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Dear Mr. Molvar,

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 2017, petitioning the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (WS) regarding the use of M-44 devices in the State of Idaho.

We take seriously the incident in Idaho, which involved the unintentional activation of a small spring-loaded device (M-44). We immediately responded by removing all M-44s from the area, initiating an inquiry into the incident, and launching a review of current WS operating procedures. Currently, WS has ceased all use of M-44 devices on all land ownerships in the State of Idaho. WS has also removed all M-44s currently deployed on all land ownerships in Idaho. WS will notify you 30 days prior to placing any new M-44s in Idaho.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Suckow".

Jason Suckow
Regional Director

CC:

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