

Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for November 2012

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 spring of 2013 on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website.

Verified Wolf Killed Livestock

- Verified one wolf killed domestic lamb in Hunt Area 7. No agency control actions were initiated.
- Verified three wolf killed cattle in Hunt Area 4. A control action was conducted (See the "Wolf Management" section below). No additional losses have been reported.

Research and Monitoring

- With wolf delisting occurring on September 30, 2012, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department assumed all responsibility for wolf monitoring activities in Wyoming. The Department will conduct wolf monitoring and management in accordance with Wyoming State Statutes, the Wyoming Gray Wolf Management Plan and Addendum, and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Gray Wolf Management Regulations (Chapters 21 and 47). For more information, visit the links below:

Wyoming State Statutes are available at the following

link: <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/compress/title23.doc>

Department wolf management documents are available at the following

link: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/wildlife-1000380.aspx>

- Began coordinating the winter aerial wolf capture effort for the purpose of collaring wolves to monitor wolf movement, distribution, and population and pack numbers.
- Located radio collared wolves for the purpose of monitoring wolf movement, distribution, and population and pack numbers. Also monitored areas of known or suspected wolf activity that lacked radio collared wolves to document wolf presence and numbers.
- Compiled and cataloged wolf mortality information to be reported in the annual report of the status and management of wolves in Wyoming during 2012.
- Retrieved a dropped wolf radio collar in the Wood River area.

Wolf Management (Captures, Relocations, and Removals)

- Three wolves were removed in an agency control action following three verified livestock depredations in Hunt Area 4.

Law Enforcement and Related Activities

- Nothing to report.

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_BROCHURE0003179.pdf

- Personnel attended an Animal Damage Management Board meeting in Lander, WY to present information on the status of the wolf hunting season and damage to livestock since Wyoming took over wolf management on October 1, 2012.

Harvest Update

- Eight wolves were taken in November during the gray wolf hunting season in the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area or the Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area, and 6 wolves were taken in predatory animal areas, bringing the total number of wolves taken in these areas to 37 and 19 wolves, respectively. Wolf Hunt Area 8 closed during November because the mortality quota had been reached. Wolf Hunt Areas 4, 6, and 9 closed in October. The wolf hunting season will continue in the remaining open wolf hunt areas until the mortality quota is reached or until the end of the season on December 31, 2012, whichever occurs first. 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. For more information on wolf hunting and mortality quotas in Wyoming, visit the links below:

For updates on wolf hunting mortality quotas, please visit the following

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

To view the 2012 wolf hunting regulations, please visit the following links:

http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Hunting/pdfs/REGULATIONS_CH47_BROCHURE0002871.pdf

http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Hunting/pdfs/REGULATIONS_CH470002742.pdf