

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP
SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: June 1 – 7, 2013

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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-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|---|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Date | General Area (County) | Pack Name | Livestock Type and # | | | | | Land Type | Authorized Control Action |
| | | | (injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c)) | | | | | | |
| | | | Cattle | Sheep | Goat/ 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 | 1p | | | | | 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 |
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| | | | Cattle | Sheep | Goat/ Llama | Horse | Dog | | |
| 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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| 6/1/13 | Sanders | Unknown (2 packs in area) | 1c | | | | | Private | Remove offending wolves |
| 2013 Running Total* | | | 3i 5p 25c | 1i 0p 25c | 0i 0p 0c | 0i 0p 0c | 2i 0p 0c | | |

| 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 | | |
| | (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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| 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) |
| 6/1/2013 | (Mineral) | DeBorgia | 1 | | | | | | |
| 2013 Running Total ¹ | | | 7 | 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.