

WAFWA Human-Wildlife Conflict Meeting
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Director Report

Update AFWA Committee (Bryant White and Brian Wakeling):

- AFWA is working with Wildlife Services on a human health and wildlife damage management techniques document and an urban coyote conflict paper. Input is being received from many western states/provinces.
- Human-wildlife conflicts are increasing, and these meetings are needed to address issues facing western states and provinces.

Value of State Reports and Roundtable Discussions (Justin Shannon):

- State/provincial reports capture the following information: 1) on-going and emerging human/wildlife conflict issues, 2) incidents by species, 3) changes to policies or regulations, 4) updated research/special projects, and 5) other.
- State/provincial reports will only be presented at AFWA so as to not duplicate efforts.
- We will have roundtable discussions at WAFWA meetings to present and discuss the most pressing challenges facing wildlife agencies and receive valuable feedback from other states/provinces (let's learn from each other).

- **Action Item:** Utah will reach out to each state/province to produce a summary of landowner programs.

Wildlife Attack Responses (Justin Shannon):

- Many western states and provinces have created or updated their wildlife human attack response policies.
- Each state/province policy can be tailored to their agency, and regular training is encouraged.
- **Action Item:** Utah will include attack response policies to landowner program summary document.

Roundtable Discussion (All):

- Regulations about hunting or trapping in or near overpasses and underpasses were discussed. Most states/provinces don't have regulations, but Oregon is exploring some.
- Nevada has regulations regarding trapping/hunting near highway crossings.
- Wild horse issues were discussed. The Berryman Institute has a survey pending for public knowledge on the issues that should be completed soon. They are willing to share results in a future meeting (possibly during AFWA or next year).