DISTRIBUTION OF THE WOLVERINE (GULO GULO) IN IDAHO, 1960-1987



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Beginning in the late 1800s, wolverine (<u>Gulo gulo</u>) numbers declined steadily in the contiguous United States (Wilson 1982). Today, they are uncommon in the lower 48 states and likely only occur in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. In these western states, the wolverine appears to be making a comeback in recent years. It has been a protected species in Idaho since 1965.

Davis (1939) believed the wolverine to be extinct in Idaho by the 1930s. Pengelly (1951) summarized records of wolverine in Idaho through 1949. The first verified record of a wolverine in Idaho was an animal trapped near Johnson Peak, Bonner County, in 1949. However, sight records exist for wolverine on South Chilco Mountain (Kootenai County, 1930–1931) and on Norton Creek (Shoshone County, 1908). Other early sight records include Boulder Creek (Boundary County, 1916), Lightning Creek (Boundary County, 1920s), Teton Basin (Teton County, 1926), and Freezeout Mountain (Shoshone County, 1948). The next verified records of wolverines in the state were two kills, one near Addie (Boundary County) in 1953, and one near Caldwell (Canyon County) in 1954.

In their book on the mammals of idaho, Larrison and Johnson (1973) considered the wolverine to be rare and restricted in distribution to areas north of the Salmon River Mountains and to the mountains of southeastern idaho. Because of its restricted distribution and

apparent rarity in idaho, the idaho Department of Fish and Game has classified the wolverine as a Species of Special Concern. In addition, Region 1 of the U.S. Forest Service, which includes northern idaho, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in Idaho have designated the wolverine as a Sensitive Species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, has listed the wolverine as a Category 2 candidate for federal listing as a threatened or endangered species. In order to better determine the status and distribution of the wolverine in Idaho, I mailed a questionnaire to wildlife biologists and registered trappers throughout Idaho in 1985. The purpose of this paper is to report the results of the 1985 survey.

METHODS

In May 1985, a questionnaire on wolverine sightings was mailed to 296 individuals. The mailing list for the survey included all Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists, conservation officers, and land managers; wildlife biologists in Idaho employed by the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; academicians and graduate students in biology, zoology, and wildlife departments at Idaho universities and colleges; Nongame Citizens Advisory Committees; National Audubon chapters in Idaho; and state park managers. Concurrently, a similar questionnaire was mailed to 1,500 trappers licensed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The questionnaire sent to biologists (Appendix 1) asked the respondents to provide information on the date, location (place name, county, lat/long or township-range-section), habitat type, and type of wolverine observation (animal, tracks, scat) they had made, if any, in the last 25 years. Biologists were also asked to provide the name, address, and phone number of other people they knew who had information on wolverine sightings in the state.

Each licensed trapper was sent a cover letter explaining the purpose of the wolverine survey (Appendix 2) along with an addressed and postage-paid postcard for them to return to me with information on wolverine sightings. The postcard provided them with space to list their name, address, and telephone number; their general trapping area; a "yes" or "no" on whether they had trapped or seen wolverines or wolverine sign in the last 25 years; and the date and area where wolverines or sign had been observed.

Follow-up telephone calls were made to all individuals (biologists and trappers) that responded positively to the wolverine survey. Confirmed wolverine reports consisted of either a photograph or a carcass. For those reports that were not confirmed (i.e., sightings of wolverines or tracks), respondents were asked for a description of the animal, their level of confidence that they had seen a wolverine or tracks of a wolverine, whether they had previously seen a wolverine, the distance and amount of time of their observation, and their amount of experience as a biologist or trapper. If the observer lacked credibility, lacked

confidence in his/her observation, poorly described the animal, or saw it for a short time span and/or at a great distance, I did not include the wolverine observation in this report. Sightings of wolverine or wolverine tracks included here are referred to as probable reports.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

One hundred eighty-five individuals of the 296 biologists who were mailed the questionnaire responded to the survey for a return rate of 62.5%. Thirty-seven of the 185 responses (20%) reported observations of wolverine or wolverine sign. Twenty-one questionnaires were received from individuals who were not included in the original mailing. Of those 21, 11 individuals submitted positive wolverine reports. Of the 1,500 trappers surveyed, 427 individuals responded for a return rate of 28.5%. Thirty-five trappers (8.2%) reported observations of wolverine or wolverine sign. Thirty-five positive reports returned by biologists or trappers were not included in this report due to insufficient information or tack of credibility in the report.

