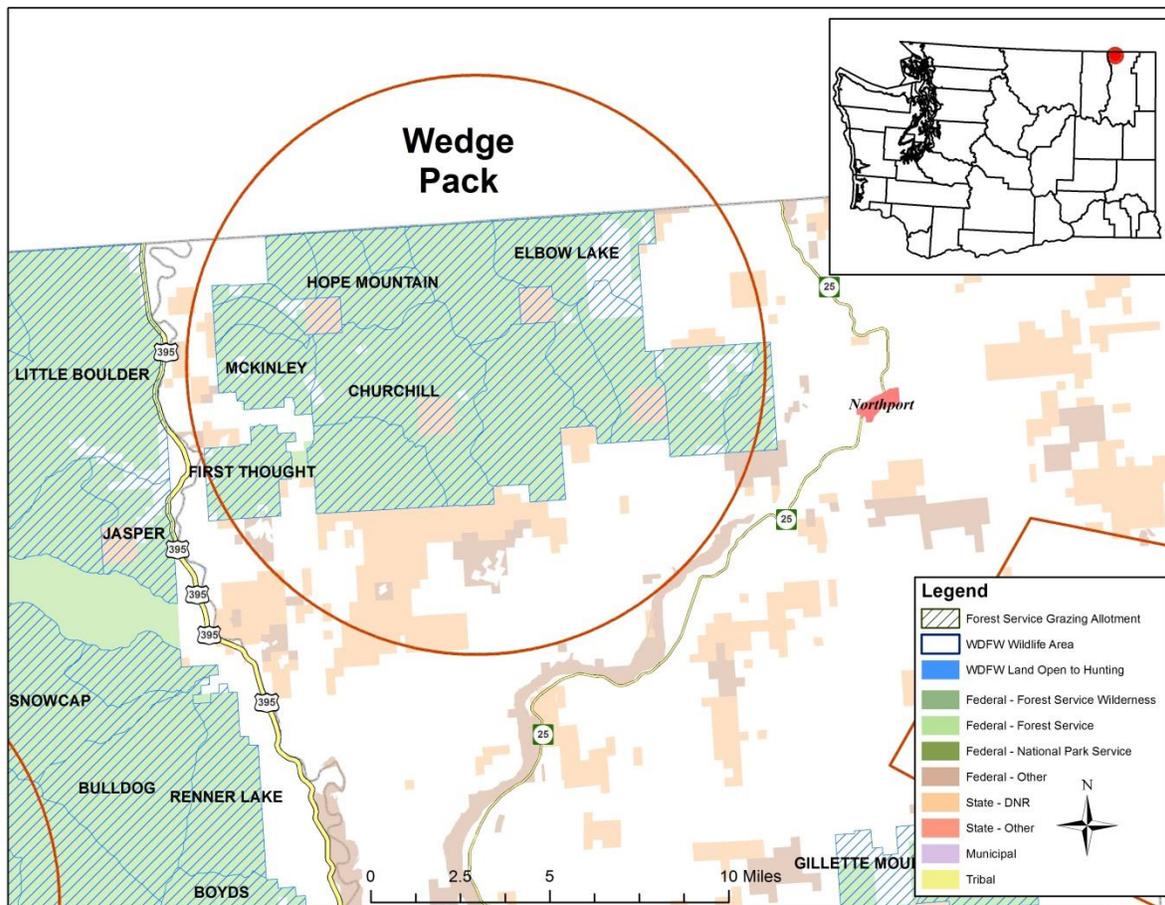


WEDGE

Latest Revision Date: August 18, 2015

1. Pack Location



2. Pack Information

2014 min number of wolves: 2 adults

Number of radioed individuals and type of collar: None

Summer trapping plans: We will attempt to trap and collar members of this pack when we receive information about recent localized activity.

General denning area known (yes/no): No

3. Wolf-Livestock Conflict

Pack's conflict history: One confirmed depredation in 2013 on private land and others suspected. There were numerous confirmed depredations in 2012 on the west side of the Wedge that resulted in lethal action in which WDFW killed seven wolves. There were also depredations suspected on the east side of the Wedge, where a producer reported a large number of cattle missing.

Knowledge of allotments/producers/grazing practices in area: Because of the depredation events in the past, the Department knows most of the allotment holders, the number of livestock they graze, and their grazing/operational practices. There are three producers who lease federal allotments and several others on private pastures in the vicinity.

Outreach with producers (leading up to turn out; plans for check ins throughout summer): WDFW has attended U.S. Forest Service allotment meetings every year since 2010 and did again this year to explain conflict avoidance techniques and Department programs available. WDFW staff has regular communication with livestock owners in this area. We have provided fladry and hazing materials in local situations where wolves have been heard or seen. We have also made recommendations on prevention measures and discussed wolf biology with local livestock owners. Outreach efforts are ongoing.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with livestock producers: There is one new Damage Prevention Agreement on the east side of the Wedge with a public allotment holder.

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: Because we do not have a collared wolf in this pack, there are no current data sharing agreements with producers. Steven's County has an agreement and is able to monitor all wolf packs in the county.

Plans for verbal communication of wolf locations to area producers: Yes, livestock producers have expressed interest in receiving location information when available.

Approaches for sanitation: We cover the importance of sanitation in meetings and discussions with livestock owners. The Sherman Creek Compost facility is up and running, along with area Department of Transportation dumpsites, and the county facility is available for a fee.

Range rider/human presence: WDFW has had a contract wolf-related range rider in the Wedge in the past and that range rider has spent several days riding in the Wedge in 2015.

Other items of interest/awareness:

- The Wedge continues to receive a relatively high amount of media and political interest based largely on the pack's history of depredation rather than current wolf activity.
- Grizzly bears are present periodically in the area, which makes wolf management and trapping more challenging.
- This pack is within the Colville Confederated Tribes North Half, so the wolves are co-managed with them.