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To: District and Field Managers, DSDs, AFS Manager, SAIC and Rangers

From: State Director, Alaska

Subject: BLM-Alaska policy regarding Predator Control by the State of Alaska

Program Area: Predator control.

Purpose: The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM) is to update IM Number AK 2008-19, and to further clarify the BLM-Alaska position on state activities related to predator control.

Policy/Action: There has been a lack of clarity and some misunderstanding in the past as to exactly what the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska's policy has been regarding predator control on the BLM-Alaska administered public lands (these include BLM land that has been tentatively approved for conveyance and those selected for potential future conveyance).

All field office personnel are to be reminded of our position immediately: Unless predator control activities conflict with on-going or anticipated BLM authorized actions, land use plan decisions for a given area, or create a threat to public safety, the BLM's position on the State's predator control program is: Predator control is a State function.

The BLM Alaska State Office will work with the State's Authorizing Officer and will meet as appropriate to mutually discuss control methods, objectives, timing and to share any potential areas of concern or conflict with the program. Subsequent to the meeting, the State Office will notify potentially affected Field or District Managers as to the location and proposed time periods for predator control work. This will afford the affected managers an opportunity to assess any potential for conflict of use for an affected area(s). If there is a potential conflict, a response will be coordinated at the BLM- Alaska State Office level with the affected manager(s) and the State will be notified.

Coordination: Questions as they relate to BLM-Alaska policy should be answered following the guidance outlined above. The point of contact for BLM-Alaska policy questions posed as they relate to the scope of this BLM guidance should be referred to Ramone McCoy, Ph.D, BLM-Alaska State Wildlife Biologist, 907-271-3128.

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