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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.

Rick Steiner

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Thank you for your interest in the Department and Alaska's wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Dale", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce Dale

Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation

cc: Sam Cotten, Commissioner