Results of the 1985 survey indicated that there have been only 10 confirmed reports of wolverine in Idaho between 1960 and 1986 (Table 1). Eight of these 10 reports occurred north of the Lochsa River, and all but two reports were from national forest lands. Prior to 1975 there were no confirmed reports in central or southern Idaho.

Confirmed reports of wolverines (<u>Gulo gulo</u>) in Idaho 1960-1986. Confirmed reports constituted collected specimens (S) or photographs (P). Table 1.

Land Owner	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF	IDFG	Kaniksu NF	Saw tooth NRA	Clearwater NF	Clearwater NF	Saw tooth NF	Private
Observer	S. Sweet (P)	E. Layser (P)	C. White (S)	M. Branch (S)	G. Koehler (S)	H. Schaefer (S)	D. Davis (S)	M. Schlegel (P)	R. King (P)	D. Reynolds (S)
County	Boundary	Boundary	Boundary	Boundary	Bonner	Blaine	Idaho	Cl earwater	Camas	Shoshone
Site Name (TRS)	Perkins Lake (62N 3E S5)	Solomon Lake (63N 3E S20)	Deer Greek (63N 3E S6)	McArthur Lake (60N 1WS27)	Kalispeli Bay (60N 5W S12)	Beaver Greek // (7N 14E 533)	Fish Creek (34N 9E S33)	Kel ly Greek (39N 13E S8)	Paradise Lake (5N 14E S31)	Pinehurst (48N 2E S8)
Da†e	1963	1964-03-22	1965	1974-11	1975	1976	1979-01-25	1984-03	1985-05	1986-05
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^{1.} This report was obtained after the survey.

Between 1960 and February 1987 i documented 89 probable reports of wolverine or wolverine tracks (Table 2). Nine of these reports (10%) occurred from 1960-1969, 28 (32%) from 1970-1979, and 52 (58%) from 1980-1987. Thirty reports (34%) were sightings of tracks, whereas 59 reports (66%) constituted sightings of animals. Twenty-one percent of the probable reports were from Bonner and Boundary counties (Table 3). Eighteen percent of the reports occurred in Clearwater and Idaho counties, and another 22% came from a cluster of south-central counties (Custer, Elmore, Blaine, Camas, and Boise).

At least three areas in idaho appear to contain wolverines. These are areas where there are confirmed reports of wolverines as well as a number of probable reports. These areas are the Selkirk Mountains north of Priest Lake, the Lochsa and Kelly Creek drainages, and the Sawtooth - Smoky Mountains (Figure 1). It is likely that wolverines also occur in Fremont County adjacent to Yellowstone National Park and in the upper St. Joe and Coeur d'Alene Rivers drainages. Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church River of No Return Wildernesses are conspicuously absent of any confirmed reports and contain only a few probable reports. The lack of wolverine reports in these areas may be due to their roadless nature and lower density of people, particularly biologists and trappers. If we assume that wolverines do occur in these areas, then the present day distribution of wolverine in Idaho is in the mountainous portions of the state from the South Fork of the Boise River north to the Canadian border.

Probable reports of wolverines (<u>Gulo gulo</u>) in Idaho, 1960-1987. Probable reports constituted sightings of animals (A) or tracks (T). The affiliation shown below each observer's name is the affiliation at the time of the sighting. Table 2.

Report No.	Date	Site Name (TRS)	County	Observer	Land Owner
-	1961-10	Danskin Peak (1N 7E S18)	Elmore	J. Norris (A) trapper	Boi se NF
2	1962	Boundary Greek (65N 2W S16)	Boundary	P. Printz (A) IDFG	Kaniksu NF
m _.	1962	Decker Flats (9N 13E S31)	Custer	R. Lyon (T) IDFG	Sawtooth NRA
4	1962	Snow Creek Butte (11N 45E S14)	Fremont	W. Jenkins (T) USFS	Targhee NF
ĸ	1962-12	Loio Pass (53N 4W S7)	l daho	D. Turnipseed (T) IDFG	Clearwater NF
ø	1965	Spirit Lake (53N 4W)	Kootenai	G. Power (A) IDFG	Private
7	1965	Junction Lake (39N 9E S36)	Clearwater	C. Sharrard (A) trapper	Clearwater NF
ω	1968	Targhee Pass (16N 43E)	Fremont	D. Barney (A) IDFG	Targhee NF
6	1969	Sulphur Bar Greek (2S 45E S14)	Bonnev II le	F. DeShon (A) IDFG	Carlbou NF
10	1970-08	Goat Lake (5N 20E S12)	Custer	B. Stackler (A) IDFG	Challis NF
=	1972	Moose Lake (58N 3E S19)	Bonner	J. Stark (A) USFS	Kootenai NF

