

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Persons
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SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: October 19-25, 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		7c				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 (Mineral)	Unknown	1c					Private	Prevention/Kill permit (1 wolf)
3/11/2013	(Lake)	Unknown	1c					Private	Radio-collar 1 wolf
3/16/2013	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1p					Private	Prevention
3/20/2013	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis	1i					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
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	2c					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	2p					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves

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4/2/2013	(Madison)	Meadow Creek	1c					Private	Remove 3 wolves
4/4/2013	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 4 wolves
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		13c3i7p				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
4/24/2013	Cedar Creek (Madison)	Unknown	2c					Private	
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	1c					Private	Remove offending wolves
5/8/2013	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat	1p					Private	Radio collar and release
5/16/2013	(Glacier)	Unknown	2c		1(goat)			Tribal	
5/17/2013	Lolo (Missoula)	Telephone Butte/Unknown	1c					Private	Radio collar 1 and lethal removal up to 3

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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	Thompson Falls (Sanders)	Unknown (2 packs in area)	1c					Private	Remove offending wolves
5/31/2013	South of Marion (Flathead)	Unknown/Dry Forks	1c					Private	Collar and remove offending wolves/collar
6/1/2013	Pleasant Valley (Flathead)	Uknown/Ashley	1c					PCT	Remove offending wolves
6/4/2013	(Glacier)	Unknown	2c2p					Tribal	
6/23/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1c					Private	Remove offending wolves
6/23/2013	Westslope Crazy Mtns (Park)	Unknown		3c1i				Private	No action at this time
6/24/2013	North of Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks	1i					PCT	Remove pack
7/8/2013	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Unknown	1c					Private	No action at this time
7/10/2013	Pleasant Valley (Lincoln)	Unknown (2 packs in area)	1c					PCT	Remove offending wolves/collar
7/15/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler	1c					Private	Remove offending wolf
7/18/2013	North of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks	1c					PCT	Remove pack
7/30/2013	Long Creek (Madison)	Unknown	1p					Private	No action at this time
8/5/2013	Fortine (Lincoln)	Murphy Lake	1p					Private	Landowner DOP
8/9/2013	Seeley Lake (Missoula)	Unknown	1p					Private	No action at this time
8/10/2013	Fortine (Lincoln)	Murphy Lake	1c					Private	Landowner DOP

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8/14/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethally removed 2 wolves.
8/17/2013	Pleasant Valley (Lincoln)	Unknown (2 packs in area)	1c1p					PCT	Remove offending wolves/collar
8/22/2013	South of Marion (Flathead)	Unknown/Dry Forks	1p					PCT	Remove offending wolves/collar
8/24/2013	Wolf Prairie	Weigle?	1c					PCT	Remove offending wolves
8/26/2013	Sun Ranch (Madison)	Unknown	1c1p					Private	Removed 2 wolves. Control action ended.
8/26/2013	Southeast of Marion (Flathead)	Unknown/Dry Forks	2c					Private	Remove offending wolves
8/28/2013	Northeast of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks	1p					PCT	Remove pack
9/8/2013	Upper Ruby near Long Creek	Unknown	1i					Private	No response
9/8/2013	Galen (Jefferson)	Deer Lodge	1c					Private	Full pack removal
9/9/2013	Jackson (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1i					Public	Collar and release
9/26/2013	West Slope Crazy Mountains (Park)	Unknown		1i				Private	Producer shoot on site permit
9/26/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Trail Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
10/2/2013	Avon Valley	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
10/18/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Trail Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2 wolves
2013 Running Total*			5i 15p 51c	5i 7p 24c	0i 0p 1c	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		
1/2/2013	Under investigation	Under investigation							3(unconfirmed)
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 of Polson (Lake)	White Earth				2			
2/11/2013	West Boulder	Baker Mountain	1						

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	(Sweetgrass)								
2/20/2013	Dupuyer Creek (Teton)	Bennie							1 (euthanized)
3/5/2013	(Madison)	Meadow Creek				2		Completed	
3/6/2013	Arlee (Lake)	Sleeping Woman				1			
3/11/2013	West of Polson (Lake)	White Earth				1			
3/12/2013	Niarada (Lake)	Unknown				1			
3/12/2013	West of Polson (Lake)	White Earth				1			
3/26/2013	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							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	

