

## **Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for May 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 April 2014 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, 2013.

Number of livestock and dogs	13
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### **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 statewide in Wyoming for calendar year 2012. The report can be obtained online

at: [http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/imgs/QRDocs/WYWOLF\\_ANNUALREPORT\\_2012.pdf](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/imgs/QRDocs/WYWOLF_ANNUALREPORT_2012.pdf)

- Monitoring indicates many wolf packs localized at den sites in the latter half of April and early May. The Large Carnivore Section will continue to monitor wolf denning activity to document which packs have reproduced and may qualify as breeding pairs at the end of 2013.

### **Wolf Management (Captures, Relocations, and Removals)**

- Number of wolves classified as trophy game animals removed in control actions since January 1, 2013.

Number of wolves	14
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### **Law Enforcement and Related Activities**

- Nothing to report.

### **Outreach and Education**

- The Wyoming Game and Fish Department held nine public information gathering meetings across the state 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>

- The Game and Fish 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 Game and Fish regional offices or by download

at: [http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Wildlife/pdfs/WOLF\\_LIVESTOCK\\_BROCHURE003179.pdf](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Wildlife/pdfs/WOLF_LIVESTOCK_BROCHURE003179.pdf)

### **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 17 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\\_SUMMARY0004135.pdf](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Hunting/pdfs/WOLF_SUMMARY0004135.pdf)