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Report No.	Date	Site Name (TRS)	County	Observer	Land Owner
12	1972-06	Packer Meadows (38N 15E S14)	I daho	M. Schlegel (A) IDFG	Clearwater NF
5	1973	Moose Greek Butte (10N 45E S18)	Fremont	L. McVay (T) USFS	Targhee NF
4	1974	Tower Greek (23N 22E)	Lemhî	K. Nielsen (A) IDFG	Private
51	1 <i>9</i> 74-Spring	S. Fork Boise River (N 6E S34)	Elmore	D. Beach (A) IDFG	Boise NF
91	1976	Laclede (56N 3W S3)	Bonner	K. Hawn (T) IDFG	Private
1	1976	Three Mile Creek (12N 37E S19)	Clark	T. Hayes (A)	Targhee NF
8	1976-10	Bear Valley (13N 9E S27)	Val I ey	R. Lyon (T) IDFG	Bolse NF
61	1976-10-21	Sheep Mountain (40N 7E S4)	Cl earwater	L. Diller (A) Univ. ID	Clearwater NF
50	1976-12	Dutch Greek Ranger Station (6N 9E S35)	Bol se	T. Lucia (A) IDFG	Boise NF
21	1976-12	Lolo Pass (38N 15E)	Idaho	G. Gadwa (A) IDFG	Clearwater NF
22	1977	Gravel Creek (55 43E S26)	Carlbon	B. Gentry (A) trapper	Private
ಬ	1977-08-09	Velvet Greek Falls (15N 10E S31)	Custer	L. Drury (A)	Salmon NF

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Land Owner	Dept. Lands	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF		St. Joe NF	St. Joe NF	Salmon NF	St. Joe NF	Sawtooth NF	Coeur d'Alene NF	Sawtooth NRA
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Observer	D. McPherson (A) trapper	S. Sweet (T) trapper	D. Carrier (T) USFS	D. Carrier (T) USFS	M. Orme (A) USFS	M. Orme (A) USFS	C. Wenger (A) USFS	A. Bonczyk (A) USFS	J. Mallea (A) trapper	D. Lowry (A) IDFG	B. Sturges (A)
County	Bannock	Boundary	Boundary	Bonner	Shoshone	Shoshone	Lemhi	Shoshone	Elmore	Shoshone	Blaine
Site Name (TRS)	Cottonwood Greek (11S 39E S29	Continental Mountain (65N 5W S36)	Continental Moutain (65N 5W S9)	Trapper Creek (63N 4W S5)	St. Joe River (45N 4E S16)	Red Raven Creek (44N 4E S24)	Stein Mountain (25N 22E S32)	Neddle Greek (42N 9E S11)	Rock Oreek (7N 12E S34)	Lake Creek (48N 4E S32)	Galena Summit (6N 1/8E S12)
Date	1977-10-20	1978	1978	1978	1978-05-07	1978-05-17	1978-07	1978-08-17	1978-10	1978-10	1979-08-01
Report No.	24	25	8	72	28	29	30	31	32	33	34

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ver Land Owner	G. Lockman (T) Coeur d'Alene NF trapper	W. Carpenter (A) Nez Perce NF trapper	D. Lowry (T) Coeur d'Alene NF IDFG	B. Summerfield (T) Kaniksu NF USFS	B. Summerfield (T) Kaniksu NF USFS	e (A) Sawtooth NF	W. McKenna (A) Coeur d'Alene NF trapper	D. Miller (A) Nez Perce NF trapper	S. Murrell (A) Dept. Lands IDFG	ina (T) Sawtooth NRA	G. Tourtlotte (A) Private
Observer	G. Lockn trapper	W. Carp trapper	D. LOI 10FG	B. Sum USFS	B. Sur USFS	R. Gale (A) USFS	W. McKe trapper	D. MIII trapper	S. Mur IDFG	P. Hanna (T) IDFG	G. Tou
County	Shoshone	l daho	Shoshone	Boundary	Boundary	Camas	Kootenaî	I daho	Elmore	Elmore	Madison
Site Name (TRS)	Jordan Springs (53N 3E S2)	Corduroy Greek (28N 3E S12)	Tepee Greek (52N 2E S1)	Blue Joe Greek (65N 4W S10)	Boundary Creek (65N 2W S18)	Ross Fork Lakes (T5N RI2E S16)	Grooked Ridge Road (52N 1N SI3)	Santiam Greek (28N 7E S9)	Lime Greek	M. Fork Bolse River (7N 12E S21)	Teton Canyon
Date	1979	1979-10	1979-11	1980	1980	1980-08	1980-09	1980-10	1981	1981-03-24	1981-07
Report No.	35	36	37	38	39	40	11	42	43	44	45

