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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION REPORT#: 2013200634R002 APPROVED - CASE CLOSED

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CASE TITLE

MEXICAN GRAY WOLF #1288 SENSITIVE CASE

REPORT DATE 04/10/2013	CASE NUMBER 2013200634
REPORTING OFFICER	CASE STATUS PENDING
	30/2013 4/10/2013

SUBJECTS OF REPORT

Service of the Park

USDA/APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICES (NEW MEXICO)

SYNOPSIS

This report documents the receipt of Depredation Report Forms from the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's WILDLIFE SERVICES. The Depredation Reports had been completed by WILDLIFE SERVICES Wildlife regarding the depredation investigations completed on January 19, 2013.

This report also documents the interview of Ranch, the area where Mexican gray wolf #1288 was shot.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

SA Obtains WILDLIFE SERVICES' Depredation Reports

On February 27, 2013, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/Office of Law Enforcement (USFWS/OLE) Special Agent (SA) contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (USDA/APHIS) WILDLIFE SERVICES' office in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to request copies of the Depredation Reports which had been submitted by Wildlife SA and requested copies of the reports which had been submitted by for January 19, 2013. SA explained that the reports were needed as part of an ongoing investigation into the shooting death of a Mexican agreed to provide copies of the reports to SA and suggested that the reports be picked up the following day. SA thanked for assistance and ended the contact.

On February 28, 2013, SA traveled to the WILDLIFE SERVICES' office located at 1941 Copper Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and obtained copies of two (2) Depredation Report Forms with attachments (See attachment #1, WILDLIFE SERVICES' Depredation Report Forms). The first report detailed investigation regarding the cow carcass which had Ranch in Catron County, New Mexico, on January 19, 2013. been discovered on the estimated the time of the death for the cow to be approximately twenty-four (24) to thirty-six (36) hours prior to the start of investigation. It was also noted had reported seeing "wolves at hdgs about in the report that the ranch had reported seeing workes at this said one half mile from the carcass on 1-18-13." location. Though evidence was documented that wolves had been present near the Ranch headquarters, could not find sufficient evidence to indicate that the cow had been killed by wolves or that wolves had been near the cow carcass. The only carnivore signs as being present near the cow carcass were that of coyotes. Based on ruled the cause of death for the cow as unknown. The second report documented by this information, investigation regarding the calf carcass which had been located by detailed on January 19, 2013. In this report, estimated the time of death for the and calf to be approximately two (2) hours prior to the start of investigation. stated that Mexican gray wolf tracks were present near the calf carcass and that found "bite and rake marks on the ear and rear end with corresponding hemorrhaging consistent with Mexican Gray Wolf." The cause of death for the calf was confirmed as a wolf depredation.

April 4, 2013, Interview of Ranch

On April 3, 2013, SAC Contacted via telephone to request an interview regarding the events of January 19, 2013. Who had been identified for the Ranch, agreed to meet with SAC Contacted the following day in Quemado, New Mexico. SAC Contacted for the assistance and ended the contact.

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(MGWRP) before.	o report the carcass to based on the fact that stated that the	the Mexican Gra had seen a pac e area where the om residence	of cattle dead, to which y Wolf Reintroduction Project k of wolves near residence the day cow carcass was located was e. This information was then relayed ble depredation.
stated that and not by which had bead. to the touch coyote runn	wolves. as a seen seen the day before	ad determined the nd the the with injuries to calf hadn't been that obser	at the cow had been killed by coyotes in proceeded to attempt to locate a calf its ear. The calf was later found dead for very long and was still warm observed what thought was a ved the canine for a short time

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stated that the had also identified the canine as a coyote, which was approximately two hundred fifty (250) yards away from their location.

- did not identify the canine as a Mexican gray wolf until both and walked up to the carcass and saw the animal at a closer distance. Stated that have a was very distraught that had shot and killed a wolf. further stated that have a stated numerous times that have was afraid was going lose job over this incident. Stated that the wolf was very small compared to the animals had seen the previous day.
- Immediately attempted to contact the MGWRP, but was unsuccessful. Then proceeded to collect the wolf carcass and move it from its original location. When did finally speak to the MGWRP, was told to return the carcass back to its original location. The was later advised to again collect the carcass and transport it to a location where could meet personnel from the MGWRP. The MGWRP personnel would then obtain custody of the wolf carcass.
- taking any type of measurements from the wolf carcass to compare with the injuries discovered on the calf carcass.

stated that this had been refirst incident involving wolves. In further stated that had never had any problems with any wolves depredating on cattle during the time had worked the Ranch of Stated that had received reports from the MGWRP of wolves being present in Chavez Canyon, but had never seen any signs of the animals of properties. [Agent's Note: Chavez Canyon is located approximately two (2) miles due south/southwest of the Ranch headquarters.] SA thanked for a cooperation and ended the interview at approximately 1158 hours.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECTS

No new information.

PRIOR VIOLATIONS

Prior violations previously identified in report number 001 dated 02/27/2013.

