

Doug Brimeyer is now the Game & Fish Deputy Division Chief of Wildlife!

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## WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST

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Have you ever seen a mountain lion, grizzly bear, elk or moose? Doug Brimeyer, a wildlife biologist with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in Jackson, not only gets to see these animals on a regular basis, but he gets to work with them! Brimeyer says, "A wildlife biologist in Jackson gets to work with all of Wyoming's big game animals including bears, mountain lions and moose. There is nothing more exciting than working with such great wildlife."

Biologist Brimeyer says many people don't understand these large animals, and there is a need to study them. For example, right now in Wyoming, numbers of moose in the Jackson area keep going down. So as part of Biologist Brimeyer's job, he studies the animals to find some answers. "Why the number of moose continues to go down is a big mystery we need to solve," said Brimeyer, "and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department is trying to learn as much about this moose population as we can."

To do this, the Wyoming Game and Fish began working with other agencies to put collars on moose! First, they dart the



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Biologist Doug Brimeyer works with moose to figure out why their moose numbers are going down.



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A biologist waits for the moose to get up after he has given the moose a check-up.



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Biologists check the teeth of moose to help find out the animal's age.