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Land Owner	Coeur d' Alene NF	Boi se NF	Targhee NF	Boise NF	BLM-IF District	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF	Targhee NF	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF
Observer	D. Lowry (A) IDFG	A. Boss (T) USFS	R.H. Trapp (A) trapper	H. Gray (A)	K. Saurey (A) trapper	J. Almack (A) Univ. ID	P. Louman (T) USFS	S. Sweet (T) trapper	A. Thomas (A) BLM	D. Scott (A) USFS	D. Thurson (A) USFS
County	Shoshone	Val l ey	Fremont	Val I ey	Cl ark	Bonner	Boundary	Boundary	Fremont	Boundary	Bonner
Site Name (TRS)	Flora Gulch (47N SE S7)	Bear Valley (13N 9E)	Targhee Pass (16N 44E 32)	S. Fork Salmon River (15N 6E S30)	Blue Creek (11N 33E)	Joe Lake (64N 3W S19)	Red Top Mountain (64N 3W S9)	Snow Greek (62N 2W S25)	Little Coffee Pot Campground (14N 43E S32)	Canuck Pass (64N 3E S10)	Granite Greek (55N 1E S30)
Date	1981-11	1982	1982-04	1982-06-12	1982-07-30	1983	1983	1983, 1977	1983-05-30	1983-07	1983-09
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Land Owner	Private	Nez Perce NF	Kaniksu NF	Boise NF	BLM-Salmon District	Kaniksu NF	Kaniksu NF	Clearwater NF	Targhee NF	Private	Payette NF	Dept. Lands
Observer	G. Spangenburg (A) Private	D. Gobie (A) Univ. ID	J. Rohiman (A) IDFG	M. Elms (A) IDFG	J. Kidd (A) trapper	S. Sweet (T) trapper	S. Elliot (T) trapper	D. Roman (T) trapper	T. Hayes (A)	T. Kemery (A) trapper	G. Hayward (T) Univ. ID	L. Fugate (A) trapper
County	Valley	Idaho	Bonner	Elmore	Lemhi	Boundary	Boundary	Shoshone	CI ark	Custer	Idaho	Cl earwater
Site Name (TRS)	Cascade (14N 3E S24)	Big Fog Lake (32N SE 53)	Mollies Lake (64N 4W S35)	S. Fork Boise River (1S 7E S31)	GIImore Summit (13N 27E S9)	Smith Oreek (64N 3W Si3)	Carlbou HIII (63N 4W S15)	Breezy Point (44N 4E S34)	W. Camas Creek (14N 36E)	Bradley Sœut Camp (12N 11E S2)	Chamberlain Basin (24N 12E S28)	Browns Mountain (36N 5E S33)
Date	1983-09	1983-09-05	1983-09-23	1983-09-29	1983–10	1983-12	1983-12	1983-12	1984	1984	1984-02	1984-09
Report No.	57	58	59	09	19	62	63	64	65	99	2 29	89

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Cayuse Lake (38N 13E S29)	Lake E S29)	Cl earwater	L. Blomdahl (T) trapper	Clearwater NF
M. Fork Bols (6N 11E S31)	M. Fork Boise River (6N 11E S31)	Elmore	S. Roeber (A)	Boise NF
Marbie Greek (43N 4E)	Oreek)	Shoshone	D. Roman (T) trapper	St. Joe NF
Fish Creek (10N 45E)	9ek E.)	Fremont	W. Schiess (T) trapper	Targhee NF
Rock Creek (9N 44E)	eek)	Fremont	W. Schiess (T) trapper	Targhee NF
Bimerick Mea (34N 8E S28)	Bimerick Meadows (34N 8E S28)	Idaho	G. Swafford (T) trapper	Clearwater NF
Algoma Lake (56N 2W S29)	.ake S29)	Bonner	D. Young (A) USFS	Private
Upper Priest (65N 5W S23)	Upper Priest Lake (65N 5W S23)	Boundary	C. Gatiin (A) USFS	Kaniksu NF
Toboggan H111 (38N 12E S6)	. S6)	Cl earwater	N. Johnson (T) IDFG	Clearwater NF
Tollgate Area (29N 3E S34)	Area S34)	Idaho	G. Newby (A)	Nez Perce NF
Pistol Greek (16N 9E S17)	жеек S17)	Valley	T. Kemery (T) trapper	Boise NF

