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date of the lynx incident?

8 messages

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To: "Erb, John D (DNR)" <john.erb@state.mn.us>

Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 9:46 AM

Hi John - Sorry I missed your call. What was the date of the incident you mentioned?

Happy Friday!
-Tam

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Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 3:00 PM

Date was listed as 12/21/13. In the FWS database Tim Catton forwarded me, it was listed as #109. Comment says "See video and message forwarded from MN DNR on 12/23". Just trying to resurrect finer details for my files – do you have the video, the email, or other details. I recall the video (releasing the cat?) may have been posted on internet by trapper before he reported to us, though it doesn't appear he was intentionally hiding it (or else he was really stupid for posting on internet).

John

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Fri, Dec 13, 2019 at 4:18 PM

Hi John - I attached my files associated with the incident. I have one more file that I cannot open and will see what I can do about that. Have a good weekend! - Tam

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3 attachments



20131221_101719_Richtone(HDR).jpg
3094K



M. Shama, pers. comm. 23 Dec 2013 - lynx trapping incident.pdf
179K



R. Baker, pers. comm. 23 Dec 2013 - FW_ Confirmed Lynx Sighting.pdf
117K

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Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 9:46 AM

Perfect. Thanks Tam.

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Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 11:05 AM

Another quick question.

Though I am still working with our ENF to track down any details they may have, I am increasingly thinking that what the FWS take file lists as records # 110 and 112 are the same incident. UTM's very close, same road, both listed as traps set for marten and that the lynx 'released itself'. Differences are that one has date of 11/30/13 (but comment notes I reported to FWS on 12/31/13.....my file says because that's when our ENF staff remembered to send me the report). The other record (#112) lists date of 12/30/13. Only other difference besides date is that one says bodygrip trap (11/30), the other says foothold (I suspect because somebody assumed that since it was caught by foot). In my files, I only had the 11/30/13 incident, and we have a formal ICR report on that one. I did not have a 12/30/13 incident in my file, though I added it after I cross-checked with your file (I now think I shouldn't have added it, and that your file has a duplicate). Anyway, if you have any details/records to help sort out whether these are in fact 2 separate incidents, please let me know. I will do the same if our ENF folks turn up more details, but I suspect that #112 is a duplicate that may need to be deleted in your file.

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Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 2:39 PM

Hi John - I was able to take a quick look at #110 and #112. I've attached the Feb. 14th email from Melissa Grover for #112. That is the only thing I have in the incident file for that one.

I've also attached the info associated with #112 (3 files - your email and the 2 attachments).

What do you think?

Happy Holidays!

-Tam

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4 attachments



M. Grover 14 Feb 2014- lynx trap report.pdf
143K



J. Erb, pers. comm. 31 Dec 2013 - incidental Lynx.pdf
155K



lynxTIF13_1081.pdf
391K



N13001081_ICR_486_redacted.docx
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Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 4:15 PM

Thanks Tam!

Based on the info you sent (and my recent discussion with CO Mary Manning who covers that area), I am 99.99% sure (I try and never say 100%) these 2 are duplicates. My suspicion below about how the duplicate entries may have occurred appears to be correct. I don't recall what caused the delay in my becoming aware of this one (likely just CO forgetfulness...which we all do), but I learned about it 12/30/13 and sent the email to you and Andy Edwards on 12/31/13. But the incident occurred 11/30/13. That got correctly entered as incident #110 in your files. Presumably sometime later Melissa Grover at USFS must have learned about it from someone, and per Tim Catton's reminder to her to have USFS staff report any takes to FWS, she sent you an email in Feb. 2014.....presumably not knowing it had already been reported to you. And this got entered in your files as #112. I'm guessing the reason she reported an incident date of 12/30 (not 11/30) was either because of a typo, or because whoever later relayed the incident to her was using the date that I had learned of it (12/30) and not the actual incident date (11/30). But everything else matches up in terms of location and other details, with one exception - #110 in your file correctly says it was in a bodygrip trap by foot. #112 says foothold trap, and I presume that is because Melissa's email to you didn't specify trap type but just said "caught by the foot".....and it would be normal to assume that meant foothold trap. In both Melissa email (which became #112) and the ICR from me (on #110), CO Mary Manning is named. And I've spoken with her, she only has 1 ICR, and she only recalls the 1 incident on 11/30.

So I am confident #110 and #112 are duplicates - #112 needs to be deleted in the FWS file. I know I can't instruct you to do so, but that one was never in my files and although when I learned it was in yours I initially said to myself "gee, must have forgot and I better add it", I now do not plan to do so.

As a minor side note, I noticed that the FWS file has I recall 4 lynx that were killed in Canada, all legally. While I know your file has the appropriate documentation of this, just wondering if they should really even be in a file on incidental lynx take for MN.

Thanks again for your help.

Happy Holidays.

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Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 12:26 PM

Thanks for the clarification, John. Your rationale makes sense to me. I will make the change and delete record 112 and keep our emails as notes in our files to track these changes. I'll send a note to Tim Catton too.

Happy New Year!
-Tam

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