by USDA Wildlife Services. As I mentioned on the phone, we operate a cooperative program between our agency and USDA Wildlife Services for predator control activities in Utah. This report has been prepared by them. There are two more situations that are in the process of being investigated that are not contained in the attached report. The first one involves investigating the death of a cow and calf on the (b)(6) in Cache County. It is the same site as the one identified as June 16th on the attachment. They are investigating the kill/deaths, as we speak, and have not determined the source yet. The second one involves a missing guard dog in the same area as Wolf #2 on the attached report. No confirmation on this situation. I have eliminated the first names of the producers on the report for security/sensitivity issues and request that they be treated the same with your use of the information.

As discussed, we would be happy to meet with you next week and bring you up to speed on the status. Wednesday would be the best day for us to meet. We have meetings in Cedar City that we are scheduled to be at on Thursday. I have made contact with Mike Linnell, State Director, USDA-WS and he will be available to meet with us. Keep me posted on the status.

Thanks,

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Email: kylestephens@utah.gov Utah 2010 Wolf Report (no names).doc

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07/26/2010 02:23 PM

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Subj Re: Wolves [Notes Link](#)
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The wolf taken on July 23rd was trapped by an employee of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (not USDA WS) according to Utah State law and in coordination with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources after it killed a calf and multiple sheep on two separate occasions. The Utah Wolf Management Plan authorizes, and state law mandates that wolves found depredating on livestock within the delisted zone shall be removed. The wolf referred to in the SL Tribune article was a different animal that had killed sheep in Utah, but crossed just over the border into Idaho where it was legally shot by the herder while still in the sheep on the Idaho side of the same ranch. Under Utah law, livestock producers are entitled to compensation for livestock that are confirmed to have been killed by wolves in the delisted portion of the state.

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Hi Mike,

Can you confirm if one or two wolves have been killed this month in Utah? The wolf weekly report notes: On July 23, 2010 USDA WS trapped and shot an 80lb black female that was not lactating, where the early cattle and sheep depredations had occurred in the delisted area of Utah. UT DNR, WS, and the Service continue to closely monitor this situation. However, the news article in the Tribune this morning states that a rancher killed a wolf. Can you explain what's happened so far?

Will Utah provide compensation for the livestock losses or will the rancher(s) be informed to seek compensation from Defenders?

your help.

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Ed / Mike,

The 2010 Utah legislature passed a bill that instructed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to request that USFWS to remove any wolves that are discovered in the listed portion of Utah until such time that wolves are removed from the protections of the ESA in the entire State. The recent events in Chalk Creek lead us to believe that there is at least one wolf currently residing in the listed portion of Utah. As such, the Utah Division is requesting, as instructed by the Utah legislature, that the USFWS remove the wolves responsible for the recent livestock depredation events that occurred in the Chalk Creek area of northern Utah.

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