

## **Wyoming Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for January 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 wolf killed livestock documented in January 2013.

### **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 conducts 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>

- Large Carnivore Management Section personnel are in the process of collecting data to be used to calculate the 2012 year-end minimum estimates for the number of wolves and breeding pairs present in Wyoming outside of Yellowstone National Park and the Wind River Reservation. The final year-end minimum estimates will be reported in an annual report that will be available to the public on approximately March 31, 2013.

- Large Carnivore Management Section personnel worked to capture and radio-collar 11 wolves from seven packs in the Cody Region and three wolves from one pack in the Jackson Region. Data from radio-collared wolves will be used to determine pack size and breeding pair status, reproduction, den site selection, movements, habitat use, dispersal, and causes of mortality.

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

- No wolf conflict management actions were conducted during January 2013.

### **Law Enforcement and Related Activities**

- Wyoming Game and Fish Department game wardens are looking for information about the illegal killing of two gray wolves in the Gros Ventre area near Jackson. These killings were not associated with an open hunting season. 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 Game Warden Bill Long at 307-733-2321. Persons with information can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward. Help protect Wyoming's wildlife: "Stop Poaching – Help Us Stand Watch." For more information please go to the following link: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/news-1001243.aspx>

### **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)

### **Harvest Update**

- Wolves may be hunted in areas where they are designated as predatory animals at any time of the year and without a wolf hunting license. A total of six wolves have been taken in these areas since January 1, 2013.
- There were no open hunting seasons for wolves where they are designated as trophy game animals during January 2013.