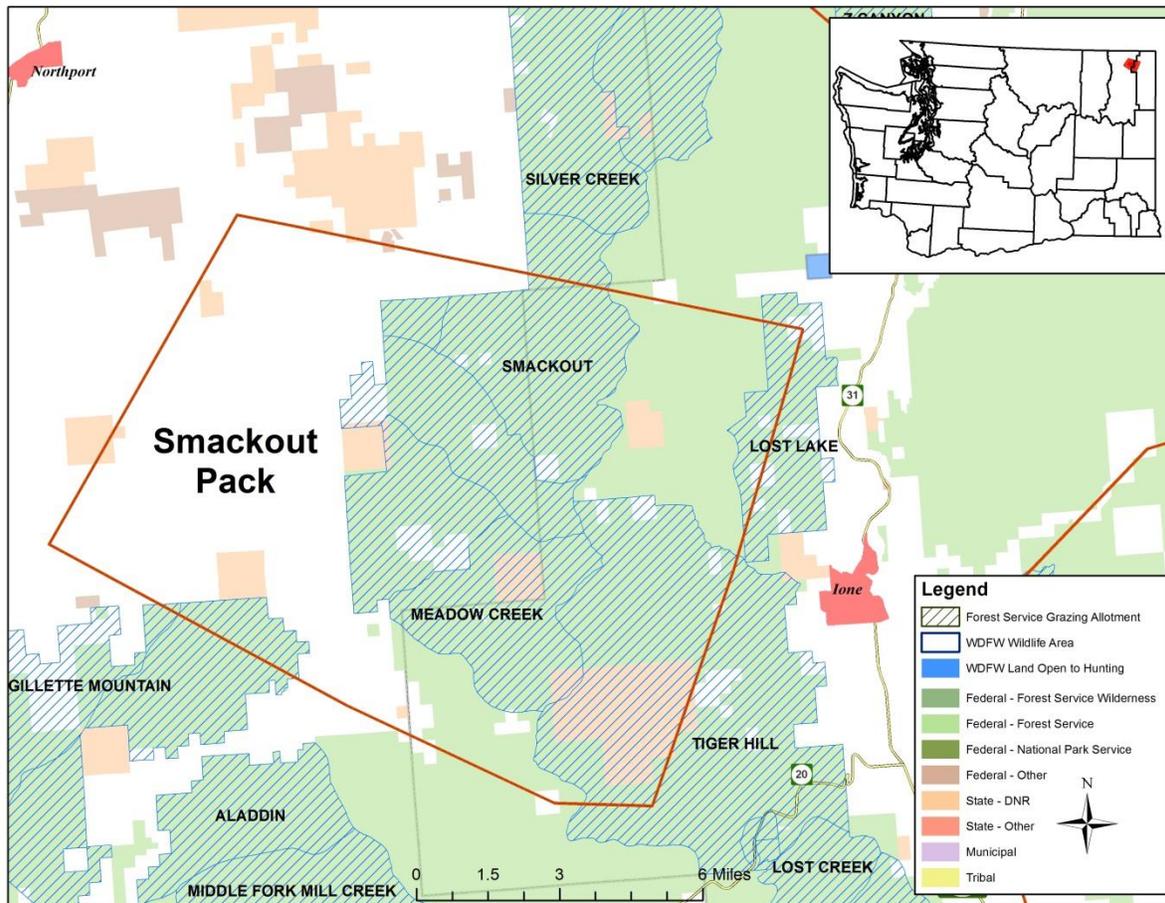


# SMACKOUT

Latest Revision Date: August 18, 2015

## 1. Pack Location



## 2. Pack Information

### 2014 min number of wolves:

- 2014: Pups produced, pack size was 5 members as of Dec 31, 2014
- 2015: Breeding, denning, and pups likely

### Number of radioed individuals and type of collar:

- 2 yearling females (black) captured and equipped with GPS Vectronix radio collars on 4/29/2015 and 5/5/15.

### Summer trapping plans:

- Trapping began the week of April 27, 2015 and is complete for the summer unless WSU needs others.

General denning area known (yes/no): Yes

### **3. Wolf-Livestock Conflict**

Pack's conflict history: There have been very few depredations reported, although several producers have expressed concerns about higher-than-historic losses. During the summer of 2014, a calf was found dead – possibly killed and certainly scavenged by multiple predators. Scavenging of livestock has occurred over time, but there have been no confirmed wolf depredations.

Knowledge of allotments/producers/grazing practices in area: There are 5-10 federal allotments in the area depending on the delineation of the pack's home range. The livestock in two allotments are managed by a range rider. In addition, WDFW contract range riders will be present during the summer of 2015 in surrounding federal allotments, private timber company lands, and possibly DNR allotments as well. WDFW has extensive history working with producers on public and private lands in the area since 2010. WDFW has also attended USFS allotment meetings every year since 2010 to discuss wolf-livestock conflict prevention and assistance.

Outreach with producers (leading up to turn out; plans for check ins throughout summer): WDFW staff has regular communications with livestock owners in this area. We have provided assistance, advice, fladry, livestock carcass disposal, and hazing assistance during several situations. Communications with this group of livestock owners is continual and outreach efforts are on-going.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with livestock producers: WDFW has cost-share agreements with four producers under formal WDFW Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements and a fifth one is being drafted.

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: There are 2 formal agreements in place with livestock producers/range riders and Stevens County has an agreement. Several producers in this area have been asked, but do not want the data.

Plans for verbal communication of wolf locations to area producers: Communications with livestock owners are fairly regular, including verbal communication of wolf locations – especially when wolves are known to be close to livestock operations.

Approaches for sanitation: There has been an extensive history with WDFW staff and/or contractors picking up carcasses or protecting them with fladry since 2011.

Range rider/human presence: A range rider has been managing livestock on two allotments. In 2015, we had plans to deploy contract range riders on private and federal allotments south of Smackout meadows but this occurred for only two days as all available range riders have been used in other wolf pack territories experiencing depredations.

Outreach to producers on WDFW lands: NA

Other items of interest/awareness:

- It is likely that WSU will add the Smackout Pack to its wolf-livestock research project now that wolves have been collared.