

# Absaroka-Beartooth Wolverine Project

Ecological assessment of wolverines (*Gulo gulo*)  
in the **Absaroka-Beartooth Mountain Range**:  
answering mission-critical questions about our most mysterious carnivore

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**Project Summary:** Due to elevated public concerns about the potential for adverse

human effects on wolverine populations and their habitat, wolverines have emerged as a primary concern for federal land managers in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). A strong need has been identified for research studies that support wolverine habitat and population management and to develop long-range conservation strategies. We propose a comprehensive 5-year (2005–2009) field project to evaluate wolverine status, ecology, and interactions with humans in the Absaroka Mountain Range in western Wyoming and south central Montana. The study site includes east and Bridger-Teton national forests. Wolverine denning sites indicate that human activities has occurred, and we will document long-range movements (e.g., dispersal) and genetic characteristics to better understand wolverine population structure in the Northern Rocky Mountain region. Finally, we will improve knowledge and support for wolverine conservation by informing the public of the aesthetic, social, and ecological values of the species and its environmental requirements.

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Project cooperators include the USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station; U.S. Forest Service Region 1 Carnivore Program; Yellowstone National Park; Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit; Gallatin, Shoshone, and Bridger-Teton national forests, University of Montana; and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Discussions with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks about this project are pending. We are also coordinating our efforts with the Wildlife Conservation Society to insure continuity of our study design.

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