

# GOODMAN MEADOWS

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## 1. Pack Information

2015 minimum number of wolves: Seven animals.

Number of radioed individuals and type of collar: Two animals.

- An adult female fitted with a VHF collar.
- An adult male fitted with a GPS collar.

Summer trapping plans: One adult male was collared in early June 2016, there are no further trapping plans at this time.

General denning area known (yes/no): Yes

## 2. Wolf-Livestock Conflict

Conflict history: No conflicts or unusual losses reported by producers to date.

Knowledge of allotments/producers/grazing practices in area: There is one U.S. Forest Service (USFS) grazing allotment with multiple pastures overlapping with the Goodman Meadows wolf pack. Cattle and bands of sheep also occur in small numbers on privately owned land. Wolf-cattle interactions have been limited on small private ownerships. Wolf tracks have been observed near a creek outside of a fenced cattle pasture and near a boneyard. Wolf howling has been heard in the vicinity of these ownerships. On USFS and mixed USFS/industrial timber ownership, no wolf depredations on livestock has been observed or reported. Loss rates for livestock have been consistent over several years of operation at approximately 2 percent. Any depredations or change in loss rates will be conveyed to WDFW.

Outreach with producers (leading up to turn out; plans for check-ins throughout summer): WDFW has attended USFS allotment meeting to talk with permit holders about conflict avoidance measures and Department assistance every year since 2010. WDFW staff members have regular communication with livestock owners in this area. Fladry and hazing materials (pyrotechnics) have been provided in local situations where wolves have been heard or seen. Additional recommendations have also been made on prevention measures and wolf biology discussed with livestock owners. Outreach efforts are on-going.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with livestock producers: We do not have a formal Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreement with the USFS permit holder, but he is implementing preventative measures. He has also allowed WDFW contract range riders onto his allotment and is participating in WSU's research program.

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: A data sharing agreement is in place with the singular USFS allotment permit holder and with Pend Oreille County.

Plans for verbal communication of wolf locations to area producers: WDFW has verbally shared general collared wolf locations with small private livestock owners when requested and as needed.

Approaches for sanitation: WDFW has covered the importance of sanitation with livestock owners. Deterrent measures (e.g., fladry) have also been provided in the past to a cattle producer for his boneyard until he could develop a more permanent alternative.

Range rider/human presence: WDFW contract range riders have been deployed on the USFS allotment in previous years and will be used as needed in the future.

Outreach to producers on WDFW lands: NA

Other items of interest/awareness:

- There are two federally listed large mammals in this area, grizzly bears and (occasionally) caribou.
- USFS allotment holder is participating in the WSU Research Project.