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RE: thoughts on Klickitat county and D1 cougar removals

I love that guy....

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From: Prince, Annemarie (DFW)

Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 11:29 AM

To: Beausoleil, Richard A (DFW)

Subject: FW: thoughts on Klickitat county and D1 cougar removals

Ben has joined the dark side with us. ☺

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To: Robinette, Kevin W (DFW) <Kevin.Robinette@dfw.wa.gov>
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Subject: Re: thoughts on Klickitat county and D1 cougar removals

Thank you for laying this out for me, Kevin. The similarity of yesterday's removal group to the Klickitat groups doing removals made me do a double-take. I'm also now remembering an instance when a landowner was issued a permit to remove a cougar caught in a trap set by DFW staff.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2019, at 2:00 PM, Robinette, Kevin W (DFW) <Kevin.Robinette@dfw.wa.gov> wrote:

Hi Ben,

I checked in with Captain Rahn. There are a number of issues surrounding cougar management that would be good to have our two programs sit down at the Regional/District level and work through. We need to do it soon and I'll work with the Captain to get something on our calendars.

Regarding DFW staff presence during removal operations, what was explained to me is that a depredation permit is issued to the landowner by WDFW. This is usually prepared by the investigating officer although conflict staff can issue these also. We can recommend a houndsman and/or put one in contact with the landowner. The permits are typically good for 15 days. It is actually not uncommon for the houndsman to operate without WDFW staff.

As the Captain was explain this to me I recalled previous incidents where the same thing occurred. This is often the case in the Blue Mountains. Several years ago this was more common in your District. In fact, we discovered that the depredations by the Huckleberry pack over by Springdale were wolves and not cougar because this was discerned by the houndsman working off a depredation permit issued by Jay Shepherd.

Anyway, let's try to visit after you get back from your vacation.

Thanks.

Kevin

From: Turnock, Benjamin Y (DFW) <Benjamin.Turnock@dfw.wa.gov>
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Subject: thoughts on Klickitat county and D1 cougar removals

Hi Annemarie and Kevin,

I will not be able to participate in the call tomorrow about the Klickitat county situation. However, I wanted to let you know my thoughts on recent events in D1 that I believe to be similar.

You may already be aware of this situation but I will provide details just in case. On Tuesday, a cougar removal was authorized by our D1 enforcement sergeant because two dead alpacas were investigated and one was confirmed to have been killed by a cougar. Yesterday, houndsmen and special deputy Flood

were sent to chase and remove the cougar that fed on the alpaca carcass that was left out. The cougar was identified by images captured by a camera that was placed at the carcass the day before, and was easily identified in the field because it was a Predator-Prey marked cat. No DFW staff were present during the removal. This to me, is similar to what is happening in Klickitat Co. with the major difference being that the removal in D1 was authorized by R1 enforcement leadership. That no DFW staff were required to be present during this WDFW removal seems to me grossly negligent. If you see the events as I do, I hope that we can work with our R1 enforcement leadership to ensure that this does not continue to occur as I believe it will lead to a similar situation as in Klickitat county.

Thanks,

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