MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

WEEK OF: May 25-31, 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.

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-LIVEST	OCK CONFLICTS	<u> </u>	_							
					tock Type					
Date	General Area	De els Names	(injured	livestock (i)	=	kills (p) or c	onfirmed	Land Toma	Authorized	
	(County)	Pack Name			kills (c) Goat/	<u> </u>		Land Type	Control Action	
			Cattle	Sheep	Llama	Horse	Dog			
1/2/2013	Near Dell (Beaverhead)	Four eyes					2i	Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves	
1/4/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal	
1/6/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal	
1/26/2013	Ennis (Madison)	Cedar Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves/collar	
1/28/2013	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte		3c1i				Private	Lethal removal	
2/21/2013	Harrison (Madison)	Meadow Creek	1i					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves	
2/25/2013	Near Dell (Beaverhead)	Four eyes		1c				Private	Lethal removal of 2-3 wolves	
3/8/2013	Alberton (Missoula)	Unknown	1c					Private	Prevention/Kill permit (1 wolf)	
3/20/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1i					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves	
3/16/2013	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1р					Private	Prevention	
3/28/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3/collar	
3/29/2013	N. of Dell (Beaverhead)	Price Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal	
4/1/2013	Deep Creek (Teton)	Teton	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves/collar	
4/2/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves	
4/2/2013	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves	
4/2/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves	
4/4/2013	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves	

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS											
Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	(injured		tock Type a , probable l kills (c)	and # kills (p) or c	onfirmed	Land Type	Authorized Control Action		
	(county)		Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		Control Action		
4/10/2013	Boulder (Jefferson)	Elkhorn	1c					Private	Remove pack		
4/16/2013	Wisdom (Deerlodge)	Pintler	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves		
4/19/2013	White Sulphur (Meagher)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 1 wolf/SOS permit		
4/21/2013	Helmville (Powell)	Unknown	1p					Private	Radio collar and release		
4/24/2013	Madison Valley (Madison)	Unknown	1p					Private	Lethal removal of 3		
4/24/2013	Gardiner (Park)	Unknown		21c				Private	Shoot on sight permit		
4/24/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	2c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves		
4/24/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks	1c					CSKT	Remove offending wolves		
4/26/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks	1c					CSKT	Remove offending wolves		
4/26/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3 to 6 wolves		
5/2/2013	Jackson (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1p					Private	Remove offending wolves		
5/8/2013	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat	1p					Private	Radio collar and release		
5/17/2013	Lolo (Missoula)	Telephone Butte/Unknown	1i					Private	Radio collar 1 and lethal removal up to 3		
5/19/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler	2c					Private	Lethal removal		
5/28/2013	Kootenai Creek (Ravalli)	One Horse	1c					Private	Lethal removal of up to 2 uncollared		
5/30/2013	Lincoln	Unknown (2 packs in area)	1c					PCT	Radio collar/remove offending wolves		
5/31/2013	Lincoln	Unknown (2 packs in area)	1c					Private	Remove offending wolves/possible radio collar		

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			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog				
2013			3i	1i	0i	0i	2i				
Running			5p	0р	0р	0р	0р				
Total*			24c	25c	0c	0c	0c				

WOLF CAPTU	RE, COLLARING, REMO	VAL ACTIVITIES							
Date ¹	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring				al Removal wolves)	Control Astion	Oshan Bilantalitiaa
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	ws	Other (tribal/incidental)	ws	Landowner	Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
1/2/2013	Under investigation	Under investigation							3(Illegal)
1/3/2013	Clearwater Junction (Powell)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
1/7/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek				3		Ongoing	
1/2/2013	SW of Augusta (Lewis and Clark)	Benchmark				6			
1/17/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek				1		Ongoing	
1/17/2013	Libby (Lincoln)	Unknown							1 (unknown)
1/18/2013	Arlee (Lake)	Sleeping Woman				2			
1/19/2013	Middle Fork (Flathead)	Nyack							1 (train)
1/22/2013	SW of Augusta (Lewis and Clark)	Benchmark				1		Completed	
1/23/2013	NW of Philipsburg (Granite)	Harvey Creek				1		Ongoing	
1/28/2013	Ennis (Madison)	Cedar Creek				2		Completed	
2/1/2013	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte				1		Ongoing	
2/2/2013	Condon (Missoula)	Condon							1 (unknown)
2/2/2013	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte				1		Completed	
2/7/2013	I-90/Nemote Creek (Mineral)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
2/11/2013	West Boulder (Sweetgrass)	Baker Mountain	1						
2/20/2013	Dupuyer Creek (Teton)	Bennie							1 (euthanized)
3/26/2013	unknown	Unknown							1 (illegal)

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Date ¹			FWP (monitoring/ research)	ws	Other (tribal/incidental)	ws	Landowner					
	(unknown)											
3/28/2013	Unknown (Unknown)	Unknown							1 (illegal)			
3/28/2013	Lonepine (Sanders)	Garden							1 (capture mortality)			
3/29/2013	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown				3						
3/29/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Unknown		1				Ongoing				
4/5/2013	Unknown (Unknown)	Unknown							1(illegal)			
4/10/2013	White Sulphur (Meagher)	Unknown							1 (DOP)			
4/12/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Unknown				1						
4/14/2013	Bedrock Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Blowout Mtn	1									
4/16/2013	Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile				2		Ongoing				
4/16/2013	Wisdom (Deerlodge)	Pintler					1	Ongoing				
4/17/2013	Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile				2		Completed				
4/22/2013	St. Regis (Mineral)	Keystone	1									
4/24/2013	Harrison (Madison)	Unknown		1				Ongoing				
4/28/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks				1						
4/29/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks				1						
4/30/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis				1						
5/1/2013	Grant (Beaverhead	Jeff Davis		1								
5/1/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler				2						

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			FWP (monitoring/ research)	ws	Other (tribal/incidental)	ws	Landowner	Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
5/2/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks				1			
5/2/2013	Fish Creek (Mineral County)	Unknown	1						
5/4/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)	Unknown		1				Ongoing	
5/6/2013	Fish Creek (Missoula)	Unknown	1						
5/7/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)					2		Ongoing	
5/8/2013	Darby (Ravalli)	Divide Creek							1(trapping mortality)
5/8/2013	Fish Creek (Mineral)	Unknown	1						
5/20/2013	I-90/Lookout Pass (Mineral)	Unknown							1(vehicle)
5/24/2013	I-90/Butte (Silverbow)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
2013									
Running Total ¹			6	4	0	34	1		17

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.