MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief

SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

WEEK OF: March 31 – April 6, 2012

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:

Weekly reports for 2012 will be shown in an additive, running tally fashion. New incidents will be pasted to the bottom of the tables each week.

Montana Annual Wolf Report can be found on the FWP website:

http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/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		
1/1/12	North of Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine	1c					Tribal	Initial response*
1/3/12	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1c				Private	Collar 1/Initial response
1/24/12	W of Arlee (Sanders)	Sleeping Woman (CSKT)	1c 2p						Initial response*
2/8/12	Potomac (Missoula)	Union Peak suspected					1	Private	None
2/20/12	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes		4c 4p				Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal up to 4
2/29/12	South of Ulm (Cascade)		2c						Collar 1/Initial response
3/9/12	Harrison (Madison)		1p						None
3/23/12	Lincoln area (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown					1	Private	Remove 1 (only one wolf thought to be involved in incident)
3/19/12	NW of Wolf Creek(Lewis and Clark)	Unknown	1c					Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal of 2
3/25/12	SW of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis Peak	2c					Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal of 2
3/31/12	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes		2c				Private	Renewed: Lethal removal up to 4
4/3/12	SW of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis Peak	1c					Private	Renewed: Lethal removal of 2
4/6/12	SE of Helmville (Powell)	Unnamed	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2
2012 Running Total*			9c 3p	7c 4p	0	0	2		

*Initial response allows for the removal of any wolves returning to the depredation site.

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		
1/12/12	Mt Haggin (Deer Lodge)	Pintler				2		Ongoing (Kill 3/Collar 1 from 12/2/11 cattle depredation incident)	
1/20/12	NW Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine				1		Ongoing	
1/25/12	(Gallatin)	Bear Trap	2						
1/24/12	Bitterroot Valley (Missoula)	One Horse Creek							1 (killed by a lion)
2/1/12	Jefferson Crk - E of Helmville (Powell)			1					
2/6/12	(Sanders)	Garden Crk			2 (CSKT/WS)	2 (incidental mortalities from CSKT/WS capture effort)			
2/20/12	N of Perma (Sanders)	Cotton-wood			1 (CSKT)				
1/24/12	(Flathead)	Dutch							1 (natural cause)
2/15/12	NW Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine				1		Completed	
3/3/12	(Flathead)	Lazy Creek							1 (vehicle)
3/13/12	South of Trego (Lincoln)	Murphy Creek					1		
3/17/12	North of Trego (Lincoln)	Murphy Creek							1 (euthanized due to injury)

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3/22/12	Highway 310 - N of WY border (Carbon)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
3/23/12	Gardiner Basin (Park)	Quadrant							1 (killed by other wolves in early March)
4/6/12	SE Helmville (Powell)	Unnamed				1		Remove 1 more	
2012 Running Total*			2	1	3	7	1		6 + 45 legal sport harvest

*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.