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4/28/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks				1			
4/29/2013	Niarada (Sanders)	Dry Forks				1			
4/30/2013	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			
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)	Unknown				2		Ongoing	
5/7/2013	Cameron (Madison)	Meadow Creek				1		Control action for 3 wolves	
5/8/2013	Hamilton (Ravalli)	Divide Creek				1			1(WS collar-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 (Silver Bow)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
6/1/2013	(Mineral)	DeBorgia	1						
6/7/2013	East Glacier (Glacier)	Unknown				1			
6/8/2013	East Glacier	Unknown				2			

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	(Glacier)								
6/10/2013	Thompson Falls (Sanders)	Unknown (2 packs in area)				1			
6/10/2013	(Mineral)	Savenac	1						
6/10/2013	(Mineral)	DeBorgia	1						
6/13/2013	Browning (Glacier)	Unknown				1			
6/13/2013	East Glacier (Glacier)	Unknown				2			
6/20/2013	Bitterroot Valley (Ravalli)	Trail Creek	1						
7/3/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler				1		expired	
7/4/2013	Marian (Flathead)	Unknown		1					
7/4/2013	Pleasant Valley (Flathead)	Unknown (2 packs in area)		1					
7/10/2013	Basin (Jefferson)	Cataract	1						
7/15/2013	I-90 Superior (Mineral)	Keystone							1(vehicle)
7/16/2013	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)	Morrell Mtn	1						
7/17/2013	Wise River (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1			
7/17/2013	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler				1		Completed	
7/18/2013	South of Libby (Lincoln)	Cabinet	1						
8/9/2013	South of Libby (Lincoln)	Cabinet	1						
8/10/2013	Fortine (Lincoln)	Murphy Lake					1		
8/10/2013	Stevensville (Ravalli)	Unknown							1(vehicle)
8/11/2013	South of Libby (Lincoln)	Cabinet	1						

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8/12/2013	St.Regis (Mineral)	Olson Peak	1						
8/15/2013	Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Landers Fork	1						
8/15/2013	West of Dupuyer (Pondera)	Bennie	1						
8/16/2013	Lincoln (Lewis & Clark)	Landers Fork	1						
8/16/2013	Deer Lodge (Powell)	Flint Creek	1						
8/24/2013	Pleasant Valley (Lincoln)	Unknown (2 packs in area)		1					
8/26/2013	South of Marion (Flathead)	Dry Forks				2			
8/27/2013	South of Marion (Flathead)	Dry Forks				1			
8/28/2013	Pleasant Valley (Lincoln)	Unknown (2 packs in area)				1			
8/29/2013	Pleasant Valley (Lincoln)	Unknown (2 packs in area)				1			
8/29/2013	Sun Ranch (Madison)	Toadflax				2		Completed	
8/29/2013	Drummond (Granite)	Sliderock	1						
8/30/2013	Pleasant Valley (Lincoln)	Unknown (2 packs in area)				1			
9/8/2013	Gallatin Canyon Hwy 191	YNP Delta							1 collared (vehicle)
9/8/2013	Lolo Pass (Missoula)	Cache Creek	1						
9/9/2013	Alberton (Missoula)	Petty Creek	1						
9/12/2013	Jackson (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1						
9/13/2013	Galen (Jefferson)	Deer Lodge				2		Ongoing	
9/17/2013	Lolo Pass	Big Hole	1						

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	(Missoula)								
9/20/2013	Lolo Pass (Missoula)	Big Hole	2						
9/21/2013	Blackfoot River (Missoula)	Unknown							1 (FWP investigating)
9/26/2013	West Slope Crazy Mountains (Park)	Unknown					1		1 Landowner legally shot
9/27/2013	Galen (Jefferson)	Deer Lodge				2		Completed	Pack considered fully removed
10/2/2013	Bitterroot Valley (Ravalli)	Unknown							2 (FWP investigating)
2013 Running Total ¹			27	7	0	67	3		22
<p>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.</p>									
<p>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.</p>									