

Dear Wildlife Committee Members and Interested Parties:

Please find below our first ***Wolf and Bear Report*** for the 2014 range rider season. This is the sixth year that the Blackfoot Challenge has offered a range rider program. Our hope is to minimize conflicts between livestock and wolves by increasing livestock herd monitoring and using human presence as a means to deter wolves from depredating on livestock. In partnership with MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks, we have teamed up monitor wolves throughout the watershed so we can take preventative measures to reduce the risk of livestock losses.

A big thank you to all of the landowners and livestock producers who help us each year with reported observations or sign of wolves. If you have any observations or wolf sign to report, please call Blackfoot Challenge range rider **Eric Graham (240-3132)** Email: ezgram@gmail.com or **MT FWP Wolf Management Specialist, Liz Bradley (865-0017)**.

Important Management Updates:

If you have a suspected wolf depredation, please notify Wildlife Services at your earliest convenience to determine the cause of death.

USDA - Wildlife Services:

Powell County—Bart Smith (406) 660-0368
Missoula County--Ted North (406) 274-4856.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this year's range rider program.

Regards,
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