

Wolf Report
For the week ending May 23, 2008

The state of Wyoming officially assumed management authority for wolves on March 28, 2008. This report covers the period from May 17 through May 23.

Wolf Research

As part of cooperative study involving the Game and Fish, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service, a male wolf was trapped, collared and released on May 19 in Sunlight Basin. The study is looking at how wolves influence habitat use and movements by elk in the Clark's Fork herd unit near Cody.

Wolf Monitoring

Wyoming Game and Fish Department personnel continue to closely monitor wolves and wolf activity throughout northwest Wyoming. The department is working with USDA Wildlife Services and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to place radio collars on wolves in the Trophy Game Area.

Wyoming Game and Fish personnel trapped, radio collared, and released a female wolf on May 20 east of Jackson on the National Forest. This wolf started a new pack (Antelope Pack) along with two other wolves. The pack has denned and has pups.

Reported Wolf Kills

No wolf kills reported this week.

Depredation Investigations

No depredation investigations this week.

Information and Education

Department information and Education staff prepared and distributed materials for the public and media related to the department's proposed wolf hunting seasons. Staff also responded to numerous media calls related to this issue.

Other

The department has released a proposal for a 2008 wolf hunting season in Wyoming's Trophy Game area. The season proposal is open for public comment until July 3, 2008. Public meetings are scheduled around Wyoming for the week of June 9 to present the proposed season to the public. For more details, visit the wolf page on the department web site at: <http://gf.state.wy.us/services/education/wolves/index.asp>.