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**President Minnesota Cattlewomen's Association**

Greetings,

Happy Summer! The summer breeding is almost done, the cows are out on pasture, and we are about to gather once again for another Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association Summer Tour.

The summer tour is one of those events that I think we all look forward to. The West Central Cattlemen's Association has done an excellent job lining up some unique and interesting tour stops. As you make your way along the tour, take the time to introduce yourself to your fellow beef producers on your tour bus.

I think one of the most important outcomes from events such as the summer tour is the chance to meet people and share ideas on how to better the beef industry, either within your own program or within the industry. You never know who you might meet or what you might learn! An integral part of the Summer Beef Tour is the Beef Industry Trade Show that is conducted out of the tour headquarters on Tuesday. Please take the time to connection with the many Beef Industry Partners that will have booths at the trade show and don't forget to thank them for their support of the tour and industry in general.

Also during the summer tour, the Minnesota CattleWomen will be holding our quarterly meeting. The meeting is on Monday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pomme de Terre Golf Course in Morris, in conjunction with the MSCA quarterly meeting.

One of the main items on the agenda is filling a couple of leadership positions within the Minnesota CattleWomen. We are looking for two CattleWomen to fill the office of vice president and chairperson of the membership committee. We are willing to work with anyone interested and help them get started. Both of the positions are a great way to get involved with the CattleWomen, meet new people, and help promote beef. If you are interested or would like to know more about being vice president or membership chairperson, please contact either myself or one of the other officers.

The Minnesota CattleWomen are always looking for interested and enthusiastic women, with a passion for the beef industry. Our new membership dues are \$25 for the Minnesota CattleWomen and it's an additional \$50 if you desire to join the American National CattleWomen. Join the CattleWomen and help tell the story of beef! Regards, Jennifer

## Wabasha County Cattlemen & Others Join the Fight!

The Wabasha County Cattlemen's Association following MSCA's the lead recently made a substantial monetary contribution to Lueck & Tyler's effort to force the delisting of the wolves.

Other cattlemen and cattle women from across the state have began making individual donations to the cause. Lueck and Tyler are exceedingly grateful for those contributions and thank everyone that donated so far and can use additional help.

Dale Lueck said, "This effort is going to be a tough slog, but with help of Minnesota's Cattlemen and Women we will win this thing." He added, "This thing could get pretty dicey, especially if HSUS, PETA or others jump in. In order to protect the privacy of individual donors, their names will not be released to the public."

In order to provide for full accountability of all donations, Lueck & Tyler have set up a non-profit corporation to handle donations. See the paid advertisement below for details.

## Wolf Delisting Update

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The Justice Department's single page motion to dismiss describes Lueck and Tyler's claims as "not cognizable under either the Endangered Species Act's or the Administrative Procedure Act.

In addition to the motion to dismiss the Justice Department filed three documents in support of their motion. A 78 page document was filed by the U.S. Attorney Michael Eitel entering the Human Society of United States' (HSUS) complaint 1:07cv0677 dated April 27, 2007 against the government and the resulting finding by the court as exhibits in support of their motion to dismiss. That HSUS case was heard by Judge Freidman in the US District of Columbia Federal Court that case ultimately lead to an agreement by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to relist of the wolves in the Midwest.

A 114 page declaration was entered on the record by Laura Ragan the Endangered Species Listing Coordinator for the Midwest Region of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. That declaration includes the 1978 Recovery Plan for the Eastern Gray Wolf and the three petitions to delist which were recently submitted by the Minnesota DNR, the Wisconsin DNR and US Sportsman's Alliance. A 28 page memorandum of law was entered on the record providing a detailed argument of why Lueck and Tyler's complaint should be dismissed.

An examination of the record to date indicates that four Federal Attorney's from the US Justice Department are now involved in defending the federal government against Lueck and Tyler's complaint that alleges that the US Fish and Wildlife Service is violation of the ESA. Lueck and Tyler continue to pursue the lawsuit as a "pro se" action (citizen's lawsuit) without an attorney.

Shortly after the motion to dismiss was filed a hearing date of Sept. 2, 2010 was set by the court. Shortly after that date was set presiding Federal Judge Joan Petersen canceled that hearing and ordered both parties to contact Chief Magistrate Judge Raymond E. Erickson to obtain a new hearing date. It's not clear at this point if that hearing will be before Judge Joan Petersen or Chief Magistrate Judge Raymond Peterson.

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### Wolves Have Recovered - Help Us Get Them Delisted

The timber wolf has fully recovered in the Midwest and no longer qualifies for federal protection under the Endangered Species Act. The federal government is in violation of the law. Their failure to obey the law continues to cause economic damage to livestock and pet owners through out the Midwest. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wolf Recovery Plan for the Midwest states:

*"The Fish & Wildlife Service considers that the eastern timber wolf will be "recovered" and removed from the Federal list of threatened and endangered plants and animals when the survival of the wolf in Minnesota is assured, and at least one viable population outside of Minnesota and Isle Royale in the contiguous 48 states is re-established."*

The Wolf Recovery Plan specifies Minnesota requires about 1,400 or more wolves to meet the survivable population test. A combined wolf population of about 100 wolves or more is needed in Wisconsin and Michigan to meet the requirement of a second separate viable wolf population.

The required wolf population levels and state management rules were attained long ago. Today there are between 3,000 & 3,500 wolves in Minnesota and about 1,200 collectively in Wisconsin and Michigan. That is roughly 3 times the amount of wolves required for delisting.

Dale Lueck (218) 927-2495 of Aitkin, MN (dklueck@embarqmail.com) and Gerald Tyler (218) 265-9953 of Ely, MN are suing the US Fish and Wildlife Service seeking a court order requiring them to comply with the Endangered Species Act, which requires that a recovered species must be delisted. Lueck & Tyler need your help to see this effort through to a successful conclusion.

#### Wolf Delisting Legal Fund

The Wolf Delisting Legal Fund is a non-profit corporation registered with the Minnesota of Secretary of State. The organization was founded by Lueck and Tyler. The Fund's sole purpose is to provide the financial support required to get the wolves delisted in Minnesota.

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Mail to: **Wolf Delisting Legal Fund**  
37489 295th Street, Aitkin, MN 56431

Complete & return this form with your donation

The Wolf Delisting Legal Fund is a non-profit corporation registered in Minnesota. Donations will be used to pay legal fees, expert witness fees and other expenses necessary to bring action in the federal court to remove wolves from federal protection and allow their management to revert back to the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin & Michigan. Please provide the following information. This information will be kept confidential.

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**Thank you for helping delist the wolves!**

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