

**Animal Damage Management Program State-Wide Policies
as established by the Animal Damage Management Board**

General Policies as adopted May 3, 2000, Amended May 17, 2001, Amended July 19, 2002, Amended January 7, 2004, Amended January 11, 2007, Amended January 6, 2009, Amended January 27, 2010, Amended March 31, 2016

The following policy statements for the Animal Damage Management Program provide guidance for how program objectives will be achieved. It is intended that policy will be added, deleted or modified as conditions require.

1. Protect target and non-target animal populations by exercising needed control using environmentally responsible management techniques and methods.
2. Protect sheep, goats, cattle, hogs, poultry, and other domestic livestock by preventing or reducing mammal and/or bird predation.
3. Protect standing and stored agricultural crops, by preventing or reducing mammal and/or bird depredations.
4. Protect wildlife populations by preventing or reducing mammal and/or bird depredations.
5. Protect human health and safety by resolving wildlife-caused threats and nuisance situations by preventing the spread of animal-borne diseases.
6. Protect urban, residential, and industrial property by disseminating information on methods of preventing or reducing mammal and/or bird damage or when cooperating funds are available, by conducting urban programs.
7. Assure all animal damage management programs are conducted in an environmentally sound manner.
8. Support “best management practices” in animal damage management by providing assistance to ongoing wildlife research efforts.
9. When feasible, resolve problems caused by individual animals or local populations of wildlife, as contrasted to population control over vast areas.
10. Provide assistance to reduce conflicts between predators and livestock by encouraging the use of appropriate livestock husbandry techniques.
11. Management methods shall be used in the most selective and humane manner possible.
12. The ADMB and its cooperators will comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
13. Wildlife damage management on public lands will be conducted in accordance with memoranda of understanding between the Wildlife Service program and the land managing agencies.

14. The ADMB will encourage research and consideration of use of non-lethal, non-capture control methods (such as scare devices, aversive agents and fencing) and intensive husbandry techniques and practices.
15. The ADMB may cooperate in research activities when it is compatible with ADMB program needs and priorities.
16. The ADMB will encourage universities, State governments, manufacturers of damage control tools, groups adversely affected by wildlife and others to support animal damage control research.
17. The ADMB will encourage an interchange of information among Federal, State, County Government, and pest control operators to assist others to maintain and improve professional competency.
18. Only those animal damage control activities that are biologically sound, economically feasible, and environmentally acceptable will be encouraged. All new methods will be thoroughly tested for effectiveness and impacts prior to their use or recommended use by the ADMB.
19. The ADMB will not fund bounties as a management method.
20. Lethal techniques to control wildlife-caused conflicts will be used or recommended when appropriate.
21. Effective liaison will be maintained with all parties interested in the Animal Damage Management Program.
22. Individuals and/or agencies receiving economic or other benefits from the program, or agencies primarily concerned with such assistance should contribute funds and/or manpower support for the conduct of such activities.
23. The ADMB may provide assistance to private animal damage control efforts on an extension basis or may serve in an advisory capacity to make such efforts more selective and effective.
24. The final determination as to ADMB participation in a requested control project will rest with the Board. In making this final determination, the ADMB may rely on the land and resource managing agencies, public health organizations, industry and agriculture, State wildlife agency, other cooperating agencies and organizations, the public, and elected representatives to help determine when and where there is a demonstrated need for control within their areas of jurisdiction or concern. If the ADMB determines that there is a need for wildlife damage control action, the degree and type of assistance will depend on the availability of funds and manpower in relation to total program needs.
25. Concerning refund requests to predator management districts, and to promote conformity between districts, the ADMB recommends that all refund requests should be paid in full. If a full or partial refund is requested and paid, and the producer subsequently requests predator management services, 150% of the refunded amount shall be collected by the district before services are rendered.

26. Predator Management Districts(PMDs), through a signed Memorandum of Understanding with another participating PMD(s), may share the funding allocated to the program submitted to and approved by the ADMB through the grant application process. PMD(s) may form joint powers board(s) in accordance with Wyoming Statute(s) 16-1-10.

27. The ADMB has set a policy that payment of indirect or overhead costs on grants, contracts, and other agreements is prohibited. The ADMB defines indirect or overhead costs according to the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, where such costs are defined as costs “that are incurred for common or joint objectives ...and... the principle is designed to provide that the Federal Government bear its fair share of total costs”.

Additionally, the ADMB defines common or joint activities as the use of funds directly granted by or contracted with the Federal Government and the ADMB and/or the use of funds originating with the ADMB, granted to or contracted with local county Predator Management Districts and then subsequently granted to or contracted with the Federal Government.

Special Projects:

1. Special projects related to wildlife, livestock, human health & safety, or research and within the political boundary of the PMD, may be included with the respective PMD grant application. These special projects may be designed or underwritten by the PMD or another sponsoring entity. The ADMB will consider the value of the special project to attaining the goals of the overall program and fund these special projects accordingly.
2. Should the special project extend beyond the political boundary of the PMD submitting the project into another PMD, the project may be funded upon its value to attaining the goals of the overall program based on the following criteria:
 - All PMDs must agree to and support the implementation of the project.
 - A signed agreement or letter(s) attesting to support by all PMDs in which the project occurs shall be included with the grant application.
 - Participating PMDs, may not submit any project for funding that is entirely located within the political boundary of a PMD that is not eligible to receive funding from the ADMB. A PMD is deemed ineligible should they not meet the requirements of statute or ADMB Chapter 1 rules titled “Regulations Governing the Granting of Predator Management Program Funds”.
3. In no cases will the ADMB fund special projects from the 1501 fund that extend into or physically take place in another state.