



Project Status and/or Final Report for Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation Projects, please complete the following information. All reports should be typed, clearly labeled and include financial reports and photos (.jpg format). You may scan and e-mail this to Melodee@wycf.org

GRANTEE INFORMATION:

Project Name: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Grant Amount: \$_____ Grant Period: _____

Report Completed by: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Status Report: Yes _____ No _____ Final Report: Yes _____ No _____

The information contain in this report, including all attachments, is accurate and complete.

Signature of Executive Director or other authorized signatory:

Date:

NARRATIVE SECTION:

Summarize attainment of original project goals/objectives:

What were two major challenges the project or organization faced in implementing its work during the grant period and how were these challenges addressed?

Will this project continue beyond the grant period? If so, how?

Please state where and what the measurable impact on this project was (community, county, region or state).

How are you planning to disseminate the results of your work to the general public?

FINANCIAL REPORTING:

Include the attachments listed below:

1. Income Statement for the period ending with the project's completion/grant funds being expended.
2. Summary statement listing all expenditures paid with grant proceeds.
3. Copies of all invoices paid with grant proceeds.
4. Please include a reimbursement check with the final report for the balance of any unexpended funds from the grant. Checks should be made out to Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation and mailed to: P.O. Box 20088, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

Narrative Section

Summarize attainment of project goals/objectives

We have begun planning stages for initial moose capture, slated for the second week of March, 2015. Potential capture locations are based on expert knowledge at the Game and Fish Department and March GPS locations of collared moose from a study nine years previous, conducted by Baigas et al. The majority of captures will take place within the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary, though some captures on private parcels may be necessary (please see attached map). Captures must be accomplished with two helicopters; one containing the capture crew and another containing the field processing crew. Many planned locations have difficult ground access in March, and employing two helicopters will be the safest and most efficient way to swiftly capture and process study animals. Radio collars will be ordered for this initial deployment in the coming weeks. Once animals have been radio collared, we will be able to begin demographic monitoring. We have also started discussion of potential side projects attainable within the scope of original project goals, including winter tick monitoring, cause-specific calf mortality monitoring, and vegetation surveys/ground-truthing. Relevant permits for conducting research in Medicine Bow National Forest have been obtained.

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Garnering sufficient resources to support objectives as planned is an ongoing challenge, and we are therefore adjusting sampling and study design in order to meet goals within budget. This may result in fewer radio collars being deployed, or fewer individual recaptures.

We have been unable to obtain permission to capture within the two wilderness areas in Medicine Bow National Forest, and will therefore have to target some captures near their periphery in the hopes of marking moose that make use of the wilderness. Capturing those individuals will increase our inferential power about factors impacting this important population.

Will this project continue beyond the grant period? If so, how?

Yes. The project is still in its infancy, and full implementation will begin with initial collar deployment this coming March. This will be followed by extensive fieldwork and long-term monitoring of collared individuals.

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We have announced the project in the Western States moose studies and monitoring group and have begun meetings with the Wyoming Game and Fish department to plan captures, sampling design, and discuss deliverables.

How are you planning to disseminate the results of your work to the general public?

Ultimately, the results will be disseminated to the Game and Fish department and to the public through talks and meetings. Electronic data may also be made available to the public through WYGisc. Following

the recent success of the #wyodeer twitter and facebook social media coverage of December 2014 mule deer captures across the state, we will implement similar campaigns during interesting periods of the project to keep the public engaged. There will also be presentations with local sportsmen's groups about findings as they become available.

