

Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for April 2013

Note: Information in this update is intended to highlight the month's major wolf management actions and is not intended to be a comprehensive detailing of all management activities. Information in this update is draft and subject to change as details from the field become available. Finalized annual reporting of this information will be published in the annual wolf report available in the April 2013 on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website.

Verified Wolf Killed Livestock

- Verified that wolves had killed one domestic calf on private land near Dubois.
- Verified that wolves had injured a 3-week-old horse on private land near Dubois.
- Verified two calves killed by wolves in separate incidents in the Cody area.
- Verified that wolves had killed a Hereford calf on private land near Alta.
- Verified that wolves had killed two domestic calves on private land near Jackson.

Research and Monitoring

- The 2012 Wyoming Gray Wolf Population Monitoring and Management Annual Report was completed in April. The annual report documents all relevant monitoring and management information for wolves in Wyoming for calendar year 2012. The report can be obtained online at: http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/imgs/QRDocs/WYWOLF_ANNUALREPORT_2012.pdf
- Monitoring indicates many wolf packs localized at den sites during the last half of April. The Large Carnivore Section will continue to monitor wolf denning activity to document which packs have successfully produced pups.

Wolf Management (Captures, Relocations, and Removals)

- Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement and Related Activities

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department game wardens are looking for information about the illegal killing of one gray wolf in the North Fork of the Shoshone River near Cody between February 15th and 19th. The department requests the public's help with this investigation. Anyone with information about this incident should call Wyoming's Stop Poaching hotline at 1-877-WGFD-TIP, report online at wgfd.wyo.gov, or call Wildlife Investigator Irah Leonetti at 307-527-7125. Those with information can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward. Help protect Wyoming's wildlife: "Stop Poaching – Help Us Stand Watch."

Outreach and Education

- The Wyoming Game and Fish Department in cooperation with the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board produced a brochure titled "Wolves in Wyoming: A guide for livestock producers" to provide guidance for livestock producers who experience damage to livestock caused by wolves. The brochure is available at Wyoming Game and Fish Department regional offices, or by download at the following

link: http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Wildlife/pdfs/WOLF_LIVESTOCK_BROCHURE_0003179.pdf

- Large Carnivore Section personnel conducted "Staying Safe in Bear, Lion, and Wolf Country" workshops in Casper, Cody, Farson, Green River, Jackson, Lander, Powell, Rawlins, and Sheridan.

Harvest Update

- Wolves may be hunted in areas when and where they are designated as predatory animals at any time of the year without a wolf hunting license. A total of 16 wolves have been taken in these areas since January 1, 2013. See the following link for wolf mortality updates:

http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Hunting/pdfs/WOLF_SUMMARY0004030.pdf

- The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will be holding a series of public meetings in May to discuss proposed revisions to Commission Regulation Chapter 47: Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons. The proposed revisions to the regulation include new hunting quotas for the 2013 wolf hunting season and other minor clarifications. More information, including the dates and locations of public meetings, can be found at:

<http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/news-1001425.aspx>