



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Wildlife Bureau  
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public comment on a proposed 2011 wolf hunting season extension and proposed process to allow wolf depredation removals by hunters for 2012 and 2013. Proposed specifics, comment process and comment deadlines are listed below.

## **PROPOSED WOLF SEASON EXTENSION**

This specific proposal extends the current wolf hunting season through January 31, 2012 or until the specific WMU quotas are met, whichever is first. See the 2011 wolf regulations from the Hunting home page at the [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) website for specific quotas and other elements of the wolf hunting season. Based upon rate of harvest, the Commission may consider other season extension dates.

## **PROPOSED PROCESS TO ALLOW WOLF DEPREDATION REMOVALS BY HUNTERS FOR 2012 AND 2013**

Elements of this proposal include those listed below.

- To enhance timeliness, livestock producers would identify the hunters to be authorized.
- Livestock producers must allow a reasonable amount of no-fee wolf hunting access during the wolf hunting season.
- Hunters must have a valid wolf license.
- Hunters must report any kill within 12 hours.
- Hunters are meant to complement existing efforts by landowners and USDA Wildlife Services.
- This hunter option is not required but may be implemented with coordination by livestock producers, USDA Wildlife Services and FWP.
- This hunter option is available whenever there is no need to specifically identify the age, sex, color or identify of any wolf prior to lethal removal.
- All lethal removals by livestock producers, USDA Wildlife Services and/or hunters must be consistent with FWP lethal removal prescription.

## **COMMENT PROCESS AND DEADLINE**

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Bureau office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded links below can be found under "Opportunity for Public Comment" on the Hunting home page at the [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) website. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701,

Helena, MT 59620-0701. The public comment deadline for the proposed 2011 wolf season extension and proposed process to allow wolf depredation removals by hunters for 2012 and 2013 is 5 PM, Monday, November 28, 2011. Any Final adoptions for these items are scheduled to take place at the December 8, 2011 FWP Commission meeting.

**PROPOSED WOLF SEASON EXTENSION** (Deadline 5 PM Monday, November 28, 2011)

<http://fwp.mt.gov/hunting/opportunityForPublicComment/proposedWolfSeasonRefinements.html>

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