MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief

SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

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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.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

MFWP will begin posting monitoring flight reports for closed hunting Wolf Management Units. The only units currently closed are 390 and 101. Monitoring flight reports can be found online at:

http://fwp.mt.gov/wildthings/management/wolf/monitoring.html

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/default.mcpx Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS

Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type and # (injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c)					Land Type	Authorized Control Action
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		
2011 Running Total*			86 (59 of 86 confirmed dead)	14 (6 of 14 confirmed dead)	0	1 (c)	6 (injured or missing)		

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring			Lethal Removal (# wolves)		Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	WS	Other (tribal/ incidental)	WS	Landowner		
2011 Running Total*			25	10	5	47	11		25** + 122 legal harvest (as of 1/3/12)

*There is often a lag time between activities and reporting due to ongoing investigations. Running tallies are estimates based on known data at the time of 'wolf weekly' publication and may not match final annual report numbers.

**Other mortalities to date include vehicle and train kills, illegal take, other human caused mortalities and natural mortalities.