



Managing Predation: *Using Nonlethal Methods Effectively*

November 2, 2015

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Pondera Shooting Sports Complex

972 Granite Road, Conrad, MT

For more information, call 1-866-4USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297)

Any producer can experience loss to predation ...

All producers are invited to learn about the practical uses of many nonlethal methods to prevent or reduce predation to

Cattle
Sheep

Beehives
Poultry

Goats and others

This workshop will provide information on the practical use of various non-lethal methods combined into predator damage management plans to protect livestock of all types as well as the science behind non-lethal methods. Discuss the importance of the non-lethal piece of managing predator damage as it relates to being proactive in managing predation.



Co-hosted by:

Marias River Livestock Association

Montana State University Extension

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Non-Lethal Predator Damage Management Workshop

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& Montana State University Extension -Pondera County

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- 8:00 Sign-in for meeting (no registration fee)
- 8:30 **Welcome/Opening Remarks**
Maggie Nutter, President, Marias River Livestock Association
- 8:45 **Agenda Review & Introductions**
John Steuber, State Director/Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Billings, MT
- 9:00 ***“Who’s in Charge Here? Identifying Roles in Dealing with Predator Conflicts”***
Michael Marlow, Resource Management Specialist, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Fort Collins, CO
- 9:30 ***“When and How to Use Non-Lethal Tools”***
Dr. Julie Young, Supervisory Research Wildlife Biologist, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services/National Wildlife Research Center, Logan, UT
- 10:15 Break (refreshments provided by Marias River Livestock Association)
- 10:30 ***“Bears, Wolves, People and Agriculture: Conflict Reduction Initiatives in Southwest Alberta”***
Jeff Becktell, Coordinator, Carnivore & Communities Program, Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association, Cardston, Alberta
- 12:00 Lunch (lunch provided by Marias River Livestock Association)
- 1:00 ***“Does Carcass Management Have a Place & Benefit Here?”***
Kris Inman, Community Partnerships Representative, Wildlife Conservation Society, Ennis, MT
- 1:30 ***“Electric Fence Incentive/Cost Share Program”***
Russ Talmo, Rockies & Plains Field Technician, Defenders of Wildlife, Missoula, MT
John & LeAnne Hayne, Ranchers, Dupuyer, MT
- 2:00 ***“Montana Livestock Loss Board Programs: Reimbursement and Grants”***
George Edwards, Executive Secretary, Montana Livestock Loss Board, Helena, MT
- 2:30 Break (refreshments provided by Marias River Livestock Association)
- 2:45 ***“Current Grizzly Bear Population Status, Conflicts, & Activity on the Northern Rocky Mountain Front, Discussion of Non-lethal Methods”***
Mike Madel, Grizzly Bear Specialist, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Choteau, MT
- 3:15 ***“Update on Northern Rocky Mountain Front Wolf Management, Population, & Conflicts”***
Ty Smucker, Wolf Specialist, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Great Falls, MT
- 3:45 ***“Non-Lethal Predator Damage Management Practices on the Rockport Colony”***
Mike Hoggan, Wildlife Specialist, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Valier, MT & Ben Hofer, Secretary, Rockport Colony, Pendroy, MT
- 4:15 **Open discussion, “Non-Lethal Predator Damage Management”**
- 5:00 **Adjourn**