

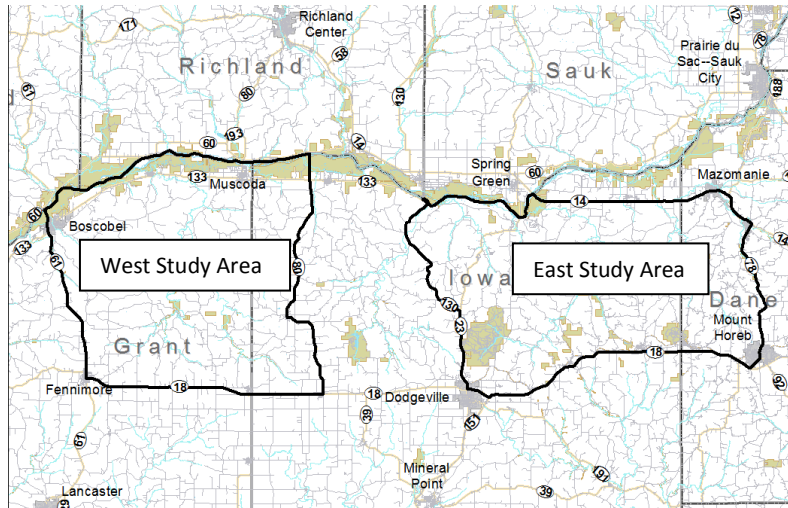


## **ATTENTION TRAPPERS**

### **Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer and Predator Project**

### **Predator Research Activity Coordination with Private Trappers**

The Wisconsin DNR is seeking to coordinate with private citizen trappers to support research activities involving capture and GPS collaring of bobcats and coyotes. The study is taking place in southwest Wisconsin, and we are focusing our collaring efforts on animals caught within five miles of the two study areas seen below:



Trappers will be paid a price of \$99.00 for each coyote that is able to be collared. There will be no payment for bobcats reported for research collaring purposes. Trappers will be required to sign up for a two week period between August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 during which they will participate in research activities; trapping outside the regulated season and trapping targeting bobcats will be authorized during that two week period for research activities. Trappers can sign up for additional two week periods if they are actively participating in trapping and research activities.

Trappers will be responsible for the use of their own equipment and vehicles, and it is the responsibility of the trapper to gain access to private properties. Trappers must adhere to the posted restrictions on public land. No trespassing is permitted for research activities. Incidental captures of species other than bobcat or coyote are the responsibility of the trapper, and any incidental caught outside of the regulated harvest season for that animal must be released.

We are prepared to collar upwards of 40 coyotes this fall, and 30 or more bobcats. The past three years in northern Wisconsin, trappers reporting bobcats for collaring has led to nearly 60 bobcats being collared and tracked! The data collected is crucial for improving our decisions for management and harvest.

If you have any questions, or would like to begin the process to enroll in research activities, please contact Nick Forman at (715) 577-6288.