

# Project Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions prior to contacting Wildlife Services.

1. What conflicts and losses have occurred in the past three years?  
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2. What is the perimeter of the enclosure?  
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3. Is the project a retrofit or new build?  
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4. How long will the enclosure be in use?  
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5. What is the post spacing of the enclosure?  
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6. How many gates will be needed?  
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7. Will the livestock enclosed change? If so, what will be in the enclosure in the future?  
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8. Will posts need to be replaced? If so, how many?  
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9. Is there an available power source nearby? If so, how far from the enclosure?  
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10. What steps are currently being taken to protect resources?  
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**Contact Wildlife Services – Montana**

**Conflict Prevention Specialist**  
Chrissy Lambert  
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## Eligibility

- Producer must be under 18 years of age.
- Producer must possess livestock to be shown as a part of a 4H, or other, agricultural event.
- Producer must assist specialist with installation and any future enclosure maintenance.
- A legal guardian must agree to have work performed on the specified property/site and be present on the project build date.

## Privacy

Personally identifiable information collected is solely for the use of Wildlife Services for the completion and maintenance of the project.

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## WS-Montana Conflict Reduction Program



## Providing Predator Deterrent Electric Fencing to Montana's Youth Producers

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Wildlife Services - Montana

# What Is WS-Montana Conflict Reduction Program?

Wildlife Services works with landowners and producers to protect livestock by retrofitting and electrifying existing enclosures or constructing new electrified enclosures. The purpose of the 4H/Youth Carnivore Conflict Reduction Program is to allocate additional time and resources to engaging with youth (outreach/education, program assistance, and monitoring) to reduce conflicts with large carnivores (bears and wolves).

These additional resources are meant to **fully fund 4H/youth conflict prevention projects** in high conflict areas and reduce financial burden on youth producers.



## Project Duration

Youth producers engaging in 4H or other livestock showing activities may utilize electrified enclosures as long they are actively raising livestock and under 18 years of age. The average 4H enclosure requires approximately \$600 in materials, which may be covered if the producer is eligible. Electric fencing is not a viable solution to every carnivore conflict, depending on a number of factors.



## How Sites Are Prioritized

- Conflict Severity
- Project Location
- Project Design
- Logistical Factors
- Collaborators & Partner Contributions
- Weather & Environmental Factors
- Producer Use

## Process

Projects vary in size from chicken coops to small pastures. The process is as follows:

1. **Site Evaluation** - Measurements of the project area are taken.
2. **Planning** - Blueprints and cost estimates are made for enclosure design(s).
3. **Negotiation** - Producer approves design and contributions.
4. **Scheduling** - A timeline is established to gather resources. Construction date is set.
5. **Construction** - Exclusionary boundary is built or retrofitted.

## Participant Expectations

All items (energizers, electric netting, ground rods, trail cameras, etc.) are considered to be on “long term loan” and **must be returned when the enclosure is no longer in use.**

Participant or legal guardian **must** inform Wildlife Services of major technical or electrical problems occur or if additional enclosure modifications have been made.

Participant is responsible for regular enclosure maintenance (e.g. weeding, debris/snow clearing).

Participant **must** properly use enclosure by ensuring gates are closed and energizers are on and functional when livestock are brought in.

## Follow Ups

Wildlife Services will contact the participant or legal guardian on an annual basis to discuss enclosure function and assess project success.