

DIRTY SHIRT

Latest Revision Date: August 19, 2016.

1. Pack Information

2015 minimum number of wolves: Eight animals.

Number of collared individuals: Two animals.

- One adult female with a GPS collar.
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Summer trapping plans: There are no further plans for capture work this summer

General denning area known (yes/no): yes

2. Wolf-Livestock Conflict

Conflict history: Until 2015, this pack had not been involved in livestock depredations. In the summer of 2015, a total of four depredations events involving cattle were confirmed to be from this pack. All four events were suspected to have occurred within a week timeframe. Intense WDFW presence, WDFW contract range riders, night patrols and other deterrent measures were deployed to reduce further depredations. After a week of intense effort, no additional cattle were found injured or killed.

Knowledge of allotments/producers/grazing practices in area: There are four or five U.S. Forest Service (USFS) grazing allotments with multiple pastures overlapping within the Dirty Shirt wolf pack. WDFW has attended USFS allotment meetings since 2010 to talk with permit holders about deterrent measures. Cattle also occur in small numbers on privately owned land east of Chewelah and elsewhere on the periphery this pack territory.

Outreach with producers (leading up to turn out; plans for check-ins throughout summer): WDFW has attended USFS allotment meeting since 2010. Private land grazers will be contacted if information indicates wolf use in their vicinity.

Number of Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements with livestock producers: Local producers have not chosen to enter into Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreement with WDFW at this point.

Number of data sharing agreements with producers/counties: Stevens and Pend Oreille County have data sharing agreements.

Plans for verbal communication of wolf locations to area producers: General wolf locations are communicated with producers when requested and as needed.

Approaches for sanitation: The County allows disposal of livestock carcasses at their facility by appointment and WDFW has developed a free disposal site on the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area. WDFW encourages producers to properly dispose of carcasses and informed them of the options.

Range rider/human presence: WDFW contracted range riders are available for this area.

Outreach to producers on WDFW lands: NA

Other items of interest/awareness:

- This pack territory straddles both Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties.