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Mr. Rick Steiner
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Dear Mr. Steiner:

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2016 requesting information about a wolf killed by Department staff during Upper Yukon-Tanana predation control operations on 09 March 2016. I have answered your questions in the order you presented them in your letter.

1. At what location was the wolf initially shot and injured? The location was just outside the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve in the upper Goodpaster River drainage, approximately 62 miles northeast of Delta Junction.
2. Where exactly was the injury to the wolf? Chest, shoulder, and proximal front leg, right side.
3. How far did the wolf travel before your staff shot and killed it? Approximately 250 yards.
4. What pack was the wolf from? This was a wolf that was present in the upper Goodpaster River drainage.
5. Details about the wolf: This was an adult female with blue/gray pelage. Pregnancy status is unknown. It was not radiocollared.
6. Information about other wolves killed by state staff in this area in the past 2 months: Eighteen other wolves were removed from the Upper Yukon-Tanana predation control area by Department staff in 2016. The demographics of these 18 wolves are as follows:
   a. 11 females, 7 males
   b. 9 adults, 9 young-of-the-year
   c. 16 with gray pelage, 2 with black pelage
   d. 9 were located in in Game Management Sub-Unit (GMU) 20D, 8 were in GMU 20E, and 1 in GMU 20B
7. How much funding was used in this effort and funding source (account)? Approximately $54,500 were spent on Upper Yukon-Tanana predation control efforts thus far in 2016. This includes costs for aircraft services, lodging, and processing (approximately $52,100), and salary and benefits for department staff (approximately $2,400) paid for with State general funds.
8. How long was the time period between the wolf being wounded and when it was killed? Approximately 1 minute.

In addition to the questions above, you also asked for any photographs ADF&G staff took of the wolf. Staff took no photographs of this animal.
Thank you for your interest in the Department and Alaska’s wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Bruce Dale
Director, Division of Wildlife Conversation

cc: Sam Cotten, Commissioner