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Drew Carmichael: Wildlife Predator Loss Prevention

This project began in 2009 to look at what can be done with on farm practices to reduce predator losses.

Historically the conservation officers helped with predator issues on farms, however their workload has shifted considerably making them unavailable for most issues now.

C/O's would like to take a lead again on mitigation services. Human safety is one of the biggest factors in whether or not they will attend – farmers must make the call centre aware if this is an issue.

Drew presented information from the BMP manual – Best Management Practices for Sheep Producers. This guide provides sheep producers with a toolkit of options to assist with the protection of livestock from predation by taking steps to prevent predation rather than trying to stop it once it has started.

Any members who would like a copy: Dena attached it to a Jan. 15 email to members. We both have it saved on our computers.