

FERRY COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-26

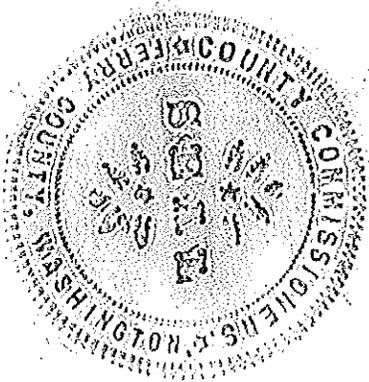
Adoption of Wolf mitigation checklist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

WHEREAS, the Ferry County Board of Commissioners finds it necessary to outline the measures that the Board would like to see the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife implement in regards to Wolf Mitigation and

WHEREAS, The Board would like to see the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife "preserve, protect and perpetuate" the fish and wildlife of the state in a way that does not conflict with the adopted Cultures and Customs of Ferry County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ferry County Board of Commissioners hereby resolve to adopt the attached Wolf Mitigation Checklist.

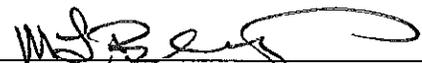
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BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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ATTEST:


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**EASTERN WASHINGTON WOLF MITIGATION CHECKLIST FOR THE
WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

This checklist outlines the measures that the Ferry County Board of Commissioners expect the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is expected to take in order to fulfill their legislative mandate to “preserve, protect and perpetuate” the fish and wildlife of the state (RCW 77.04.012) in a way that does not conflict with the adopted Cultures and Customs outlined in the Growth Management Act (s) passed by the counties in Eastern Washington.

It also outlines what the Department must do in order to mitigate the economic and social burden incurred by Eastern Washington as a result of reestablishing the grey wolf. Implementation of these measures by WDFW does not guarantee cooperation from ranchers or support/tolerance from the local community.

SIGHTINGS OF WOLF TRACKS, SCAT, OR HOWLINGS		Cooperation from local ranchers	Support/tolerance from local community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send out WDFW personnel to follow up on reports and compare with current collar data. Make an effort to collar any new wolves to keep wolf data current.	Essential action	Essential action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Share collar data with the public in the area where suspected sighting occurred. Data can be shared in person, via the local radio station or on the WDFW website.	Essential action	Essential action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify local government and share information with county wolf reporting database.	Essential action	Essential action
<i>Rationale: It is important to include rationale outlining the action the Department will take and any limitations to their effort.</i>			

INJURED LIVESTOCK		Cooperation from local ranchers	Support/tolerance from local community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Investigate incident in cooperation with county Sheriff's office. Make arrangements to share collar data with affected livestock owner.	Essential action	Essential action
Rationale: <i>It is important to include rationale outlining the action the Department will take and any limitations to their effort.</i>			
LIVESTOCK FATALITIES POSSIBLY DUE TO WOLVES		Cooperation from local ranchers	Support/tolerance from local community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Investigate the incident in cooperation with local sheriff's office. Take steps to remove surplus or offending wolves if confirmed as a wolf depredation.	Essential	Essential
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consult WDFW ungulate data to determine if the natural prey base in the area has been depleted to the level that wolves are now turning to domestic animals for food. If data shows an ungulate decline, reduce the number of wolves in the area or translocate wolves.	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended
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OTHER IMPACTS TO DOMESTIC ANIMALS		Cooperation from local ranchers	Support/tolerance from local community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implement a "no tolerance" policy if domestic pets are attacked, killed or eaten by wolves within 500 yards of any home. Remove offending wolves immediately due to human safety concerns.	Essential	Essential
<input type="checkbox"/>	Haze, move or remove wolves if creating non-lethal injuries to domestic livestock caused by chasing (i.e. being run through fences, etc.)	Essential if in area of known wolf occupation	Essential if in area of known wolf occupation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lethally remove or relocate wolves that are causing adverse health effects to domestic animals such as loss of milk production, weight loss or undue stress due to the presence of wolves.	Essential if in area of known wolf occupation	Recommended if in area of known wolf occupation

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<p>IMPACTS TO GRAZING ALLOTMENTS</p>		<p>Cooperation from local rancher</p>	<p>Support/tolerance from local community</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Haze, translocate wolves or lethally remove wolves that are hindering an allotment holder's ability to follow their prescribed grazing plan.</p>	<p>Recommended</p>	<p>Recommended</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Share collar data with all allotment holders who have wolves present within their allotments. Collar data shall be shared on an open basis, without contracts or other legal burdens upon the allotment holder.</p>	<p>Essential</p>	<p>Recommended</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Work with the state or federal landholder to share data regarding ungulate populations to determine the status of the natural prey base in or near the allotment.</p>	<p>Recommended</p>	<p>Recommended</p>
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<p>OTHER TECHNIQUES (as needed)</p>			
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