## **MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT**

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP

**SUBJECT:** Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

**WEEK OF:** March 15 – March 31, 2014

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 2014 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 <a href="http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcpx">http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcpx</a> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

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Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	(injured liv		ock Type ar probable ki kills (c)		Land Type	Authorized Control Action	
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		Control Action
01/02	West Boulder River (Sweetgrass)	Baker Moutnain	1р					Private	None
01/16	Bannack (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1р					Private	Attempt to radio collar
01/17	Lake Como (Ravalli)	Trapper Peak	1c					Private	SOS issued to Landowner
01/17	West Boulder Drainage (Sweetgrass)	Baker Mountain	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 1-2 uncollared from pack
2/25	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek	1c						CSKT to remove
3/28	Upper Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile	1confirmed injured, 1p					Private	Lethal Removal by WS

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2014 Running Total*			3c3p1i							

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	Company I Amag		Capture/Collaring				al Removal wolves)	Combuel Astion	Other Manualities
Date <sup>1</sup>	General Area (County)	Pack Name	FWP (monitoring/ research)	ws	Other (tribal/incidental)	ws	Landowner	Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
01/08	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis				1			
01/27	Lake Como (Ravalli)	Trapper Peak				1			
02/07		Jeff Davis		1					
2/16	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek			1 (joint CSKT and WS effort)				
03/03	Madison	Unknown		2					
03/03	West Boulder Drainage (Sweetgrass)	Baker Mountain						completed, no wolves radioed or removed	
3/8 (corrected from 3/1)	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek						completed	1 - WS removed (corrected from CSKT)
3/15 (corrected from 3/17)	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek						completed	1 - WS removed (corrected from CSKT)
3/28	Upper Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile				4		completed	

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Date <sup>1</sup>	General Area (County)	Pack Name	C	ollaring	Lethal Removal (# wolves)		Control Action -	Other Mortalities	
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	WS	Other (tribal/incidental)	WS	Landowner	ongoing/ completed	(by cause)
2014 Running Total <sup>1</sup>				3	1	2			2

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.