

News and Notes

LUCKY WOLF. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biologists Diane Boyd and Tom Meier recaptured a radio-collared wolf in Glacier National Park and learned why the wolf's collar had ceased transmitting prematurely—there was a bullet hole through the transmitter! The wolf itself was unscathed.

MINNESOTA'S WOLVES are the subject of a new, popular book to be published by Voyageur Press this autumn. With chapters by many of Minnesota's past and present wolf researchers, the book presents in plain language the highlights of the wolf's history in Minnesota, and the animal's biology, behavior, and interactions with prey. It also examines public attitudes toward the wolf and celebrates the creature's recovery.

OREGON WOLF? A radio-collared wolf was found dead near Baker, Oregon, possibly a road kill, according to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Baker is about 40 miles west of Idaho, easy dispersal distance from the Idaho wolf population. However, the Service cautioned that conceivably the wolf was carried to the area and dropped off there.

WILD LAND PROTECTION gained considerable momentum in May when the U. S. House of Representatives agreed to create a \$45 billion fund to buy parks and open spaces, restore damaged coastal areas, and purchase scattered private property within federal parks over the next 15 years.

AMICHIGAN WOLF dispersed to the International Falls area of Minnesota in May but apparently was hit by a car and had to be destroyed. The animal had been radio-collared in November near Crystal Falls, Michigan and thus had traveled a straight line distance of about 400 miles before succumbing.

BREEDING FEMALE WOLF 40 of Yellowstone's famed Druid Pack that inhabits the east end of the Lamar Valley was killed by other wolves in early May when her pups were just a few weeks old. The night before, she had been seen interacting aggressively with her daughters, at least two of which also produced litters. Biologists suspect that wolf 40 was killed by her daughters. It does appear, however, that other pack members are tending 40's pups.

"PLACES FOR WOLVES," a handsome and useful booklet published by the Defenders of Wildlife in December 1999, provides "A *Blueprint for Restoration and Long-term Recovery [of the Wolf] in the Lower 48 States.*" The booklet examines various areas of wildlands in the U. S. outside of Alaska and discusses their potential for wolf recovery.

WOLVES AND HUNTERS compete little for deer in most of northeastern Minnesota, concludes a *Journal of Wildlife Management* article, "Do Wolves Affect White-tailed Buck Harvest in Northeastern Minnesota?" by L. David Mech and Michael E. Nelson. The authors based their analysis on up to 23 years of data on wolf numbers and hunter-killed bucks. ■



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