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WITNESSES

Special Agent
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
San Andres National Wildlife Refuge
5686 Santa Gertrudis Drive
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012
(575)

LAWS VIOLATED

None documented during this reporting period.

EVIDENCE

All evidence previously documented in report number 001 dated 02/27/2013.



Evidence Maintained by Another Agency:

None documented during this reporting period.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Copy of WILDLIFE SERVICES' Depredation Report Forms with attachments (9 pages).





Resource Owner:	THE PERSON CONTRACTOR		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Mailing Address:	NM			***	
Phone:	County:		Ranch	Name:	RANCH LLC
					1511/01/200
SITE DESCRIPTION:					
Nearest Town: QUEMADO		Allotment Nar	ne (if applicable):		
Approximate Location: MID Coordinates: UTMN:	DDLE WELL				
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Type of animal: Sheep	Lamb Buil	X Cow Ye	arling Calf	Horse	Dog Other:
Number of Selected Animal:	11	- 		-	
Damage Type: Killed Breed: ANGUS	Injured	Harassmer	nt Sti	illborn X	Other:
Ear Tag Number: 3-7					
Sex: FEMALE					
Estimated time since death or in	njury: 24 TO 36 HF	00			
Estimated Age of Resource:		<i>w</i>		·	
Are there other livestock in the		No			
Describe (how many, behavior,					·
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EVIDENCE:					
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Carcass Moved?		Yes)								
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Cause of Damage:											
Confirmed		e (list Species):									
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Possible											
Accident											
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Other:											
ADDITIONAL IN											
Were photos taken					tached?		X Yes		No		
Was a veterinarian			n deter	mination?			Yes		No		
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Lead Investigator:



Resource Owner:			
Mailing Address:	NM		
Phone:	County:	Ranch Name:	RANCH LLC
			RANCH LLC
SITE DESCRIPTION:			
Nearest Town: QUEMADO	Allotment Nam	e (if applicable):	
	DDLE PASTURE		
Coordinates: UTMN:		UTME:	
Elevation: 7898	Slope %:	Aspect:	
Vegetative Cover: GRASS			
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Sex: FEMALE			
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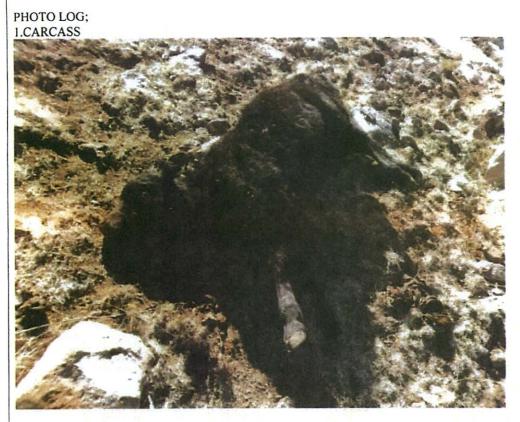
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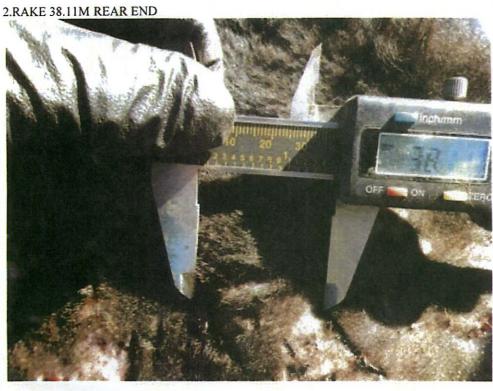


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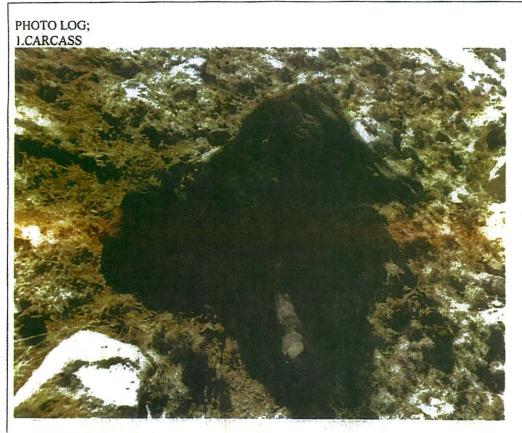


