

# 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**  
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## Eligibility

- Participant must actively own and raise livestock. Wildlife Services refers to livestock defined by MT Code § 81-2-702 as eligible for our program. Bees are considered livestock as well.
- Participant must assist specialist with installation and any future enclosure maintenance.

## 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



## Assisting Montana Producers with Predator Deterrent Electric Fencing

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.

In our mission to support the coexistence of people and wildlife, the purpose of this program is to provide producers with the resources and expertise in reducing large carnivore conflicts (bears and wolves).

These resources are meant to **cover up to 50% of the costs for conflict prevention projects** in high conflict areas while reducing the financial burden on producers.

The additional costs for electric fencing installment *may* be provided through NGOs and other collaborative entities.



## Project Duration

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

Each fence build is different, so we operate on a case-by-case basis. Up to 50% of the total cost 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 large 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

Participant **must** inform Wildlife Services of major technical or electrical problems or if additional enclosure modifications have been made since the original installment.

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

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

## Follow Ups