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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors, Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6

From: **Acting** Director *Joyce Johnson*

Subject: Allocation of Funds to Support the Wolf Livestock Demonstration Project

Subtitle C of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-11), authorized a Wolf Livestock Demonstration Project with two purposes: 1) to assist livestock producers in undertaking proactive, non-lethal activities to reduce the risk of livestock loss due to predation by wolves; and 2) to compensate livestock producers for livestock losses due to such predation.

Included in the authorization language was direction that the program be established as a grant program to provide funding to States and Tribes; that the Federal cost-share not exceed 50 percent; and that funds be expended equally between the two purposes. The bill included an authorization of appropriations up to \$1 million. Congress appropriated \$1 million to support this project as part of the FY 2010 Interior and Related Agencies appropriations.

We have engaged with Congressional staff and advised them that standing up such a grant program poses serious challenges that would preclude us from promptly dispersing these funds. We are committed to establishing a program that is fully consistent with the authorizing language. However, to expedite the distribution of funds for FY2010, we will be implementing the program through "block grants" to the States of Arizona (\$60,000), Idaho (\$140,000), Michigan (\$90,000), Minnesota (\$100,000), Montana (\$140,000), New Mexico (\$60,000), Oregon (\$15,000), Washington (\$15,000), Wyoming (\$140,000), and Wisconsin (\$140,000). **For FY 2010 only, distribution of grant funds may be divided between the two purposes in whatever proportion each recipient State deems appropriate.**

The allocated amounts are based on the relative abundance of wolves in each State, the reported number of wolf depredation incidents (based on requests for assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services), and input from the States as to their ability to generate the needed non-Federal matching funds. We have reserved \$25,000 for use by qualifying Tribes and will allocate those funds at a later time. The remaining \$75,000 is for expenses associated with developing the implementation plan for future



years and for expenses of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program's administration of the grants.

These funds are now available for use by the selected States for expenditure on eligible projects supporting either of the two project goals. These funds have been allocated through the Budget Allocation System to Regions 1, 2, 3, and 6, and are identified with the project codes shown in the following table:

Region	Project Code	Total Amount	Individual State Amounts
1	10120-1113-1WL1-7A	\$170,000	ID \$140,000
			OR \$15,000
			WA \$15,000
2	20120-1113-1WL2-7A	\$120,000	AZ \$60,000
			NM \$60,000
3	30120-1113-1WL3-7A	\$330,000	MI \$90,000
			MN \$100,000
			WI \$140,000
6	60120-1113-1WL6-7A	\$280,000	MT \$140,000
			WY \$140,000
Unallocated		\$100,000	Tribes and Admin.

In order to participate in this program, the selected States will need to provide notification to the Service of their participation by submission of a completed SF-424 for CFDA # 15.650—Wolf Livestock Demonstration Project. Please make immediate efforts to notify your colleagues in the selected States about the availability of this funding and the procedures for making use of the funds.

Please contact Rick Sayers or Don Morgan (703 358-2171) if you have any questions regarding this issue.