

## **Gray Wolf Management Monthly Update for March 2014**

*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 2014 annual wolf report available in April 2015 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, 2014.

Number of livestock and dogs	2
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### **Research and Monitoring**

- Large Carnivore Section personnel continued to collect population data for wolves in Wyoming outside Yellowstone National Park and tribal lands on the Wind River Reservation to be used toward determining the end of 2013 minimum wolf population and breeding pair estimate. Final minimum wolf population and breeding pair estimates will be reported, along with other wolf monitoring and management information in Wyoming, in the 2013 annual report. The annual report will be available to the public in early April 2014 at the following link: [http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/imgs/QRDocs/WYWOLF\\_ANNUALREPORT\\_2013.pdf](http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/imgs/QRDocs/WYWOLF_ANNUALREPORT_2013.pdf)

- Personnel captured and collared 5 wolves in the Upper Gros Ventre River drainage using a contracted aerial capture crew. Four of the wolves were fitted with GPS telemetry collars that will be used to study wolf predation on ungulate herds in the Jackson Region, among other objectives, and will assist the Department in understanding the interactions between wolves and their prey. All wolves were released unharmed following capture and collaring.

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

- Number of wolves classified as trophy game animals removed in control actions since January 1, 2014.

Number of wolves	0
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### **Law Enforcement and Related Activities**

- Nothing to report.

### **Outreach and Education**

- Nothing to report.

### **Hunting Update**

- Wolves may be hunted in areas when and where they are designated as predatory animals in

any legal manner without a wolf hunting license, any time of the year.

See the following link for wolf mortality updates for 2014:

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

- The Department is in the process of revising Commission Regulation Chapter 47: Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons, for the 2014 wolf hunting season. The proposed revisions to the hunting regulation will be released for public comment in April, followed by public information gathering meetings in each Wyoming Game and Fish Department region in May. The final proposed regulation will be presented to the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for consideration and approval during their meeting scheduled July 7-9, 2014 in Dubois, WY. Watch for Department news releases about this topic in April for more information, including dates, times, and locations of public information gathering meetings:

<http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/home.aspx>