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Land Owner	Challis NF	Private	Sawtooth NF	ate	Clearvater NF	Boise NF	Savtooth NF	Challis NF	e NF
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Observer	P. Cernera (A) Ft. Hall Indian biologist	F. Edwards (A) IDFG	T. Kemery (T) trapper	J. Felch (T) USFS	C. Sharrard (T) trapper	B. Ral phs (A) USFS	K. Higgs (T) USFWS	B. Ralphs (A) USFS	K. Higgs (T) USFWS
County	Custer	Adams	Blaine	Bonner	l daho	Boi se	Camas	Custer	Elmore
Site Name (TRS)	Five Mile Greek (12N 15E SI)	S. Fork Grays Greek (14N 1E)	Vienna (6N 14E S31)	Middle Mountain (56N 2E S35)	Beaver Dam Saddle (35N 7E S9)	Highway 21, NE Lowman (9N 9E S14)	S. Fork Boise River (5N 13E S21)	Cl ayton (11N 17E S28)	Roaring River (5N 9E S7)
Date	1986-08	1986-10	1986-11	1986-11-08	1986-12	1986-12-03	1987-01	1987-01-03	1987-02
Report No.	118	83	83	84	82	88	18	88	88

1. Reports 1981-89 were obtained after the 1985 survey.

Table 3. Distribution of probable wolverine reports by county.

County	Number of Reports	Per ce nt
Bonner	8	9
Boundary	11	12
Shoshone	9	10
Kootenai	2	2
Clearwater	_ 5	6
I daho	11	6 12
Valley	5	6
Adams	1	1
Custer	6	7
Elmore	8	, 9
Blaine	2	2
Camas	2	2
Boise	2 2	2
Lemhi	3	3
CI ark	3	2 2 2 3 3
Fremont	7	8
Ma di son	1	1
Bonnev III e	1	i
Caribou	1	i
Bannock	1	i
Total	89	•

In a study of wolverines in western Montana, Hornocker and Hash (1981) concluded that wilderness or remote country where human activity was minimal appeared essential to maintaining a viable wolverine population. Although results of this survey can offer no insights to the existence or viability of wolverine populations in Idaho, it does appear that wolverines in Idaho are occupying large, mountainous, essentially roadless areas in the state (i.e., Smoky Mountains, Sawtooth Mountains, Kelly Creek, and Selkirk Crest). In the Montana study, wolverines used both wilderness and nonwilderness areas, although the latter areas were used primarily in winter when human activity was minimal. Such may be the case in Idaho, too, since many of our reports were made during winter.

Koehler and Hornocker (1979) suggested that wolverines may be increasing in northern idaho due to numerous reports. Hoak et al. (1982) made a similar conclusion for the wolverine in western Wyoming. Because over one-half of the wolverine reports compiled during this survey occurred during 1980 and 1987, there is a tendency to similarly suggest that wolverines are increasing in idaho. However, such a conclusion could be misleading. In analyzing the historical abundance of wolverines in Washington, Johnson (1977) correctly pointed out that in earlier times less access was available to remote areas and the total number of people in the field was less. In addition, no effort to assemble information on wolverine distribution, such as in the present survey, was ever conducted in the past. Thus, the increasing number of wolverine reports in Idaho from 1960 to 1987 could just as

easily be attributed to greater access to remote areas, more people in the field, and no prior survey efforts, as it could be attributed to increasing wolverine numbers in the state.

Surveys such as this one can provide insights to the distribution of a species but are of little aid in estimating population size. Hornocker's and Hash's (1981) study in western Montana showed that wolverines occupy large annual home ranges of approximately 400 km². A recent study of wolverines in Alaska documented a long distance movement of 378 km by an adult wolverine (Gardner et al. 1986). Thus, a small number of individuals could be responsible for a large number of sightings over widespread areas in Idaho. Results of this survey indicate where wolverines likely occur in the state. What is needed now is information on the size, status, and ecology of wolverine populations in Idaho.

