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Subject: photographs of trapped lynx in Lake County south of Two Deer Lake - October 28, 2011
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[L1090548r.jpg](#)
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[depiction of lynx and trap cropped from original JPEG \(L1090549\).jpg](#)

Hi Tam,

Attached are six images of a male lynx held by a foothold trap. The lynx died on October 28, 2011 during a rescue attempt. This occurred in Section 14 (north half of NE/SW), Township 60 North, Range 10 West. The photographs were made by a member of the rescue crew shortly before the crew used a catch pole to restrain the lynx in an attempt to remove the trap. This happened on the bank of beaver impoundment, east of, and immediately adjacent, a beaver dam. Data within the EXIF indicate the last four photos in this sequence (L1090549 - L1090552) were made over a span of approximately eleven seconds. (Copies of original JPEG files are greater than 4.5 megabytes; I reduced those six files for emailing.) Also attached is a 7th image, which I cropped from JPEG, L1090549.JPG. That image presents a good view of the trap on the animal's left front paw.

The necropsy report (23814 Diagnostic Update) referring to this animal describes his injuries and indicates probable cause of death: ***"The probable cause of death in this well nourished male lynx is attributed to multiple blunt force trauma resulting in tearing of the liver, and internal bleeding into the pericardial sac, right lungs, thoracic cavity and abdominal cavity."*** The report also indicates that trauma seen during the necropsy was believed to have been self-inflicted.

The report does not provide an estimate of the time that could have elapsed from the point the lynx sustained the injuries until death occurred. I realize the injuries might have occurred at various times while the animal was held by the trap (i.e., the injuries might have accumulated) and I do not know whether the torn liver was the most severe injury, or the extent of the tear. Thus, it seems possible that death did not necessarily occur rapidly (within a minute or two) after the injuries had been sustained. Considering the injuries observed by the personnel who conducted the necropsy, could you make an inquiry to obtain an estimate concerning the span of time that might have elapsed prior to the animal's death?

Thanks,
Steve