

**Project Summary**  
**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit**

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| <b>Project Title:</b> Evaluating the Effectiveness of Wolf and Grizzly Compensation Programs   |
| <b>Type of Project:</b> Research/social science  |
| <b>Funding Agency:</b> National Park Service   |
| <b>Other Partners/Cooperators:</b> USFS, US FWS, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; private foundations, Defenders of Wildlife  |
| <b>Effective Dates:</b> September 1, 2001 - December 1, 2003   |
| <b>Funding Amount:</b> \$8700  |
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| <b>Project Abstract:</b><br>This project is a partnership among several private, non-profit, state, federal and academic entities to develop and fund a questionnaire and survey study to evaluate the effectiveness of programs that compensate livestock growers for losses to predation. The study is directed at developing an increased understanding of the role compensation programs can play in predator conservation efforts within agricultural settings, of how compensation programs can be structured and administered to meet the needs of livestock growers, and of the impact that compensation programs have on public opinions and attitudes towards carnivore conservation management. The study will be led by the principal investigator Dr. Mike Patterson, College for Forestry and Conservation, University of Montana who will solicit, through a series of workshops, substantial input from various partners, including Yellowstone National Park, on the design and implementation of the study. The first workshop in this series occurred on July 11, 2001 and the second workshop is scheduled for September 19, 2001. |
| <b>Outcomes with completion dates (reports, publications, workshops, videos, etc.):</b><br>Final Report that includes summary of investigation & surveys   |
| <b>Keywords:</b> wolves, grizzly bears, Yellowstone National Park, compensation programs   |
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