

Re: quick question

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2014 12 MT Cites Wolf lynx BO DLayer.pdf; 2014 12 19 Status of lynx in Montana update jz sjackson review.docx;

Hi Megan,

MT does not have an HCP/ITP for its entire furbearer trapping program, but it does have one (attached) for its CITES wolf-trapping program that was done by Doug Laye in our regional office before he moved to HQ (and after he moved from Chubbuck). It is actually consultation internal consultation between FWS ES and the Division of Management Authority (DMA) which implements CITES with the states. Doug asked me to provide an estimate/guesstimate of lynx baseline population size and distribution in MT for the BO, and I consulted with John and Scott in drafting the other attachment, which includes Scott's final review comments, which unfortunately came in after I'd sent a previous version to Doug.

I'm not sure if MT was sued by the NGOs to do an HCP/ITP for its other furbearer trapping and settled by agreeing to greater trapping restrictions/requirements in lynx areas. That is what happened in Idaho, and I don't know if ID has been completely settled via an agreement or if ID appealed and it is still in litigation.

I will check on both those things and provide an update.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Hi Jim,

Does Montana have an HCP/ITP for lynx incidental trapping? I think Maine is the only portion of the DPS that does but thought I would double check with you.

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