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Mike Lavelle, Wildlife Biologist, works on damage management strategies for deer, elk, and feral swine. His primary focus has been on evaluating the efficacy of various non-lethal methods and the development of novel ideas for reducing potential for disease transmission through the fence between domestic (captive) and free-ranging wildlife.

He has also evaluated the response of feral swine and white-tailed deer to rapid containment simulating disease-outbreak management actions. Most recently, his focus has included examining intra- and inter-species interactions amongst wildlife and livestock. His areas of expertise include the capture and chemical immobilization of elk, white-tailed deer and feral swine, methods for alleviating potential for disease transmission at the wildlife-livestock interface, and non-lethal techniques for reducing damage by ungulates.

Research Project

[Reducing Feral Swine and Ungulate Impacts](#)

This project aims to generate and disseminate applied ecological information related to developing tools to control feral swine damage and wildlife diseases that affect



Current Research

- Evaluation of wildlife-livestock interactions with potential for disease transmission
- Feral swine capture and control techniques
- Use of camera collars for collecting data from white-tailed deer

Publications

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