

## United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Wildlife Services

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## To: Predator damage management participants

**Subject:** Deadline to receive matching funds for predator damage management

Each year the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) and the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) fund a program in which producers can contribute funds toward a predator damage management program (PDCF) and have their funds matched through the Counties. The program is administered by Wildlife Services (WS) in cooperation with UDAF. In an effort to maximize the allotted funds and to provide the best possible service we can, we are asking that all funds from the Counties be sent in and received at our main office no later than January 31 of the current year. If we do not receive your funds and signed contract by this date, your potential matching funds will become available to other counties for use and your county may NOT be able to participate in the matching fund program. Please send the signed contract to Brian Tea at 350 North Redwood Road Salt Lake City, Utah 84114 OR scan and email to Brian at btea@utah.gov.

Each year there are funds "left on the table" that could be used to benefit livestock producers within the Counties. This is due to Counties signing the contracts for a specific amount of money, and then not fully funding or not providing the funds for them at all. Any unpaid contract funds will be available on a "first come, first serve" basis for other counties to use after the deadline of January 31, these funds will be available until exhausted. Any funds distributed after the deadline will be distributed by the percentage of initial funding allocations as decided by the Wool Grower's Presidency.

Also, you will be receiving a tracking form with the contract. This form will help us track which producer's put money towards the program and thus, we can make sure that we provide the amount of service they paid for. This form is required to be with the payment when submitted.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, I think this will enable us to provide more services to you and will maximize the funds set aside for predator management.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

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