

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: 2002 Central Wisconsin Wolf - 4th Quarter Report: September 1 – November 30, 2002

Telemetry Monitoring:

Suk-Cerney Pack: Yearling female, 427 (Angie), movements were within the SCP boundaries until just prior to the start of the annual deer gun season, when she was found near Nekoosa. Pack-mate, 442 (Manny) remains within the SCP territory. We assume his one location east of Hwy 80 is a normal part of this pack's range. One male pup was shot within this pack's borders during the deer gun season (see Dead Wolves, below).

Rat-tail Pack: Adult female 340 (Ellen) continued to roam within the borders of this pack.

Seneca Pair: Female wolf 341 (Rebecca) seems to be roaming the west half of the joint territory shared with male wolf 343 (Sasquatch), who seems to move mostly in the eastern half. None of their locations were within a mile of one another which is in sharp contrast to last year.

Bear Bluff Pack: Yearling male wolf, Kirby (428), roamed within the territory until just before the start of the deer gun season when he made a temporary dispersal movement into the Suk-Cerney Pack territory. By 25 November he had returned to BBP. In contrast, yearling female, 426 (Anna), remained within BBP throughout the period.

Wildcat Pack: Yearling female wolf 429 (Flint) continues to frequent Hwy 54 and makes a spectacle of herself. Towards the end of the reporting period, she drifted to the NE and NW of WP territory. The 2 alphas, male 420 (the Doc) and female 421 (Sue) haven't been located since mid October, probably due to transmitter weaknesses and their wide-ranging movements (they were given pup ear-tag transmitters).

Iron Run Pack: Wolf 309 (Ann) remained in her territory. Volunteer, Linda Nelson, discovered the remains of 2 of her pups in mid September and mid October, respectively. The partially scavenged and badly decomposed remains were recovered (see Dead Wolves, below).

Dead Wolves:

Three dead wolves were recovered during the reporting period. All were uncollared pups: two from the Iron Run pack on the Clark/Eau Claire County border, and one apparently from the Suk-Cerney pack in Juneau County. The former 2 probably died of disease (mange + nutritional stress); the latter was shot on opening day of the annual deer gun season. Gender of the former 2 was not determined as they were well decomposed and scavenged on. The latter was a 61 pound male with some isolated spots of mange. Necropsy on the latter is pending.

