

WISCONSIN COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL PROGRAM  
GRAY WOLF INVESTIGATION REPORT

RHL 79-2018

Revised 04/17

**BASIC DATA**

Date call received:   Time  AM  PM   
Who reported complaint to WS?  Reported date/time of depredation:

**COMPLAINANT DATA**

Name  Phone  H  W  C   
Address  City  Zip

**SPECIES REPORTED**

Wolf  Hybrid Wolf  Other  No. Involved

**DAMAGE DATA**

Damage Resource #1: Reported  Verified  WMZ  WHZ   
Damage Type: Predation  Injury  Harassment  Damage Threat   
Resource:  Tag #  No. Involved  Total Dollar Value   
Damage Location (describe area):  T27N R05 W S05 Township   
GPS Coordinates:  County

Damage Resource #2: Reported  Verified  WMZ  WHZ   
Damage Type: Predation  Injury  Harassment  Damage Threat   
Resource:  Tag #  No. Involved  Total Dollar Value   
Damage Location (describe area):  T N R S Township   
GPS Coordinates:  County

**WS RESPONSE**

Referred to field  Date:   Assigned to

Field Investigation  Date:   Time  a.m.  p.m.

Carcass present  Yes  No   
Scat Present  Yes  No   
Tracks Present  Yes  No   
(provide measurements below)

Track Measurements (inches)  
- Enter as a decimal

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COMPLAINT/DEPREDAATION VERIFICATION

Resource #1:

- Confirmed Wolf Depredation Probable Wolf Depredation Verified Wolf-Other (Harassment or Damage Threat)

Confirmed Non-wolf Depredation/Complaint- Species Select

Unconfirmed Complaint: possible cause of death

A neighboring landowner observed injuries on one of the complainant's heifers and locked the animal inside the corral off County Line Road on 9/24. A neighbor also reported that he saw the complainant's red and white bull and a few of the Jersey cows "sweating and running through the swamp" while he was bow hunting. The neighbor believes they were being chased. The heifer had deep lacerations and tooth scrapes on the upper rear legs. There were deep lacerations and tooth scrapes around the front right elbow and there was a severed tendon hanging out of one of the wounds. The animal's vulva was damaged and it was urinating abnormally. I found a wolf track along the eastern boundary of the pasture inside the fladry. A tree had fallen on the fladry on the western boundary but I did not find any wolf tracks in this area. I found two sets of wolf tracks along the exterior of the fladry in the south western (SW) corner of the pasture. I also found a set of wolf tracks and a pile of wolf scat inside the fladry in the SW corner of the pasture. I found two animal trails in the sedge/grass in the SW corner of the pasture that passed under the fladry. The complainant removed the injured heifer from the pasture and is treating it but it may not survive. Given the nature and location of the injuries, the recent history of wolf issues inside this pasture, and the presence of wolf tracks inside the fladry - this is a confirmed wolf depredation/injury. The complainant was not amenable to the use of propane cannons inside the fladry; citing concerns about conflict with hunters and neighbors on and around the property. My other recommended abatement to the complainant was the removal of livestock from this pasture. The complainant told me that, time permitting, he intends to remove the remainder of his stock from this pasture on 9/28. Alec Sundelius

Resource #2:

- Confirmed Wolf Depredation Probable Wolf Depredation Verified Wolf-Other (Harassment or Damage Threat)

Confirmed Non-wolf Depredation/Complaint- Species Select

Unconfirmed Complaint: possible cause of death

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Livestock Behavior: normal agitated (running/bellowing/sweated) aggressive toward people/dogs run through fences
These behaviors exhibited by livestock should be determined by WS observations/evidence or testimony of the producer.

ACTION TAKEN:

Trapping Initiated Date: [Calendar icon] [Date field] Clear Date

METHOD: Cage Trap Foot-hold Cable Restraint Other

Technical Assistance: Comments: REC: Relocate livestock/Change Pastures

CEM: [Field] if hunting dog, bell on collar: Yes No

Equipment Loaned: number: type: [Field]

Tribal co-investigation: Tribal Consultation: Tribe Name/Tribe Contact: [Field]

Wolf Control Permit: Provided Application Permit already Issued Trapping attempted on property Wolves removed/permit

Enrollment Form Completed: Yes No

Reviewed by: Dave Ruid, Assistant District Supervisor Date: 10/01/2018

Confirmed Depredation: Presence of bite marks and associated hemorrhaging and tissue damage, indicating that the attack occurred while the victim was alive, as opposed to just feeding. Spacing between canine tooth punctures, feeding pattern on the carcass, fresh tracks, scat, hair/fur rubbed off on fences and/or eye witness accounts of the attack may help identify the specific species responsible for the depredation. Probable Depredation: Having some evidence to suggest possible predation, but lacking sufficient evidence to clearly confirm predation by a particular species. This evidence may consist of the following: the carcass is missing or inconclusive but presence of good evidence such as kill site, blood trails, wolf tracks and scat in the immediate vicinity, and canine spacing consistent with wolves but hemorrhaging absent because of decay.