

PROFANITY PEAK

Latest Revision Date: July 28, 2016

1. Pack Information

2015 min number of wolves:

- 7 animals (this is from the 2015 annual survey)
- The current estimated pack size is 11 (6 adults and 5 pups)

Number of radioed individuals and type of collar:

- 2 animals fitted with GPS radio transmitters

Summer trapping plans:

- None at this time

General denning area known (yes/no): Yes

2. Wolf-Livestock Conflict

Pack's conflict history:

- There are three confirmed and three probable depredation incidents involving five calves (2 confirmed depredations and 3 probable depredations) and 1 adult cow (confirmed depredation) in 2016.
- There were three documented depredation incidents involving four cattle (two cows and two calves) in late summer 2014.
- Livestock producers reported that other cattle were killed by wolves in 2013 and 2014, but WDFW could not confirm those attacks.
- Possible attacks were made on cattle on adjacent lands leased by DNR, but the producer did not report them in 2014. WDFW staff viewed photographs of the dead cattle, but could not confirm the depredations from those photos.

Knowledge of allotments/producers/grazing practices in area: Depending on the current home range use, there are thirteen federal USFS grazing allotments with numerous sub-pastures, one state allotment on DNR land, and several private pastures at low elevations. Normally approximately 1,700 cow/calf pairs graze the thirteen federal allotments. Due to 2015 fires in the Kettle Mountains, grazing allotment has been a temporary reduced to approximately 1,500 cow/calf pairs.

Outreach with producers (leading up to turn out; plans for check ins throughout summer): The local Conflict Specialist attended the Ferry County Cattlemen's meeting in late 2014, and has attended the USFS allotment meeting every year from 2010 to 2016 to explain conflict-avoidance techniques and Department programs available. Discussions occur with individual livestock producers on a regular basis.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with livestock producers: There is one formal agreement in the Profanity Peak pack home range at this time.

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: Wolf location data are currently shared with three livestock producer and Ferry County Commissioners.

Plans for verbal communication of wolf locations to area producers: Wolf location information will be discussed with producers when available.

Approaches for sanitation: WDFW has removed livestock carcasses from the general area in the past. Producers are now expected to maintain sanitation, with assistance from WDFW on a case-by-case basis. The Department has informed the producers that a free disposal site is available at the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area.

Range rider/human presence: WDFW has contract range riders patrolling several allotments, with the producer's permission.

- Outreach to producers on WDFW lands: NA

Other items of interest/awareness:

- The Profanity Peak pack territory is remote and relatively roadless with limited access.
- This pack is located on the north half of the Colville Confederated Tribe's historic reservation and is co-managed by the Colville Confederated Tribe and WDFW.