

Wolf Advisory Group Guidelines for Special Focus Areas
April 8, 2021

Member agreements:

1. Definition – lethal removal authorized in 2 of the last 3 years
2. Goal – minimize depredations, reduce the need for lethal removal of wolves
3. Staff coordinate (facilitating that 1st discussion, not picking the 3rd party) “the group” to assess the situation and develop a formal plan w/ a 3rd party review
 - a. Group: affected producers, associated landowners, range riders, county sheriff representative (if applicable), land management agencies, and Dept. staff
 - b. Ask the group to describe what’s known about the prey base. If there’s an issue, notify applicable Dept. staff.
 - c. An independent person does the 3rd party review
 - d. The group would select the 3rd party
4. In this guidance: attempt 2 collars, and let the local group decide what types (VHF, long-term monitoring, or 4-fixes/day) of collars are best, based on their analysis for packs with 5 or more wolves observed during our annual survey
5. Regarding consequences ...
 - a. Start with a general statement that all parties will make a good faith effort.
 - b. If participating in a proactive plan, then get them added resources.
 - c. It’s an expectation that non-lethal methods are used proactively.
 - d. The Director will retain flexibility regarding the unique circumstances