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Idaho Wolf Depredation Compensation Program-2024

The Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation (OSC) has funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to compensate Idaho livestock producers who have incurred livestock losses due to wolves during the 2024 calendar year. In the past, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW) compensated Idaho producers for livestock losses due to wolves that were verified by USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services. However, DOW ended its wolf depredation compensation program in Idaho in 2010, and thus shifted the compensation responsibility to the State.

Since 2010, the State of Idaho has received intermittent funding from the federal government to compensate livestock producers for wolf-related livestock losses. As a requirement for receiving these federal dollars, a 50% match by the applicant is required. Match can be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. Compensation dollars may be prorated among the requests dependent upon the number of claims filed versus the amount of funding available. Only verified wolf-depredation losses based upon field examination are available for compensation. *Verified wolf-depredation loss compensation will only be based on confirmed kills/injuries, probable kills will not be eligible for compensation based on USFWS stipulations.*

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THIS CLAIM FORM. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN A DELAY OF PAYMENT OR YOUR CLAIM NOT BEING CONSIDERED:

- 1. Documentation confirming livestock loss. Please contact your local USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services field representative for investigative report.
- 2. Documentation of 50% cash match or in-kind matching contributions for livestock losses (forms included in this claim packet).
- 3. Signed Combined Substitute W-9 form Idaho State Controller's Office or IRS W-9 form.

Claims for compensation for 2024 losses are due no later than <u>December 31, 2024</u>. Please submit claims and supporting documentation to:

State of Idaho, Office of Species Conservation, Attention: Joshua Uriarte 304 N. 8th St., Suite 149 Boise, Idaho 83702 Joshua.uriarte@osc.idaho.gov 208-332-1556 (PH)/ 208-334-2172 (Fax)

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Claim for 2024 <u>Verified</u> Wolf Depredation losses (Please submit no later than December 31, 2024)

Name of Livestock Owner:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email Address (if available):
Non-reimbursed Verified (confirmed kills only) wolf depredation losses in 2024 claimed:
Cows CalvesEwes Lambs Other (please specify)
Where incident happened: Public, State, or Private Ownership
(specify which public agency: USFS, BLM, etc; allotment name/#, etc. if applicable)
Were you compensated for any of your 2024 Verified losses through any other program?
If yes, please characterize that compensation (animal classification and numbers).
Are you interested in getting help with reducing conflict or preventative measures? Yes or No (circle one) (Offsetting cost of a range rider, fladry, fox lights temporary pens, livestock guardian dogs)
Please include the following information with this claim form. Failure to do so could result in a delay

Please include the following information with this claim form. Failure to do so could result in a delay of payment or your claim not being considered:

- 1. Documentation verifying livestock loss (Wildlife Services Depredation Investigative Report) for confirmed losses.
- 2. Documentation of 50% cash or in-kind matching contributions.
- 3. Signed Combined Substitute W-9 form Idaho State Controller's Office or IRS W-9 form.

I hereby acknowledge the information contained in the submitted claim form and supporting documentation is true and correct. The Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation reserves the right, to verify the undersigned claim. Should this verification reveal intentional falsehood on the part of the claimant, the undersigned will be legally obligated to return all received funds, and compensate the State for costs associated with verification.

Signature of Claimant

Date

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How to provide match documentation

The Idaho Wolf Depredation Compensation and Prevention Program is partially funded through a federal grant titled the Wolf Livestock-Loss Demonstration Project (WLDP). These funds require a 50% non-federal match. This can be in the form of cash, volunteer efforts, donations of goods and services, time and equipment used in dealing with wolf/ livestock conflicts.

Each applicant must submit detailed documentation of contributions with their claim for wolf-related livestock losses and/ or wolf depredation prevention activities and projects. This would include human presence, time driving out checking on livestock because of wolves, if you have a range rider or you are the range rider that time that has the goal of preventing wolf livestock conflict. Any work or equipment that you use to do more than you normally would because wolves are on the landscape (doctoring livestock injured by wolves, going out with Wildlife Service for confirmations, etc.). Included in this packet are matching forms to assist applicants in documenting matching contributions. All matching contributions must be properly documented for each applicant receiving funding. It is critical that the match documentation include the signature and contact information of the responsible person for the contribution.

Definitions

Matching Funds: Cash or "in-kind" support contributed to carry out the project. The required minimum match for Idaho Wolf Livestock Loss Demonstration Project funds is 50%. Only the additional use of time/resources, above and beyond normal livestock management activities can be counted toward match.

In-Kind Contributions: The value of non-cash contributions provided. Non-cash contributions can be in the form of charges for personal services, real property, non-expendable personal property, and the value of goods and services directly benefiting and specifically identifiable to the project. Included in this claim packet is a list of standard rates used for labor and various types of equipment.

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Are you interested in reducing conflict before it happens?

If you are interested in getting help with preventative measures and efforts that may reduce conflict such as range riders, fladry, temporary pens, livestock guardian dogs and other methods. For interested producers, OSC will work with you and Wildlife Services to find the appropriate technical assistance to develop proposals that ensure the highest probability of success when implementing these measures. More information about Idaho's Wolf Prevention Program and application process check out the OSC website or contact Austin Terrell at 208-571-2052. https://species.idaho.gov/wildlife-species/wolves

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In-Kind Contribution - Personnel Verification

(use additional forms as necessary)

			Type of	Date:				
Printed Name	Light Duty Truck (Days)	Heavy Duty Truck (Days)	ATV (Days)	Trailer (Days)	Horse (Days)	Misc.	Month, Grazing Season, or Day (i.e. June, June-Sep., June 24)	Additional Comments
Totals:								

Accomplishments:

I certify that the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Contact Information

Date

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(use additional forms as necessary)

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