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To: All WO and Field Officials
Attn: All Wildlife Biologists

From: Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center

Subject: Chronic Wasting Disease in Big Game Animals

Attached is a draft protocol developed by Drs. Williams and Miller to be used in the collection of samples to detect chronic wasting disease. It is not finalized; however, we felt it was important to provide this information to you as soon as possible so that samples could be collected during the upcoming big game hunting seasons. As indicated in the protocol, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of the people who prepared the draft.

As you may or may not know, chronic wasting disease has just begun to show up. Does it have any role in declining deer populations in the West? This survey will be a start to finding out the extent of the disease.

This information is furnished by the Western Wildlife Health Cooperative of which BLM is a member.

Further information may be obtained from your State Wildlife Agency. If you have any questions that we could answer, please contact Ray Boyd, Wildlife Biologist at NARSC Headquarters at the Service Center in Denver, at (303) 236-6310.

1 Attachment

- 1 - Preliminary Procedures for Western States Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance - E.S. Williams, University of Wyoming; M.W. Miller, Colorado Division of Wildlife (5 pp)

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