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FY13 PROJECT FINAL REPORT July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013

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 (ADMB) to fund the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) contract with United States Department of Agriculture-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services (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 gray wolves. Work to control damage by these species to livestock, bees, and beehives qualify for reimbursement. *It should be noted that the information and figures used in this report are only from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 (first two quarters of FY13), as expenses for the allocated amount of \$25,000.00 were met/exceeded during this time frame.*

Project Details: During the first two quarters of FY13, WS conducted the following damage investigation and control activities:

- Managed 4 incidents involving grizzly bears totaling 20.5 hours and \$648.62 in charges.
- Managed 89 incidents involving mountain lions totaling 267 hours and \$8,447.88 in charges.
- Managed 77 incidents involving black bears totaling 435.5 hours and \$13,779.22 in charges.
- Managed 46 incidents involving gray wolves totaling 191 hours/8.5 hours of flight time totaling \$7,442.18 in charges.

During the first two quarters of FY13/project period, WS managed 216 total incidents involving large carnivores, totaling 914 hours of work and 8.5 hours of flight time (for wolves) and a total monetary obligation of \$30,317.90. Additional costs for administrative support at a rate of 16.15% of the field work charges resulted in \$4,896.34 of additional billing. The total expenses associated with the

contract with WS to manage livestock damage caused by black bears, grizzly bears, mountain lions and gray wolves for the first two quarters of FY13 were \$35,214.24 Total hours and charges by species are detailed in Table 1.

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

Species	Hours	Cost
Grizzly Bear	20.5	\$648.62
Mountain Lion	267	\$8,447.88
Black Bear	435.5	\$13,779.22
Gray Wolves	191 and 8.5 hrs flight time	\$7,442.18
Admin. Support	NA	\$4,896.34
Total		\$35,214.24

Since the total amount of \$35,214.24 exceeds the allocated amount of \$25,000, the ADMB will only be obligated to pay a total of \$25,000.00. All expenditures above the ADMB funding amount of \$25,000.00 will be paid by WGFD funds. Final billing and payments for the grant cycle have been completed.

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