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Dear Chuck:

Glad to hear from you. Yes, I remember you well and often wondered if you ever got around to making a trip West. Glad to learn that you did, and I am giving no little thought toward a trap trip into the West myself. Have many trapper friends through the West. Have an ex-student at Empire, Colo.

Yes there are some fine marten sections in both Colo. and Wyoming.

Bobcats from that area are of very good quality, some of them really large, too. Now and then a Canadian Lynx is taken. There might be a very few true Wolf left in Colorado, though I have no reports and records from that section of the country. Have countless contacts there, too. However, they used to be there, and I see no reason to believe that a few more could not have drifted back and started to reproduce.

When you get up into the higher alpine areas you also meet the Mt. Coyote Canis lestes. This coyote is unlike any other coyote. Has a most wolfish look, and attains a very large size. Males are round footed, much like some dogs. Have sold them for \$16. at a time when average good Minn. Wis. type coyotes were bringing \$3.50. Most of mine have been taken along the Sierra Nevada range.

We have approx. 14 sub-races of coyote. In some areas they manage a few coyo-dog hybrids, too. These animals are real lunkers as a rule, and often bring out the cry of wolf, wolf.

Believe me, that West is a great place. Offers about anything an outdoorsman desires...minus...the cheap and petty influence of the farmlands, minus the barb wire and the having some joker looking down the back of your neck.

My regular fox-coyote instructions in the extended form are \$60. Bobcat-cougar coverage is \$25. If you would want them both it would be a total of \$85. However, if you wished them together I could do the work for \$75.

May sound high, but an army of boys have taken them and all have found it to be the best investment they ever made. The special typed outlines usually takes a week to ten days, as have so much other work. Many trappers now take the special typed courses, as it gives a written text to refer to at all times.

However, if you are already a finished fox taker you have a good start on coyote with a little variation. Some of the cheaper courses and books that are now available may work well enough for you.

One way or the other, I am always glad to have a letter, and do hope you can hit the West again next fall. Spend too much time out there and you will never be satisfied with the mid-West or East again.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours along the traplines,

Bill
Bill Nelson