MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief

SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

WEEK OF: May 19 – May 25, 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		
1/1/2012	North of Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine	1c					Tribal	Initial response*
1/3/2012	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1c				Private	Collar 1/Initial response
1/24/2012	W of Arlee (Sanders)	Sleeping Woman (CSKT)	1c 2p						Initial response*
2/8/2012	Potomac (Missoula)	Union Peak suspected					1	Private	None
2/20/2012	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes		4c 4p				Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal up to 4
2/29/2012	South of Ulm (Cascade)		2c						Collar 1/Initial response
3/9/2012	Harrison (Madison)		1p						None
3/23/2012	Lincoln area (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown					1	Private	Remove 1 (only one wolf thought to be involved in incident)
3/19/2012	NW of Wolf Creek(Lewis and Clark)	Unknown	1c					Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal of 2
3/25/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis Peak	2c					Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal of 2
3/31/2012	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes		2c				Private	Renewed: Lethal removal up to 4
4/3/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis Peak	1c					Private	Renewed: Lethal removal of 2
4/6/2012	SE of Helmville (Powell)	Unnamed	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2
4/9/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3, Landowner shoot on site permit
4/15/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3
4/19/2012	Jackson (Beaverhead)	Beaverhead	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3

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4/2/2012	Upper Ruby (Madison)	Unknown		1c				Private	Initial ground response for 3 days
4/17/2012	N of Butte (Jefferson)	Unknown	1c					Private	Initial response (attempt to collar when possible)
4/24/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Stewart Mtn	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2
5/1/2012	S of Boulder (Jefferson)	Unknown	1p					Private	None
5/2/2012	N of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown	1c					Private	Initial response/collar Landowner shoot on site permit
5/5/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1c					Private	Collar/Lethal removal of 2
5/5/2012	W of Bozeman (Gallatin)	Bear Trap	1p					Private	Initial response
5/6/2012	Boulder (Jefferson)	Elkhorn	1c					Private	Collar/Lethal removal of 2
5/10/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1p					Private	Lethal removal of 3
5/19/2012	Tom Miner Basin (Parkl)	Steamboat	1c					Private	Lethal Removal of 3
5/16/2012	N of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks	3p					Tribal	Initial Response

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5/21/2012	N of Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte	1c					Private	Lethal Removal of 3
5/22/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	3c					Private	Collar/Lethal Removal
5/23/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown		9c5i				Private	Lethal Removal of 2
5/24/2012	Madison Valley (Madison)	Snoeshoe	1c1i					Private	Lethal Removal of 4/shoot on site permit for 4.
5/24/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3
2012 Running Total*			24c 9p1i	17c 4p5i	0	0	2		

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

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES

Date[1]	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		
1/12/2012	Mt Haggin (Deer Lodge)	Pintler				2		Ongoing (Kill 3/Collar 1 from 12/2/11 cattle depredation incident)	
1/20/2012	NW Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine				1		Ongoing	
1/25/2012	(Gallatin)	Bear Trap	2						
1/24/2012	Bitterroot Valley (Missoula)	One Horse Creek							1 (killed by a lion)
2/1/2012	Jefferson Crk - E of Helmville (Powell)			1					
2/6/2012	(Sanders)	Garden Crk			2 (CSKT/WS)	2 (incidental mortalities from CSKT/WS capture effort)			
2/20/2012	N of Perma (Sanders)	Cotton-wood			1 (CSKT)				
1/24/2012	(Flathead)	Dutch							1 (natural cause)
2/15/2012	NW Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine				1		Completed	
3/3/2012	(Flathead)	Lazy Creek							1 (vehicle)
3/13/2012	South of Trego (Lincoln)	Murphy Creek					1		
3/17/2012	North of Trego (Lincoln)	Murphy Creek							1 (euthanized due to injury)
3/22/2012	Highway 310 - N of WY border (Carbon)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
3/23/2012	Gardiner Basin (Park)	Quadrant							1 (killed by other wolves in early March)
4/6/2012	SE Helmville (Powell)	Unnamed				1		Remove 1 more	
4/3/2012	(Lincoln)	Wolf Prairie							1 (train strike)
4/10/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet		1				Ongoing	

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4/9/2012	N of Roger's Pass (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown				1		Ongoing (from 3/19 incident NW of Wolf Crk)	
4/10/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaver-head)	Jeff Davis Peak		1				Ongoing	
4/13/2012	Near Thompson Falls. (Sanders)	Silcox							1 (Unknown)
4/15/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet				1		Ongoing (remove 2 more)	
4/14/2012	Lincoln area (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown				1		Completed (attempts to collar will continue)	
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4/3/2012	(Lincoln)	Wolf Prairie							1 (train strike)
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4/9/2012	N of Roger's Pass (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown				1		Ongoing (from 3/19 incident NW of Wolf Crk)	
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4/20/2012	Jackson (Beaver-head)	Beaver-head				2		Ongoing	
4/17/2012	Lincoln area (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown		1				Completed	
4/26/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet				1		Ongoing	
4/29/2012	Rock Cr., I90 (Missoula)	Sliderock (suspect)							1 (vehicle)
4/28/2012	E of Deer Lodge (Powell)	Unknown		1				None	
5/1/2012	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes				12		Ongoing	
5/4/2012	W of Dell (Beaver-head)	Four Eyes				12		Ongoing	
5/8/2012	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile		1				Ongoing	
5/8/2012	S of Ennis (Madison)	Toadflax							1(vehicle)
5/9/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1		Completed	
5/11/2012	S of Darby (Ravalli)	Unknown							1(vehicle)
5/13/2012	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)			1				Ongoing	
5/15/2012	Bitterroot Valley (Ravalli)	Sula							1(Killed by lion)
5/15/2012	Jackson (Beaver-head)	Beaver-head				2		Completed	
5/10/2012	Sage Creek (Beaver-head)	Price Creek							1(unknown)
5/18/2012	N of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks		1				Ongoing	

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5/20/2012	Butte (Silverbow)	Unknown							1(Illegal)
5/23/2012	N of Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown							1(under investigation)
5/23/2012	Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte		1				Ongoing	
2012 Running Total[1]			2	9	3	17	1		15 + 45 legal sport harvest

[1]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.

[2] Wolves removed in Idaho by WS, as part of a control action in Idaho. Removals count toward the Montana removal authorization but are not included in the running total for Montana removals.