

## **Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for February 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 spring of 2013 on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website.*

### **Verified Wolf Killed Livestock**

- There were no reports of wolf killed livestock in the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area or the Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area during February.

### **Research and Monitoring**

- Large Carnivore Management Section personnel are in the process of collecting data for 2012 end of year minimum estimates for the number of wolves and breeding pairs in Wyoming. All wolf monitoring and management information will be reported in an annual report that will be available to the public in April 2013.

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

- Large Carnivore Management Section personnel captured and collared 8 wolves from 5 packs in the Cody Region. Effort was made to locate and collar additional packs in the Jackson and Dubois areas but no captures were made.

### **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](http://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\\_BROCHURE0003179.pdf](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Wildlife/pdfs/WOLF_LIVESTOCK_BROCHURE0003179.pdf)

- Wolf ecology and hunting season update presentations were given to the Cody Optimist's Club and the Worland Rotary Club.

### **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 6 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/GRAY\\_WOLF\\_SUMMARY0003843.pdf](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Hunting/pdfs/GRAY_WOLF_SUMMARY0003843.pdf)