

## **CALL AND REPORT DEPREDACTIONS**

### **An Informational Guide for Idaho Livestock Producers**

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#### **IMMEDIATE ACTION: WHAT TO DO**

If you find dead or injured livestock and suspect grizzly bear, black bear, wolf, or mountain lion involvement:

##### **1. Contact Wildlife Services Immediately**

**Phone:** (208) 373-1630

##### **2. Preserve the Evidence**

Take the following steps:

- Cover the carcass to protect it from weather and scavengers
  - Take photos or videos of the body, surrounding area, and any tracks
  - Gather eyewitness accounts, if possible
  - Document the Wildlife Services investigation with your own photos or video
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#### **INVESTIGATION & REPORTING PROCESS**

- Wildlife Services will investigate and issue a report classifying the depredation as:
  - Confirmed
  - Probable
  - Possible
  - Unknown
- Submit this report to the Office of Species Conservation to request reimbursement.  
**Phone:** (208) 334-2189

##### **Eligibility for Payment:**

- Confirmed, probable, and possible cases are eligible
  - Confirmed cases receive first priority, followed by probable, then possible
  - Payments are issued at the end of the calendar year and may be prorated based on available funds
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## **APPEALS PROCESS**

If you believe your case was misclassified or key evidence was overlooked:

- You may **appeal** to the **Depredating Wildlife Appeals Board**, which consists of:
    - A representative from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture
    - A representative from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game
    - A large animal veterinarian
  - Meetings are closed to the public and typically held virtually, so you may not need to appear in person. They will look at all evidence you submit and reconsider the grading.
  - Contact the Office of Species Conservation to submit an appeal
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## **WHY REPORTING MATTERS**

- Participation in the depredation reporting process helps producers receive compensation
  - Confirmed depredations also provide key data for managing predator populations
  - Your call helps inform management decisions across game units in Idaho
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## **FUNDING SOURCES & REIMBURSEMENT OPTIONS**

### **Depredation Fund Caused by Wolves and Grizzly Bears**

- There is state and federal money available that will cover confirmed, possible, and probable depredations. The monies are subject to pro-rating and are awarded at the end of the calendar year
- Apply through the Office of Species Conservation

### **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) – Federal Funding**

- Covers confirmed grizzly bear depredation only
- Reimburses 75% of market value
- Apply for the above-mentioned funds first, if available
- Contact your local FSA office

### **Idaho Fish and Game Funding**

- Supports compensation for black bear and mountain lion depredation

- Contact your regional Fish and Game office

### **Reimbursement for Suspected Wolf Losses**

- If you suspect wolves caused an unusual number of livestock to not come home:  
Contact the Idaho State Department of Agriculture  
**Phone:** (208) 332-8500

**Important:** Producers may not receive compensation from multiple sources for the same loss.

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### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

For tips on predator prevention and management strategies, visit the **Grizzly Bear Toolkit** on the **Idaho Farm Bureau website**. While focused on grizzlies, the advice applies to other predatory wildlife as well.

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### **QUESTIONS?**

#### **Dexton Lake**

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation – Boise Office

Phone: (208) 333-7086

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### **AGENCY CONTACTS**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
APHIS – Wildlife Services	(208) 373-1630
Idaho State Department of Agriculture	(208) 332-8500
Idaho Department of Fish and Game	(208) 334-3700
Office of Species Conservation	(208) 334-2189