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Report #:	_____
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RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION FORM

TYPE OF REPORT = Sighting _____ Track _____ Scat _____ Feed Site _____ Other _____

Sighted By _____ Address _____

Sighting Date _____ Time _____

Sighting Location _____

UTM _____ E _____ N NAD 27 _____ or NAD 83 _____

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL(S):

1. **Species:** _____ Total Number of Animals: _____

Adult _____ Mating Pair _____ Female with young _____
Subadult _____ Unk/Not sure _____ Other (describe) _____

2. **Describe animal(s)** (Give physical characteristics unique to this species that you saw.)

Color _____ Weight _____ Shoulder height _____ Body length _____ Tail length _____

3. **Describe habitat where animal was seen.:** _____

4. **Identifying Markers:**

Unknown _____ Ear Tags _____ ⇒ Position and Color of Tags _____
No Markers _____ Radio Collar _____ ⇒ Color of Collar _____

5. **Sex(es):** Male _____ Female _____ Unknown _____

6. **Have you seen this species before?** Y _____ N _____ ⇒ **If Yes**, where? _____

7. **Were photos or video taken?** Y _____ N _____ ⇒ **If Yes**, may we have copies? _____

8. **Activities of animal(s):** Preying On _____ Scavenging On _____

Walking _____ Digging _____ Grazing _____ Running _____ Fishing _____ Bedded _____ Mating _____
Swimming _____ Climbing _____ Other _____

9. **Distance between** observer and animal(s)? _____ **How long** did you observe the animal(s)? _____

Optical aid used: None _____ Binoculars _____ Spotting scope _____ Other _____ Optical power _____

Did the animal(s) notice you or other people? _____ ⇒ **If yes**, what was the animal(s) reaction? _____

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Report filled out by _____ Location _____
Date and Time _____

Notified Bear Management (Date & Time): _____ Received by: _____

Bear Management notified the following (who/date/time): _____

Case Incident Number (For Management Activities or Incident(s)) _____ - _____

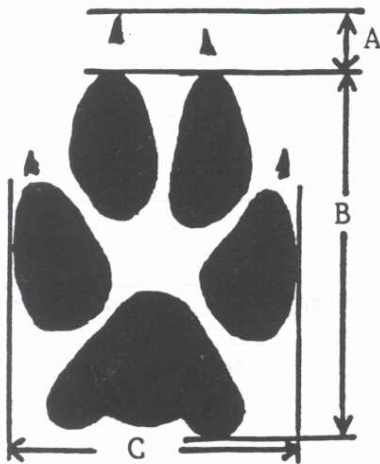
INSTRUCTIONS

Use this form to record observations of reptiles, amphibians, uncommon animals (other than bears and birds -- ask for a Bear Sighting Form or Bird Sighting Form), and unusual behavior and atypical locations of common animals. Below is a list of animals that are especially important to report. **When in doubt, fill one out.**

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|---------------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| Amphibians | Fisher | Mountain Goat | Reptiles |
| Beaver | Fox | Mountain Lion | Whitetail deer |
| Bighorn Sheep | Lynx | Otter | Wolf |
| Bobcat | Mink | Raccoon | Wolverine |

Provide any additional comments, maps, or sketches below

Track measurements (if taken):



A _____ Claw Length
B _____ Pad Length
C _____ Pad Width



The method of measuring stride shown on a bobcat trail.

Stride Measurement _____

SEND ALL RARE ANIMAL OBSERVATION REPORTS TO:

Bear Management Office, Yellowstone Center for Resources, PO Box 168, Yellowstone NP, WY 82190
Contact at 307-344-2162 phone or 307-344-2211 FAX, seven days a week from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.