

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: December 25 -31, 2010

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

Highlighted activities relate to: monitoring, wolf-livestock interactions, outreach and education, research, law enforcement, and other miscellaneous topics of public interest. The Weekly Report will be available each Monday, covering the previous week. It and other wolf program information (including the 2009 annual report) can be found on the FWP website.

NOTE: The Weekly Report will no longer be distributed through email but will continue to be available online at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/management/wolf/default.html>

WOLF MONITORING ACTIVITIES:

Flights: None this week

WOLF-LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES:

12/27: WS confirmed that a cow was injured by wolves in the upper Big Hole. The cow was later euthanized. Control action by WS is underway and the landowner has been issued a Shoot On Site permit.

12/31: Two yearling calves were injured by wolves at a ranch in Fergus County. The attack by three wolves was witnessed by ranch personnel. Control action by WS is underway.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:

Nothing to report.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

12/30: Laudon and Region 1 FWP staff assisted a coyote trapper who had incidentally captured a yearling female wolf likely of the Wolf Prairie pack. The wolf was radio collared and released.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

Nothing to report.

OTHER UPDATES:

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. Use the following shortcut link and be sure to update your bookmarks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wolf>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/liv/LM/index.asp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.