

# SMACKOUT

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## 1. Pack Information

2015 minimum number of wolves: Eight animals.

Number of collared individuals: Two animals.

- Two adult females with GPS collars.

Summer trapping plans: No further trapping plans at this time.

General denning area known (yes/no): Yes.

## 2. Wolf-Livestock Conflict

Conflict history: Prior to fall 2015, there have been 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. In October 2015, a calf was injured (and later died from those injuries) during a confirmed wolf depredation event.

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 Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreement range rider. WDFW has extensive history working with producers on public and private lands in the area since 2010. WDFW has also attended U.S. Forest Service allotment meetings every year since 2010 to discuss wolf-livestock conflict deterrent measures 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. Assistance, advice, fladry, livestock carcass disposal, and hazing assistance has and will occur in this pack territory. Communications with this group of livestock owners is continual and outreach efforts are ongoing.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements (DPCA-L) with livestock producers: WDFW has cost-share agreements with five producers under formal WDFW DPCA-L.

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: There are two data sharing agreements in place with livestock producers/range riders. Both Stevens and Pend Oreille County have a data sharing agreement as well. Several producers in this area have been asked, but do not want the data at this time.

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: Both WDFW contract and DPCA-L range riders are used in this area.

Outreach to producers on WDFW lands: NA

Other items of interest/awareness:

- This pack territory straddles both Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties.