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Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Actions July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The information below summarizes activities and expenditures for wolf removal to assist in achieving elk management objectives in Idaho during the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 conducted under agreement IDFG-FY19-468 between the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board. The stated objective of the agreement is: "To implement an integrated wildlife management program for the protection of elk from unacceptable levels gray wolf predation in elk management zones with approved predation management plans and where ungulate populations are below objective."

The Lolo Elk Zone is below objective and has a predation management plan that can be found at: http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/wildlife/planLoloSelwayPredation.pdf.

To facilitate efficient and effective wolf removals in the Lolo Elk Zone (Game Management Units 10 and 12), helicopter-based radio-collaring was conducted in January. Three wolves were captured and collared. Control actions resulted in the removal of 17 wolves from the Lolo Elk Zone. Expenditures included aviation services, purchase of collars, and a fuel trailer to facilitate capture and removal activities. Expenditures to date associated with FY20 wolf collaring and removal are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Expenditure break down for wolf depredation control activities under cooperative agreement IDFG-FY19-468.

IDFG Expenditures		
Aviation Insurance		\$ 29.55
Helicopter Charter		\$ 44,279.00
Fixed-wing Charter		\$ 8,199.00
Supplies and Materials		\$ 64,734.00
	Total	\$ 117,241.55

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