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Wolverine Questionnaire

wo be	lverines	in Idaho	. We would apprect s species.	es, we are al iate your ans	so interested in wering the questions
ı.	Name				
2.	Address				
3.	Phone				
1.	Have yo (Check	ou seen we those the	olverines or their at apply).	sign in Idah	o since 1960?
		nimal	Tracks	Scat	Not observed
2.	Location	on of you	r observation (be	as specific a	s possible):
	<u>Date</u>	Pl	ace and County	Lat./	Long. or T/R/S
3.	In what	type of	habitat was your	observation m	ade?
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4.	Do you wolveri	know oth ne sign?	er people who have	sighted wolv	erines or observed
	<u>Name</u>		Address		<u>Phone</u>

In the future, please send any information on wolverine observations to:

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September 23, 1985

Dear Licensed Trapper,

The nongame program of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is presently conducting a survey to determine the distribution and status of wolverines in Idaho. This letter requests your assistance in this project.

Presently, there appears to be a small number of wolverines scattered throughout Idaho, primarily in the rugged roadless areas of the central and northern parts of the state. Wolverines are uncommon animals in Idaho, but recent reports suggest they may be more common in the state than once thought. The purpose of our survey is to gain a better understanding of the past and present distribution of wolverines in Idaho.

Please indicate on the enclosed postcard the following information: 1) your name, address, and phone #, 2) your general trapping area, 3) whether you have accidentally trapped, seen or seen sign of wolverines in the past 25 years in Idaho, and 4) the date as best as you can remember and the area (be as specific as possible) where wolverines or their sign were seen.

If you have not trapped or seen any wolverines, please indicate so on the postage-paid postcard and return it to me. In addition, if you know of any people who have seen wolverines, I would appreciate you giving me their name(s) so I can contact them by phone.

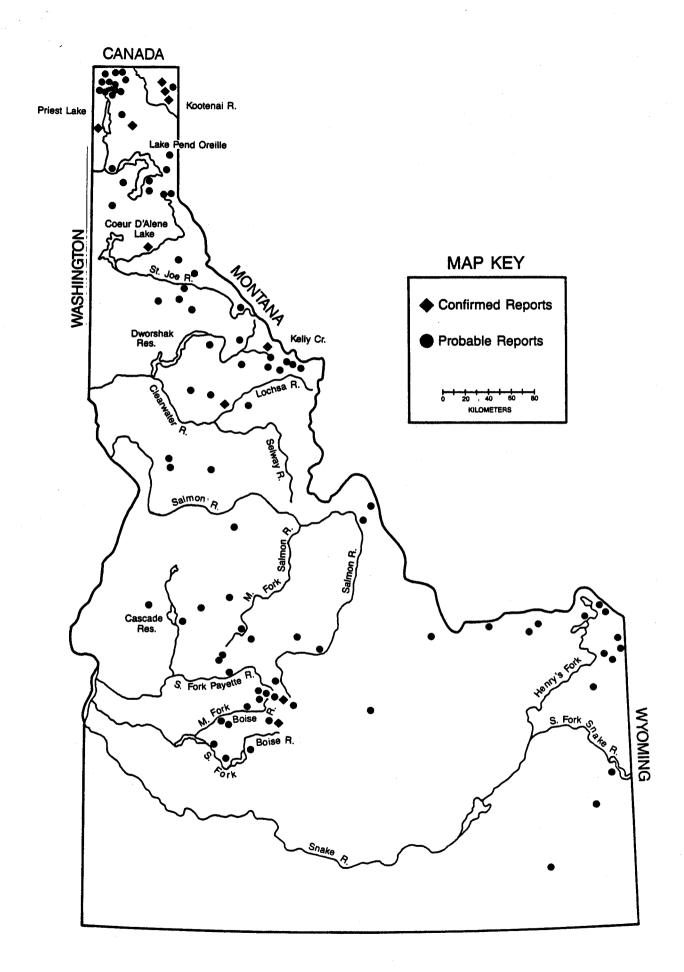
If you have any questions or concerns about this survey, please feel free to contact me. Your cooperation in this survey is very much appreciated. I assure you that the information you provide will be helpful in the future management of this rare, native carnivore. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Craig Groves

Nongame Biologist

Figure 1. Distribution of wolverine reports in Idaho, 1960-1987. See text for definition of confirmed and probable reports.



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