

WORK/FINANCIAL PLAN
between
STATE OF MONTANA
FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS (COOPERATOR)
and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES (APHIS-WS)

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NUMBER	11-73-30-6070-TF
ACCOUNT NUMBER	183-7330-005 / 283-7330-005
LOCATION	Counties in Montana
AGREEMENT PERIOD	July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Pursuant to Cooperative Service Agreement No: 07-73-30-6070-TF between the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) and State of Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP), this Work/Financial Plan defines the objectives, plan of action, and budget for the Wildlife Services program to be conducted from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

I. OBJECTIVES/GOALS

To manage wolves in a manner consistent with MCA 87-1-217 and the Montana Wolf Management Plan to sustain the wolf population and integrate wolves into overall wildlife management programs in Montana.

II. PLAN OF ACTION

WS will conduct wolf management actions in Montana in conjunction with the MOU between FWP and Wildlife Services regarding wolves (*MOU between Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Regarding the Cooperative Wildlife Damage Control Program For Grizzly Bears, Wolves, Black Bears, and Mountain Lions in the State of Montana - 2007*) and *Montana Wolf Conservation and Management Plan* (2003). Management actions shall be focused on investigations of reported wolf depredations on livestock, necropsies on suspected wolf-killed livestock carcasses, determinations of cause of death of livestock in terms of wolf kill or not wolf kill, capture and removal of offending wolves as authorized by FWP, and radio-collaring of wolves as authorized by FWP (both offending wolves and opportunistically on uncollared wolf packs to enhance FWP monitoring of wolf population), as well as proactive preventative actions to help reduce or minimize potential for wolf predation on livestock and enhance tolerance of wolves on the landscape to recovery efforts. All work in accordance with the above referenced MOU.

III. REPORTS

APHIS-WS will be responsible for the preparation of annual reports as specified in the Cooperative Service Agreement. FWP and WS will work cooperatively to develop a format for the annual report that is advantageous to both agencies.

IV. STIPULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- a. All operations shall have the joint concurrence of APHIS-WS and FWP and shall be under the direct supervision of APHIS-WS.
- b. FWP's authorization of a depredation response constitutes authorization to utilize FWP funds.
- c. Funding will be used for general wolf management work and to address wildlife depredation issues in areas where WS lacks cooperative funding.
- d. APHIS-WS will use only APHIS-WS employees and volunteers.

V. COST ESTIMATE FOR SERVICES

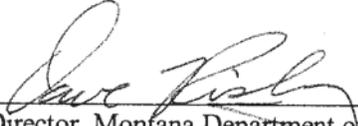
The cooperator will provide APHIS-WS \$110,000 to pay for costs associated with cooperative wolf management in Montana. Such costs include, but are not limited to, salaries, benefits, travel, and other expenses, for APHIS officials to perform the Agreement activities. An estimated itemization of expenses is listed below; however funds may be distributed between itemized categories at the discretion of APHIS-WS if required. Any equipment and supplies purchased under the terms of this agreement will remain the property of APHIS-WS.

Cooperator Estimated Costs		Wildlife Services Estimated Costs	
Salary/Benefits	\$60,000	Salary/Benefits	\$ 88,000
Travel/Mileage	\$20,000	Travel/Mileage	\$ 29,800
Aerial Hunting	\$30,000	Aerial Hunting	\$ 86,000
Subtotal	\$110,000	Supplies and Equipment	\$ 5,000
APHIS Overhead 16.15%	\$ 17,775	Subtotal	\$208,800
Less Overhead (16.15%) paid by WS	-\$17,775	APHIS Overhead (16.15%)	\$ 17,775
TOTAL	\$110,000	TOTAL	\$226,575

NOTE: In accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, bills issued by WS are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. The DCIA requires that all debts older than 120 days be forwarded to debt collection centers or commercial collection agencies for more aggressive action. Debtors have the option to verify, challenge and compromise claims, and have access to administrative appeals procedures which are both reasonable and protect the interests of the United States.

VI. AUTHORIZATION

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
Tax Identification Number: 81-0302402



Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

9/7/11

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
WILDLIFE SERVICES
Tax Identification Number: 41-0696271



State Director, Montana

9/9/11

Date



Director, Western Region

9/27/11

Date