

# Predator Control and Livestock Damage

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## Most Common Calls we receive are:

Coyotes

Dogs

Prairie Dogs

Bear

Wolf

Mountain Lion

Snakes

Bats

Lizards

Mice

Bobcats

Foxes

Bigfoot

Bees

Elk

Deer

Predators are mountain lions, black bears, grizzly bears, Mexican wolves, coyotes, foxes and bobcats. Grizzly bears and wolves no longer occur on the Navajo Nation





Most *predators are able to take care* of themselves in the wild and do not attack livestock or lose their fear of humans in seeking out food



When a predator loses their  
fear of humans and  
associates humans with  
finding food then that  
predator needs to be  
removed



**Do not feed wildlife!**



The Department has policies on how to respond to bear and lion calls so that our dispatcher can inform callers of whether there will be a response or not



Many of the bear calls we get are sightings of bears

The callers want us to remove them because there are elderly or children in the area

We do not move bears just because someone saw a bear nor do we respond to those calls



Most of the wolf, lion, bear,  
coyote and fox calls turn out  
to be?

Dogs



There are no wolves on the Navajo Nation

There have been 2 instances when the Mexican wolves came up from south and they have left on their own or been removed

We will not allow them to remain on the Navajo Nation

We will respond to a call when livestock has been attacked, property has been invaded or threatened or a bear refuses to leave an area





The only predators that we will relocate are bears that get into orchards in Canyon de Chelly

All other predators are taken out of the population

Relocating problem predators is just moving a problem from one place to another



Most Predators do not cause human conflicts

You should not attempt to deal with predators on your own unless they are in the act of attacking livestock

People have been killed trying to deal with predators on their own

Call Fish and Wildlife Dispatch immediately at

928-871-6451

Do not remove any livestock killed they may be used to lure the predator back to be killed or to start tracking dogs from to capture the predator.

A man was shot by his own family members by accident when they waited in the dark for a bear to return to a sheep kill in the Chuska Mountains. They never called us.

A cowboy was bitten by a bear in Canoncito when he decided to try and rope the bear.





Coyotes, foxes and bobcats

We will trap, snare, shoot where livestock are being damaged

Anybody can get a small game permit and kill coyotes, foxes and bobcats on their own



## Prairie Dogs

We can treat with chemicals

We do not just treat prairie dogs anywhere out on the range

Treatments must be associated with a permitted field or in community areas

Larger fields require manpower from the permittees



Alternative Prairie dogs treatment

Small game permit

# 180

Wildlife Damage Investigations

Confirmed \$19,335 in livestock  
damage from predators

180 instances of Technical Assistance

Removed 216 Coyotes



Treated 4,500 prairie  
dog holes



430 Traps set

67 Snares set



# Removed 2 lions



# Most Lion calls are False



Lion tracks have 3 lobes in the back





Removed 313  
dogs

No Wolves



# Removed 4 Bears

