

Many states Game Departments contribute substantial amounts of hunting license dollars to predator damage management and Wildlife Service's specifically. It looks like the primary determining factor is not whether a State game department can do it or not but how badly they want to do it and how they justify it to the Federal Aid folks. Obviously these other states have no problem justifying it. Maybe Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks should contact these other states which obviously have more knowledge in this arena.

Just a few examples follow:

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks matches cooperators dollars (county livestock head tax totaling \$305,000) 2 to 1 with hunting license dollars. SDGFP contributes \$610,000 to wildlife damage management which in South Dakota is coyote and beaver damage management.

California Department of Fish and Game provides Wildlife Services with funding for all mountain lion and black bear human health and safety work. CDFG uses hunting license dollars.

Utah's Division of Wildlife provides Wildlife Services with \$350,000 for predator damage management

Nevada's Department of Wildlife has a \$3.00 fee on every big game application that goes to Wildlife Services for predator damage management. That amounts to about \$425,000 per year that goes directly to Wildlife Services.

Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources has 5 agreements with Wildlife Service's. The first agreement is \$164,000 for all the black bear damage management work Wildlife Services does. The second agreement is for \$130,000 for the beaver damage management work Wildlife Services does. The third agreement is for \$23,000 for the wolf work Wildlife Services does. The fourth agreement is for \$20,000 for the cormorant work Wildlife Services does. The fifth agreement is for over \$1,000,000 for the wildlife abatement work Wildlife Services does. The DNR provides Wildlife Services in Wisconsin a total of over \$1,337,000.

Colorado's Division of Wildlife pays Wildlife Services directly for mountain lion and black bear damage management strictly for the protection of livestock. They pay Wildlife Services \$123,000

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has two agreements with Wildlife Services whereby they provide funding to Wildlife Services for predator damage management. One of the agreements is to provide \$60,000 to Wildlife Services for predatory animal control. The other agreement is for \$50,000 for black bear, mountain lion wolf, bobcat, and beaver damage management. This represents a big decrease in ODOW funding to Wildlife Services from previous years since all state agencies in Oregon have taken huge cuts to their budgets.

New Mexico's Fish and Games pays Wildlife Services directly for any work WS' does on beaver, mountain lion, and black bear damage management.

Arizona Game and Fish has 3 agreements with Wildlife Services. One is for human health and safety work when mountain lions pose a threat to humans. One is for aerial hunting coyotes for the protection of antelope. The third one is for protection of black-footed ferrets.