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Subject: Fw: Providing locations to Jess Carey prior to depredation investigations
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Jess Carey has been reaching out to the wolf field staff asking for locations prior to his investigations. Previously, he was asking/getting them after the investigations. I'm going to give each of you a call to get your input on this.

Thanks,

Brady

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Hi All,

Let me talk to Goose and Stewart, then I will circle back with you all on this.

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Team,

Did we actually come to a decision here? My interpretation was that we would not be giving locations to Jess Carey prior to investigations because of the bias it causes. Is this correct? Brady, can you direct us on how we should proceed. We discussed writing an SOP to make sure everyone is following the same guidelines, who is responsible for making that happen?

Thanks,
Cyrenea

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Hello,

I agree with both Cyrenea and Allison. This is a problem. One that eventually kills wolves. The biologists are the pinch point here, it puts us in a tough spot every time. None of us want to give Jess locations prior to investigations. I think a "back to the basics" discussion should happen at the

Brady/county sheriff level about these potential biases, what the MOU states (for example not spreading rumors about “stressing the cattle to death” when there are no bites on the carcass [no scientific data to back that]), and ask the county to contribute in some way (an investigation is confirmed, then what do they do...). I will take Allison’s request one step further and request Jess Carey be removed from depredation investigations all together. I know he is allowed to do them for “political reasons”, but at what cost. I’d like to see Mexican wolves recovered one day. We are expanding the population, which is great, but I would argue that we don’t have the “home front” handled yet (Catron county). They are writing the story for how the new counties will operate, not us.

Also, remember the email Jess sent a while ago about Frieborn. Requesting/demanding every cluster location on the Cross V and Apache Canyon allotments. Pretty sure that answer is “no”. Has anyone communicated that directly to Jess. We need to put our feet down sometimes (my opinion).

Also, FYI, or a reminder to some, there are states where Wildlife Services is not even allowed to conduct wolf depredation investigations due to potential biases (Washington). If others have more details on that situation, feel free to share, it could be helpful.

We should all talk about this for sure.

Thanks,
Ed

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I have also been contacted by Jess for this information prior to an investigation, and come up with excuses to not provide them. The bias of the link between wolf locations and confirmed wolf depredations has been my large hangup with providing the locations to anyone prior to the investigation, including WS and permittee's. I think that locations can/should be used after the fact to add support in the conclusion of the investigation, and this data is not needed to come to the conclusion if done correctly.

I agree with Cyrenea that we ALL have to be on the same page with this, and that we should even go as far as telling Jess that we will no longer be giving out locations prior to an investigation if that is how we decide to move forward.

Allison

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I would like to request that we discuss giving locations (or not) to Jess Carey prior to depredation investigations. Recently, I know Jess has called me, Ed and Vicente for wolf locations prior to depredation investigations. We have discussed this before but I do not feel like we made a final decision on this, I would like everyone on the team to be on the same page. Recently, Jess called me and asked for wolf locations **prior** to conducting a depredation investigation. I told him the location map was down (which it was). He then called Ed and asked him for the same information. This is absolutely not the first time he has done this and I am concerned that this could erode our relationship with Jess if we are not all on the same page about providing locations prior to depredation investigations. As most of us know, Jess uses the fact that wolves are in the area as "evidence" that a depredation is a confirmed wolf kill and he has even referred to investigations as confirmed depredations based on wolf locations prior to even conducting the investigation. We have also seen Jess "adjust" the estimated date of death based on when wolf locations were present. This obviously creates bias in his investigation and I do not believe it is appropriate to give this information when it creates this bias. I read through the MOU (thanks for finding it Ed) and I do not see anything that requires us to share this information with Catron county prior to investigations. John, please let me know if I am missing something.

I ask that we have a conversation about this and come to a decision collectively on whether we will provide wolf location information to Jess prior to depredation investigations on June 17th during the IFT call.

Thanks,
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