

2016 Winter Public Wildlife Count

Objectives

- 1) Estimate population distributions (presence/absence)
- 2) Monitor trends in abundance and composition of populations over cumulative years
- 3) Increase public involvement in wildlife management

Effort

Record the amount of time (to the nearest 10 minutes) you spend searching in each block, and the method of searching. Methods include **1) driving** (includes any motorized mode of transportation on or off road), and **2) walking** (includes any non-motorized mode of transportation on or off road). This information is critical for determining an index of abundance.

Species

Given the range of experience and skill level of observers we are limiting the data on individual animals to species. At this time of the year it is likely that males of some species may have already lost their antlers. Differentiating between yearlings and young of the year can also be very difficult.

Other Species

Predators occur at far lower densities than ungulates, but recording observations of these species can help add to a long term monitoring effort. Sharp-tailed grouse winter distribution is of interest for a research project's long term monitoring and also for future management purposes.

Comments

If you see something of interest, such as animals that are obviously unhealthy or injured, please make note of it.

Returning the Observation Sheets

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