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MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM – DEPREDATION/MORTALITY REPORT

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, FWP

SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information

PERIOD OF: December 20, 2014 – December 26, 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:

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online.

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 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 – 2014									
Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type and # (injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c))					Land Type	Authorized Control Action
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		
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
3/27	Teton	Unknown	1p					private	Monitor
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		1p, 1c (Corrected on 8/22)				Private	WS removed one wolf, control action complete
4/21 (Corrected from 4/24)	Blacktail (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1p, 4c (Corrected on 8/22)				Private	WS to set traps
4/22	North of Wolf Creek (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown	1c					Private	WS attempting to radio collar one wolf

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4/25	Blackfeet Reservation (Glacier)	Livermore	1i, 1c (Corrected on 8/22)						
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, 1c (Corrected on 8/22)					Private	L Action Continued
5/23	Near Wisdom (Deer Lodge)	Unknown	1p, 1c (Corrected on 8/22)					Private	Action Continued
6/2	Lake CKST	Unknown	1i					Private	removal
6/14	North of Avon (Powell)	Ophir Creek	1c					Private	WS sat on carcass to remove two wolves, set traps to remove another
6/30	CKST	Garden Cr	1c					Public	removal
7/3	Beaverhead	Unknown	1c					Public	Undetermined
7/7 (Corrected from 7/18)	Carbon	Rosebud	1p					Private	WS collared one wolf
7/21	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	WS working on full pack removal

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7/22	Glacier	Livermore	1c					Blackfeet Tribe	removal
7/26	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)	Arrastra Creek	1c					Private	Lethal removal by landowner, one wolf
7/28	Lincoln	Murphy lake	1p					Public	Monitor
7/28	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	WS working on full pack removal
8/2	Beaverhead	Unknown	2i					Public	WS attempt to radio collar
8/5	Glacier	Livermore	1c					Blackfeet Tribe	Removal
8/5	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	WS working on full pack removal
8/6	Sanders	Corona	1p					Public	Removal
8/7	Park	Steamboat Peak	1c					Public	Issued shoot on sight permit for two wolves
8/7	Beaverhead	Unknown	1c					Public	Try and collar
8/11	Ravalli	One Horse	1c					Private	removal
8/14	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	WS working on full pack removal
8/25	North End Gravelly (Madison)	Unknown	1c, 1p					Public	WS working on removing half the pack
9/20	Drummond (Granite)	Flint	1i					Public	WS working on removing half the pack
9/22	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown		2c, 1i				Private	WS to set traps, collar an adult, remove any pups
9/24	Madison	Toadflax	1p					Private	
9/24	Carbon	Rosebud	1p					Private	No action at this time
9/29	Beaverhead	Unknown		2c				Private	WS to set traps, collar an adult, remove any pups

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			Cattle	**Sheep**	**Goat/ Llama**	**Horse**	**Dog**		
10/1	N of Roger's Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mtn	1p					Private	
10/27	Beaverhead	Jeff Davis	1c					Private	WS to collar and remove any that return.
11/1	Roscoe (Carbon)	Rosebud	1c					Private	No action at this time
11/30	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1c					Private	WS to remove any that return.
2014 Running Total			**34c14p8i**	**9c2p1i**		**1c**	**1c**		

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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		
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/WS)				
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	

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4/21	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat Peak					1 (defense of property) attacking cattle, 1 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				
5/4	Black Feet Nation (Glacier)	Livermore		1					
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

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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			
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	
6/23	Lake	Keer MT				3			
7/3	Sun River (Teton)	Red Shale	1						
7/16	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)	Morrell Mtn	1					Ongoing	
7/18	Carbon	Rosebud		1					
7/23	Jefferson	Cataract	1					Ongoing	
7/26	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)	Arrastra Creek					1 (defense of property)	Ongoing	
7/28	Sanders	Garden Creek				2			
7/28	Cyr (Mineral)	Petty Creek					1 (SENATE BILL 200)		
8/5	Glacier	Unknown				3			
8/6	Mineral	Olson Peak	2					Ongoing	
8/7	Madison	Unknown		1				Ongoing	
8/8	Mineral	Olson Peak	1					Ongoing	
8/10	NW of St Regis (Mineral)	Savenac	1						

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8/10	Stevensville (Ravalli)	One Horse					1 (defense of property)		
8/13	Lolo (Missoula)	Telephone Butte	1						
8/13	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown				1		Ongoing	
8/14	Ravalli	One Horse				1			
8/15	Upper Dearborn River (Lewis & Clark	Unknown					1 (SENATE BILL 200)		
8/19	NW of St Regis (Mineral)	Savenac	1						
8/19	Lookout Pass (Mineral)	Brimstone							1 (road kill)
8/20	Lookout Pass (Mineral)	Brimstone	1						
8/26	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown				1		Ongoing	
8/27	North End Gravelly (Madison)	Unknown				1		Ongoing	
8/27	West Fork (Madison)	Unknown				3		Ongoing	
8/28	Blackfoot Valley (Lewis & Clark	Unknown		1					
8/29	Missoula	Cache Creek	1						
8/29	Lookout Pass (Mineral)	Brimstone							1 (road kill)
8/5	Lookout Pass (Mineral)	Brimstone							2 pups (road kill)
9/7	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)	Arrastra Creek		1		2		Completed	
9/10	Gallatin	Bear Trap	1					Ongoing	
9/16	Park	Hogback	2					Ongoing	
9/23	N of Roger's Pass (Lewis & Clark)	Blowout Mtn	1						

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9/24	Madison	Toadflax					2 (SENATE BILL 200)		
9/28	Beaverhead	Unknown					1 (defense of property)		
9/29	Granite	Flint				3		Ongoing	
10/7	Mineral	Brimstone							1 illegal kill; under investigation
10/3	Unknown	Unknown					1 (SENATE BILL 200)		
10/7	Mineral	Mineral Mtn							1 illegal kill; under investigation
10/7	Sanders	Olson Peak							1 unknown cause of death
10/11	Missoula	Petty Creek	1						
10/15	Dell (Beaverhead)	Unknown		2				Ongoing	
10/15	Mineral	Mineral Mtn	2						
10/16	Smith Creek (Lewis & Clark)	Crown Mtn	1						
10/22	Rye Creek (Ravalli)	Tepee Point							1 unknown cause of death
10/28	Walkerville (Silverbow)	Unknown	1						
10/30	Cyr (Mineral)	Petty Creek					1 (SENATE BILL 200)		
11/1	St Regis (Mineral)	Unknown							1 illegal mortality, under investigation
11/7	Mineral	Petty Creek							1 road kill
11/19	Beaverhead	Jeff Davis				2		Ongoing	
11/30	Mineral	Diamond							1 illegal mortality, under investigation
12/1	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1		Ongoing	
12/3	Petty Creek (Missoula)	Petty Creek							1 unknown cause of death

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12/3	Lozeau (Mineral)	Sunrise Mtn							1 unknown cause of death
12/10	Powell	Unknown							1 road kill
12/11	Powell	Arrastra							1 illegal mortality, under investigation
2014 Running Total[1]			**22**	**13**	**3**	**45**	**12**		**20**

[1]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.