

## **MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM – DEPREDAATION/MORTALITY REPORT**

**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP  
**SUBJECT:** Wolf Program Activities and Related Information  
**PERIOD OF:** April 23 – June 17, 2014

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### **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 <http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

<b>WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS – 2014</b>									
<b>Date</b>	<b>General Area (County)</b>	<b>Pack Name</b>	<b>Livestock Type and #</b>					<b>Land Type</b>	<b>Authorized Control Action</b>
			<b>(injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c))</b>						
			<b>Cattle</b>	<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Goat/ Llama</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Dog</b>		
01/02	West Boulder River (Sweetgrass)	Baker Mountain	1p					Private	None
01/16	Bannack (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1p					Private	Attempt to radio collar
01/17	Lake Como (Ravalli)	Trapper Peak	1c					Private	SOS issued to Landowner
01/17	West Boulder Drainage (Park)	Baker Mountain	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 1-2 uncollared from pack
2/25	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek	1c						CSKT to remove
3/27	Big Hole (Deer Lodge)	Unknown	2c					Private	WS to remove 1-2 wolves and place a radio
3/24	Upper Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile	1i, 1p					Private	Lethal Removal by WS
4/5	Near Marian (Flathead)	Unknown					1c	Private/FS	No action
4/8	North of Browning (Glacier)	Livermore	2c					Private	Attempt to collar 1 wolf to remove entire pack (unknown number)
4/15	Near Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown	2c					Private	Lethal Removal by WS, unknown number
4/18	Northwest of Browning (Glacier)	Livermore	1c						WS and Blackfeet Nation attempting to collar and release one wolf and remove entire pack
4/21	Blacktail (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1c				Private	WS removed one wolf, control action complete
4/22	North of Wolf Creek (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown	1c					Private	WS attempting to radio collar one wolf
4/24	Blacktail (Beaverhead)	Unknown		4c				Private	WS to set traps
4/25	Blackfeet Reservation (Glacier)	Livermore	2i						

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			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		
4/27	Near Polaris (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1c					private	Undetermined
4/28	North of Roger's Pass (Lewis and Clark)	Blowout Mountain	1c (calf died of injuries)					Private	WS and FWP efforts to place one radio
4/28	Near Browning (Glacier)	Unknown	1i, 1c					Private	Lethal removal by WS and Tribe
5/2	Near Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1p					Private	Action Continued
5/7	Near Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1i					Private	Lethal Removal by WS, two wolves
5/20	Near Browning (Glacier)	Unknown				1c (miniature donkey)		Private	Lethal removal by WS
5/21	Near Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1p					Private	L Action Continued
5/23	Near Wisdom (Deer Lodge)	Unknown	1c					Private	Action Continued
6/14	North of Avon (Powell)	Ophir Creek	1c					Private	WS sat on carcass to remove two wolves, set traps to remove another
2014 Running Total*			15c5p5i	5c			1c	1c	



WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES									
Date <sup>1</sup>	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		
01/08	Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis				1			
01/27	Lake Como (Ravalli)	Trapper Peak				1		completed	
02/07		Jeff Davis		1					Wolf found dead on or about June 10, potential capture mortality
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						expired, no wolves radioed or removed	
3/8 (corrected from 3/1)	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek				1		completed	
3/15 (corrected from 3/17)	Niarada (Sanders)	Garden Creek				1		completed	
3/22	Near Boulder (Jefferson)	Elkhorn					1 (defense of property)		
3/28	Upper Ninemile (Missoula)	Ninemile				4		completed	
4/1	Blacktail Drainage (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1			
4/11	Near Marian (Flathead)	Unknown			1 (joint WS/FWP WS captured, FWP collared)				
4/18	Blackfeet Reservation (Glacier)	Livermore					1 (defense of property)		
4/21	Blacktail Area (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1		completed	
4/21	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat Peak					1 (defense of property);		

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							attacking cattle, one calf missing		
4/23	Near Lozeau (Mineral)	Sunrise Mountain	1						
4/24	West Fork Fish Creek (Mineral)	Quartz Creek							collar found, carcass too far decomposed; unknown cause or mortality; Enforcement notified
4/25	Near Wolf Creek (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown		1					
4/28	Cyr Bridge (Mineral)	Quartz Creek							collar found in river; likely illegal mortality; Enforcement notified
5/3	Near Browning (Glacier)	Unknown			1 (joint WS/Blackfeet) WS capture, Blackfeet collared				
5/13	Near Browning (Glacier)	Unknown				1		ongoing	
5/21	Near Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1		ongoing	
5/24	North end of Tobacco Root Mountains (Madison)	Unknown		1					Wolf found dead on or about June 16, potential capture mortality
6/2	Near Browning (Glacier)	Unknown				3			
6/3	East of Lookout Pass (Mineral)	Unknown							2-year old black male hit by vehicle on I-90
6/6	Lake/Flathead	Unknown		1					
6/10	Wisdom area (Beaverhead)	Unknown				3		completed	
6/10	Lake/Flathead	Unknown				1			

**WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES**

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6/11	West of Seeley Lake (Missoula)	Belmont	1						
6/14	North of Avon (Powell)	Ophir Creek				2		ongoing	
6/17	North of Avon (Powell)	Ophir Creek				1		ongoing	
2014 Running Total <sup>1</sup>			2	6	3	22	3		5

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.