



Legislative Background Brief

for the
Economic Affairs Interim Committee

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Livestock Loss Board

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Administrative Appointments: By Governor

Statutorily Established - 2-15-3110, MCA. Created in 2007. Attached to Department of Livestock

Purposes:

- prevent wolf predation on livestock
- reimburse livestock producers for livestock losses caused by wolves, subject to provisions outlined in 2-15-3112, MCA.

Board: 7 members. Three members must be appointed from a list of names recommended by the Board of Livestock, three from a list recommended by the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commission, and one general public member. The members must be knowledgeable or have experience in one of the following areas: raising livestock in Montana; livestock marketing, valuation, sales or breeding association; interaction of wolves with livestock and livestock mortality caused by wolves; wildlife conservation; administration; or fundraising.

Members/Address	Representing	Term Expires
Elaine Allestad, Big Timber	Livestock Industry	1/1/2015
Larry Trexler, Hamilton	Livestock Breeding Association	1/1/2015
John Herman, Hot Springs	Livestock Industry	1/1/2015
Michael Leahy, Bozeman	Wildlife Conservation	1/1/2013
Whitney Klasna, Lambert	Public member	1/1/2013
James Cross, Kalispell	Wildlife Conservation	1/1/2013
Brad Radtke, Drummond	Livestock Industry	1/1/2013

Topics of Interest

- The effect of increased wolf hunting on livestock predation.
- Funding for prevention efforts, including a specialty license plate and the results of collecting wolf hides and auctions as allowed by

2011 Legislation Enacted Regarding Livestock Loss

- HB 287, by Rep. Clark, allows collection and auctioning of wolf hides as a funding measure for the Livestock Loss Board's payments to offset wolf livestock predations
- HB 469, by Rep. Clark, clarifies and simplifies name of what formerly was known as the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Board
- HB 622, by Rep. Ankney, sets up a restricted account for the Livestock Loss Board.

Audits
(none)

Budget, FY 2013-FY2014

	FY '13 FTE	General Fund	State Other	Proprietary	Federal	Total ALL
Livestock Loss Board	1*	\$400,000**				\$400,000

*Paid out of the Department of Livestock Centralized Services budget.

**Only for claims.