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WILDLIFE DAMAGES REPORT

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HAPPENINGS SINCE MEETING

Hello again! I am writing you this newsletter today to inform and update you on what has transpired since the meeting on February 10, 2011. This information is strictly feedback from our trapping club presidents. I want to keep you in the loop on what is happening so far and the great strides that have been made in the past month.

Kill numbers that have been sent to me ranging from October 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011 are as follows: 6 bobcats, 17 coyotes, 82 grey foxes, 17 red foxes, and 201 feral hogs.

New ranches that have joined forces to fight predators include the following: Martin Wardlaw Ranches, Power Services, Art Beckwith, Mike Grooms, and Tennille Smith Ranches.

On February 21, 2011 a helicopter was brought in and flew south of Rocksprings on Matt Lair, Pole Cat, Pfiffer, Howard Cottle, Collings, and Franks Ranches. A total of 50 hogs were killed.

Stan Cottle stated that the Utah cost share helicopter would be un-available due to the fact that it would be in its 100 hour check. However, we will be able to get the government helicopter on March 9th and will be able to utilize it for 2 to 3 days.

Elizabeth Shenkel had gotten a response from Gary Littauer about the meeting. He clarified and firmed up the communication and commitment issues that had been made between Mike Bodenchuck, Mark Mapston and the trapping clubs. Gary reiterated the budget concerns for Wildlife Damage Services and that he would continue his support. He closed the e-mail stating that you could contact him at anytime.

Remember this is information that I am relaying from our club presidents back to you and I will continue to help you as producers in anyway that I can. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to call me at anytime.

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