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Matt

After reviewing the USDA Animal and Plant Inspection Service site and looking at [REDACTED] inspections, I reached out to Brian Hood with USDA for some clarification. Mr. Hood is listed as the inspector on several of the site visits. Below is a brief summary of what I learned.

1. There are three types of Inspections: Routine, Traveling and Focused. Routine inspections are completed approximately every 9 months. Focused inspections can occur anytime they receive a complaint request from the public and those visits are meant to address a specific issue/concern. Traveling visits occur when the animals are away from the facility (vet visit for example). The type of visit is noted on each inspection report. Most visits are un announced.
2. [REDACTED] has been "targeted a lot" by animal rights organizations, which have required more frequent visits in the last several years.
3. He does not do a complete count of the animals on site every time he is at the facility. The most accurate counts would be on visits labeled as Routine, during which he spends more time counting animals on site. Mr. Hood said that [REDACTED] has so many bears, even counts on Routine visits he could be 10 bears off. He stated that he is more accurate with moose for example, because they have so few and they are easier to count. He did note that it also depends on the time of year and some animals may not be visible (hibernating bears)
4. When I asked Mr. Hood if [REDACTED] provides an inventory of animals to him during his Routine inspections, he stated that they did. He went on to say that it was not in a written form but one "they know by heart".
5. When I asked if [REDACTED] was required to provide an inventory of animals during their permitting process, he said that he thought that they did. He does not have access to that information. Applications are sent to Fort Collins.

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