Wolf on dog attacks increase

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TOWN OF BREED, Wis. (AP) - Wildlife experts say wolves have killed or seriously injured six dogs in Wisconsin this month.

That's double the highest number for January in recent years. Two dogs have been killed in Oconto County.

Department of Natural Resources wildlife supervisor Jeff Pritzl says the spike in incidents doesn't necessarily reflect any changes wolf population or behavior. Pritzl tells WLUK-TV (http://bit.ly/1Cuws11) that more people are out hunting coyotes, bobcats, and rabbits with their dogs because of the milder winter.

Pritzl says the peak time for wolf-related incidents is late summer and early fall. He says most of the activity is usually in the northwest part of the state.

There's been a wolf hunt in the past three years, however the wolf has now been relisted as an endangered species.

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