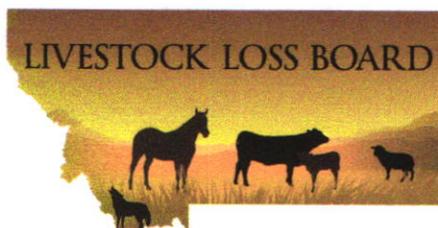

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Economic Affairs Committee

- Board consists of three livestock owners and two biologists
- Administratively attached to Department of Livestock
- Prior to 2008 Defenders of Wildlife had provided death loss payments due to wolves
- Prior to October 2013 DoW had provided death loss payments due to grizzly bears
- Board oversees compensation and loss prevention grants (grizzly & wolves) as stated in their Mission Statement
- Board meetings are held around the state where wolves and grizzlies are present in the area. Meetings include a listening session where individuals can meet board members informally on a one-on-one basis.
- Board has tribal agreements with Blackfeet and CSKT nations.
- Funding has come from HB 622, 2011 session and sporadic federal grants
- Federal grants are restricted to wolf only, payments and loss prevention grants
- FY 2015 provided \$127,186 in payments.
- FY 2016 provided \$221,082 in payments. Appendix pages are based upon calendar years
- Livestock values were substantially greater in 2015 but have dropped considerably in 2016. Payments are calculated via a USDA Market Report near the time of loss.
- As of today calendar year 2016 death losses are double 2015 numbers. The largest increase is in cattle losses primarily due to grizzly bears.
- Hardest hit counties in 2016 are Glacier, Pondera and Carbon

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Aug 29 2016 Losses

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Counties	Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Guard	Horse	Llama	Totals	Payments
Beaverhead	6						6	\$6,295.26
Carbon	13						13	\$12,668.97
Deer Lodge	1						1	\$1,006.39
Glacier	21						21	\$23,313.17
Granite	1						1	\$1,129.03
Lake	1						1	\$930.96
L&C	7						7	\$8,272.46
Madison	9						9	\$8,982.80
Missoula	1						1	\$1,198.08
Pondera	9	52					61	\$21,747.27
Powell	6						6	\$6,381.15
Ravalli	5						5	\$5,688.83
Sanders	2						2	\$1,950.00
Stillwater	3						3	\$3,490.50
Teton	2	1					3	\$2,163.46
Toole	2						2	\$1,842.43
Totals	89	53	0	0	0	0	142	\$107,060.76

Wolves

Confirmed	24				
Probable	8				
Value	\$34,676.71				
Owners	19				

Grizzly Bears

Confirmed	21	13			
Probable	36	40			
Value	\$59,986.79	\$12,397.26			
Owners	29	3			

2015 January - August 29

Wolf	18	7					
Griz	15	30				1	\$70,367.25
Difference	56	16					\$36,693.51

2015 Livestock Losses

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Counties	Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Guard	Horse	Llama	Totals	Payments
Beaverhead	15	22		1			38	\$34,299.32
Carbon	27						27	\$40,544.33
Cascade		5					5	\$1,074.82
Choteau	2						2	\$3,047.50
Deer Lodge	1						1	\$1,613.40
Flathead	1						1	\$1,504.70
Glacier	6	14					20	\$13,070.79
Lake	3						3	\$4,368.00
L&C	6	3					9	\$10,214.79
Lincoln	2						2	\$3,268.50
Madison	17						17	\$28,918.62
Mineral	1						1	\$1,657.50
Park	2						2	\$2,873.44
Pondera	5	38				1	44	\$17,910.23
Powell	3	2				1	6	\$5,405.28
Ravalli	5						5	\$6,047.54
Sanders	1						1	\$979.83
Silver Bow	4						4	\$5,524.69
Stillwater	10						10	\$15,863.93
Sweet Grass	1						1	\$1,531.40
Teton		1					1	\$193.36
Totals	112	85	0	1	1	1	200	\$199,911.97

Wolves

Confirmed	39	22		1		
Probable	7					
Value	\$67,865.74	\$11,485.56		\$1,417.92		
Owners	26	2		1		

Grizzly Bears

Confirmed	50	44			1	1
Probable	16	19				
Value	\$103,815.99	\$14,668.43			\$400.00	258.33
Owners	32	8			1	1