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Title: Wolf Incidents/Depredations – The Public Has a Right to Know

Problem:

Currently, the DNR advises dog owners and hunting dog owners when wolf attacks or depredations occur through timely warnings on the DNR web site (maps and summary of incident), through e-mail advisories to subscribers, through setting up warning areas when packs are involved, and sometimes by issuing press releases.

At this time, the WI DNR does not advise the public of proven or probable depredations to livestock, threats to livestock, or threats to human health and safety.

The public has a right to know when wolves are causing problems. When wolves cause problems in Wisconsin, the WI DNR advises various methods to reduce potential threats, attacks and incidents. Citizens need to learn about wolf incidents in a timely manner in order to take precautions.

Over 25% of wolf packs caused at least one verified or probable threat or depredation in 2010. About 50% of these wolf packs repeat threats or depredations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Conservation Congress, at its annual meeting held in Lincoln County on April 11, 2011, recommends that the WI DNR advise the public in a timely manner of all verified and probable wolf attacks, depredations, threats to livestock, and threats to human health and safety, through the use of their web site, e-mail alerts to subscribers, setting up pack warning areas, and through press releases when appropriate.

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