MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief

SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

WEEK OF: January 1 - 11, 2013

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 2013 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)						Authorized Control Action
								Land Type	
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		Control Action
1/2/2013	Near Dell (Beaverhead)	Four eyes					2i	Private	Remove 2 wolves
1/4/2013	NW of Philipsburg (xx)	Harvey Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal
1/6/2013	NW of Philipsburg (xx)	Harvey Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal
2013									
Running Total*			2c				2i		

WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES										
Date ¹	General Area (County)	Pack Name	С	llaring	Lethal Removal (# wolves)		Control Action -	Other Mortalities		
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	ws	Other (tribal/incidental)	ws	Landowner	ongoing/ completed	(by cause)	
1/3/2013	Clearwater Junction (Powell)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)	
1/7/2013	NW of Philipsburg (xx)	Harvey Creek				3				
2013										
Running Total ¹						3			1	

¹There 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.