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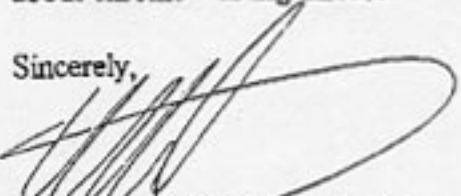
Dear Mr. Melani,

Thank you for participating in the Division of Wildlife's chronic wasting disease survey. I am writing to let you know that preliminary laboratory results indicate that the buck you harvested in GMU 191 during the third rifle season was probably affected by chronic wasting disease. When it's convenient, I would enjoy speaking with you to get some additional information on the location where this buck was harvested and discuss any observations you may have made in the field. In addition, I would appreciate your marking the harvest site on the enclosed map and returning it to us for inclusion in our survey database.

Although there is no evidence linking chronic wasting disease to human health problems, I also want to advise you that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has recommended against consuming remaining meat from this carcass since laboratory tests indicate the animal may have been infected. If you wish to receive a refund of your license fee, please complete the enclosed application and return it to the Division of Wildlife, attention Carol Dreitz, at the address indicated on the form. Other incidental expenses (e.g., processing fees) are not eligible for refund by the Division.

I have enclosed an information brochure on chronic wasting disease. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss details of your harvest, and feel free to contact me any time if you have questions about chronic wasting disease.

Sincerely,



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