

Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for January 2014

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 2014 annual wolf report available in April 2015 on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website.

Verified Wolf Killed Livestock

- Number of verified wolf killed or injured livestock and dogs caused by wolves classified as trophy game animals since January 1, 2014.

Number of livestock and dogs	0
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Research and Monitoring

- Large Carnivore Section personnel coordinated aerial capture efforts for wolves in the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area throughout January. A total of 34 wolves from 16 packs were captured and radiocollared by the Department to assist in monitoring and managing the wolf population in northwest Wyoming. Additional wolves were captured and radiocollared in separate capture efforts by Grand Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge.

- Large Carnivore Section personnel are currently collecting population data for wolves in Wyoming outside Yellowstone National Park to be used toward determining the end of 2013 minimum wolf population and breeding pair estimate. Final minimum wolf population and breeding pair estimates will be reported, along with other wolf monitoring and management information in Wyoming, in the 2013 annual report. The annual report will be available to the public in early April 2014.

Wolf Management (Captures, Relocations, and Removals)

- Number of wolves classified as trophy game animals removed in control actions since January 1, 2014.

Number of wolves	0
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Law Enforcement and Related Activities

- A wolf hunter illegally took a wolf in Wolf Hunt Area 12 after the season closed. Upon realizing the violation, the hunter reported the violation to a local game warden who issued a citation for illegally taking a trophy game animal out of season.

Outreach and Education

- Large Carnivore Section personnel conducted an interview for a story discussing wolf

management and monitoring in Wyoming. The story was aired on multiple stations out of Billings, MT, which provides news coverage for northern Wyoming.

Hunting Update

- Wolves may be hunted in areas when and where they are designated as predatory animals without a wolf hunting license, any time of the year, in any legal manner.

See the following link for wolf mortality updates for 2014:

<http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/HUNTING-1000743.aspx>

- 2013 wolf hunting seasons in Wolf Hunt Areas 1-12 closed as of December 31, 2013. Final information for the 2013 wolf hunting season can be obtained at the following link:

<http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/HUNTING-1001852.aspx>