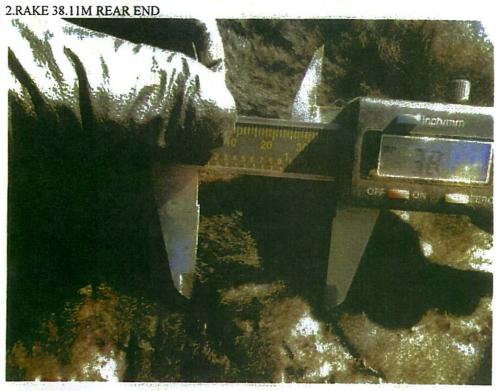


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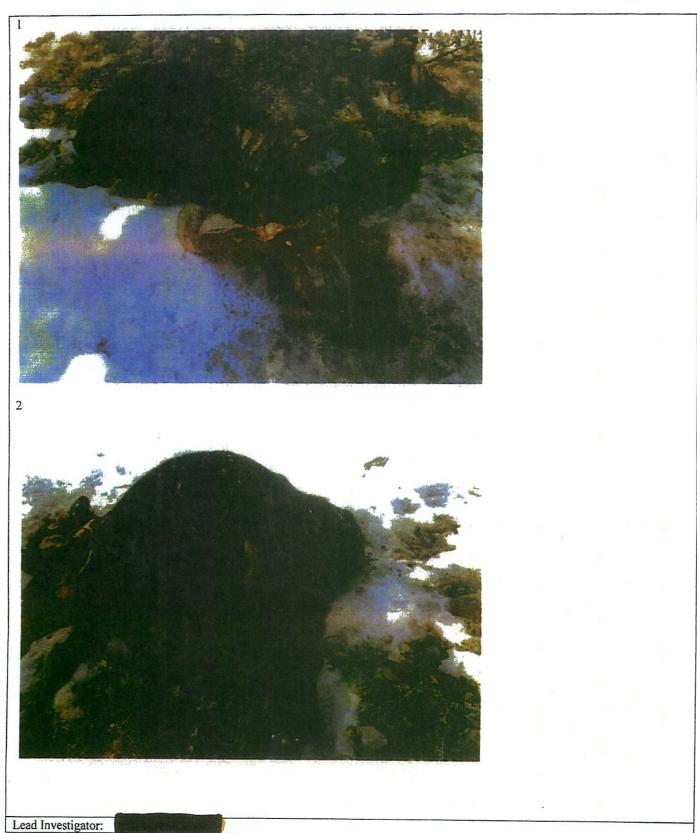


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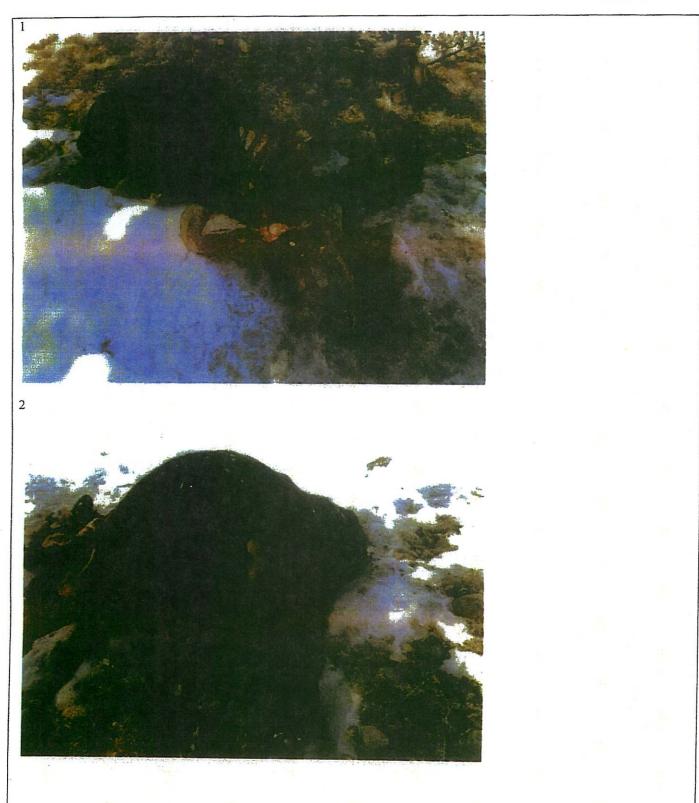


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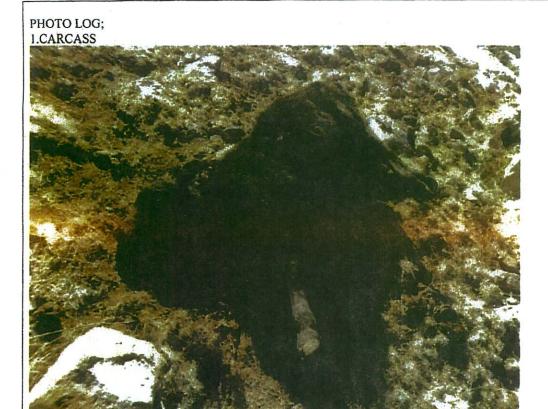




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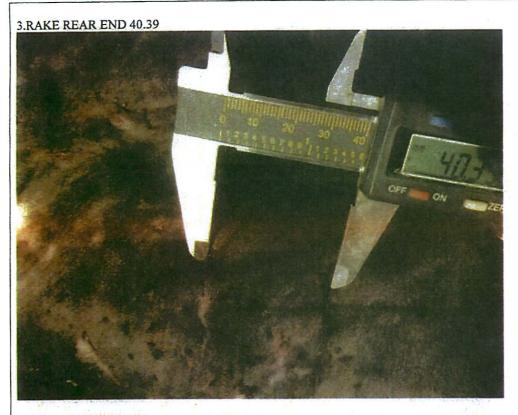


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