

From: [Vartanian, Janess](#)
To: [Oakleaf, John](#)
Cc: [Barrett, Sherry](#); [Dwire, Maggie](#); [Jeff Humphrey](#)
Subject: Re: Mexican wolf results
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:58:06 PM

Thanks , got it.
Looks good to me

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015, Oakleaf, John <john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:

Also,

Just so you all know, my intent is to distribute that email to the IFT, the Rancher, Jess Carey, and the FS.

It would likely get out from there.

John

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 1:54 PM, Oakleaf, John <john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:
Janess,

For some reason about half of my email got cut off. Click the ... at the bottom of the email.

John

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 12:32 PM, Vartanian, Janess <janess_vartanian@fws.gov> wrote:

Are we not revealing the results? Also, Should we state that those two packs have subsequently been documented in the area. We know they were close but not there on day of the incident as we were chasing and capturing them.....

janess

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 11:25 AM, Barrett, Sherry <sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:
John: catch the typo on Prieto. I will run this statement by Michelle before it goes out

On Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 10:51 AM, Oakleaf, John <john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:
One more try. I would like to send this email out today:

"We have received the genetic results from the February 3, 2015 incident in Catron County, New Mexico, in which a rancher and several of his dogs had an altercation with a group of 7-8 canids of unknown origin at a depredation site (none of which had radio collars and thus were not known packs of wolves). The Preto pack (5 animals: 4 collars and 1 uncollared) and the Luna Pack (5 animals, 3 collars and 2 uncollared) have been documented in the area.

The lab was unable to obtain genetics from swabs of the knife or jacket of the man. The knife was cleaned following the incident with the unknown canids. Similarly, the scats collected on scene did not produce genetic results. The canine hair that was collected in the area of the incident was coyote hair.

While these results do help the investigation, they are not conclusive towards what the animals were that

interacted with the rancher and his dogs. We have continued to intensively monitor the area with camera traps, but they have not revealed a group of canines that are consistent with the description of the incident. The cameras have documented components of the Prieto pack and the Luna pack in the area consistent with locational information from the collars. The cameras also continue to document the presence of coyotes (26 times). But neither the wolves nor the coyotes have been documented in packs of 7 to 8 animals. "

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 4:52 PM, Vartanian, Janess <janess_vartanian@fws.gov> wrote:

Prieto:
4 collared, 1 uncollared

Luna:
3 collared, 2 uncollared (Year end count was 2 collared, 2 uncollared - one of which was collared on 2-3-15 the day of the incident at 1300, incident occurred 2-3-15 at ~1530 therefore at the time of the incident the count was ACTUALLY 2 collared, 2 uncollared at least one uncollared was seen visually during capture of 1398 which was the second uncollared animal during the visual...



On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 3:45 PM, Oakleaf, John <john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:

Janess,

With the new information on the uncollared wolves in the luna pack. How many wolves are collared and uncollared in each pack.

John

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 4:39 PM, Vartanian, Janess <janess_vartanian@fws.gov> wrote:

That is currently 2 uncollared wolves in Luna based on recent photographic captures.... One as of the end of year count.

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 3:37 PM, Barrett, Sherry <sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:

should we also note that all but one of the wolves in both packs have radio collars?

On Mon, Mar 23, 2015 at 4:33 PM, Oakleaf, John <john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:

Close hold until we figure out an appropriate statement, but this is my suggestion

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On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 3:40 PM, Barrett, Sherry

<sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:

John; please craft a draft email and let me vet it up through RO first.

thx

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 3:37 PM, Oakleaf, John

<john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:

So I am good to let the IFT, Jess Carey, the USFS, and the Permittee know about the results?

John

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 3:20 PM, Barrett, Sherry

<sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:

I think this is good.

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 10:48 AM, Dwire, Maggie

<maggie_dwire@fws.gov> wrote:

I think we can say something to the tune of:

The samples submitted from the area confirmed the presence of a pure coyote. We were not able to confirm any hybrid or non-pure canids from the samples collected.

I think I said it better when Sherry was in here, but I took too long to write it down.

On Wed, Mar 18, 2015 at 10:21 AM, Barrett, Sherry

<sherry_barrett@fws.gov> wrote:

Jeff: let's discuss how to put this information out on the unknown canid incident

On Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 6:30 PM, Oakleaf, John

<john_oakleaf@fws.gov> wrote:

Lots of interest in these results. We should discuss how to role out the information.

John

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From: **Jennifer Adams** <adamsj@uidaho.edu>

Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2015 at 1:54 PM

Subject: Re: Mexican wolf results

To: "Dwire, Maggie" <maggie_dwire@fws.gov>, Lisette
Waits <lwaits@uidaho.edu>

Cc: John Oakleaf <john_oakleaf@fws.gov>

Hi Maggie,

Regarding the unknown canid incident we were only able to obtain species results for one of the hair samples, the swabs and first two scats failed to amplify. The hair sample came back coyote. There has been some confusion in my communications with our techs regarding the scat samples that arrived in a second batch so I will have to get back to you on those results.

I can send results to whomever you think should be in the know.

Yes, I do think it is still a good idea for us to speak on the phone. I am open both weeks you mentioned. Lisette is currently out of the office with some disruptions to her access to e-mail so you may not hear from her regarding the phone call until next week.

Regards,

Jennifer

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On 3/17/15 11:14 AM, Dwire, Maggie wrote:

Hi Jen,

Any results to share with us, particularly on the swabs and scat samples sent in pertaining to the "unknown canid" incident from mid-February?
Do you have a timeline for when we might expect results?

John and I talked on our end regarding who from our team should receive results that you provide.

If possible, can you include the following people on those emails:

maggie_dwire@fws.gov
john_oakleaf@fws.gov
janess_vartanian@fws.gov
colby_gardner@fws.gov

A few months ago we briefly mentioned having a conference call to kind of clean up what you need, we need, etc. Is this a good time/season to try and do that? How about the week of April 6th (except the 8th), or the week of April 13th?

Maggie

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