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FY12 PROJECT FINAL REPORT July 1, 2011- June 30, 2012

Project Title: Large Carnivore-Livestock Depredation Prevention and Control

Brief Synopsis of the Project: This project is in cooperation with the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board to fund the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) contract with USDA-Wildlife Services (USDA-WS) up to a maximum of \$25,000.00 for services to investigate and control damage caused by black bears, grizzly bears, mountain lions, and wolves. Work to control damage by these species to livestock, bees, and beehives qualify for reimbursement.

Project Details: During FY12, USDA-WS managed 26 incidents involving grizzly bears totaling 83.5 hours of grizzly bear damage investigation and control. The total charged to the WGFD for grizzly bear management for the project duration was \$2,608.08. USDA-WS managed 92 incidents involving mountain lions that totaled 308.8 hours of mountain lion damage investigation and control for total charges of \$9,645.22. USDA-WS managed 55 incidents involving black bears resulting in 299.15 hours of black bear damage investigation and control that total \$9,343.81 in charges. During FY12, USDA-WS did not charge the WGFD for any management work associated with gray wolf damage because of their federally protected status.

During the project period, USDA-WS managed 173 incidents involving large carnivores which totaled 691.45 hours of work for a total monetary obligation of \$21,597.11. Additional costs for administrative support at a rate of 16.15% of the field work charges resulted in \$3,487.94 of additional billing. The total expenses associated with the contract with USDA-WS to manage livestock damage caused by black bears, grizzly bears and mountain lions for FY12 were \$25,085.05. Total hours and charges by species are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1. Hours and costs charged by USDA-Wildlife Services for work performed for the WGFD to investigate and manage trophy game damage.

Species	Hours	Cost
Grizzly Bear	83.5	\$2,608.08
Mountain Lion	308.8	\$9,645.22
Black Bear	299.15	\$9,343.81
Admin. Support	NA	\$3,487.94
Total	691.45	\$25,085.05

Final billing for the grant cycle have been completed.

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