

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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## Wyoming Game & Fish CWD Surveillance for 2004

- 2004 WGFD statewide surveillance is limited to 4,000 samples this year. The surveillance effort is concentrated around the leading edge of the endemic area, and areas that are of particular interest to wildlife biologists in WGFD.
- Collection points will be scattered across the state, primarily at meat processors and check stations during the first few opening days of the season.
- Collection points for the Game and Fish survey can be determined by contacting the nearest G&F office to where you are hunting.
  - Casper Regional Office: 1-800-233-8544 or 307-473-3400
  - Cody Regional Office: 1-800-654-1178 or 307-527-7125
  - Green River Regional Office: 1-800-843-8096 or 307-875-3223
  - Lander Regional Office: 1-800-654-7862 or 307-332-2688
  - Laramie Regional Office: 1-800-843-2352 or 307-745-4046
  - Jackson Regional Office: 1-800-423-4113 or 307-733-2321
  - Pinedale Regional Office: 1-800-452-9107 or 307-367-4353
  - Sheridan Regional Office: 1-800-331-9834 or 307-672-7418
- The goal of the G&F program is to determine the presence and/or prevalence of CWD within the state. This program **IS NOT A MEAT QUALITY SERVICE TO THE HUNTER**. There still is no evidence that this is a human health concern.
- Results from the G&F survey should be available in 6-12 weeks. The hunter can check for results on the Game and Fish Web site: <http://gf.state.wy.us>
- If the hunter would like to have his animal tested for CWD, and is unable to submit that animal for testing by G&F during our collection times and or sites, then it is his/hers choice to have it tested by the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory (WSVL).
- There is information in the hunting regulations on how to contact the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, along with the address.
- If submitting your sample for testing to WSVL, it is recommended that hunters contact the nearest veterinarian to either remove the retropharyngeal lymph nodes, or to send in the entire head to the lab.
- The results from the WSVL rapid test should be available in 10 days. Results on deer are generally done in less time than elk due to the added testing (IHC).

The Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory can be contacted at:

1174 Snowy Range Road  
Laramie,  
WY 82070  
307-742-6638 (phone)  
307 721 2051 (fax)  
<http://wyovet.uwyo.edu/>

*Driving directions to the WSVL:* The laboratory is located directly south of the territorial prison on Snowy Range Road, just east of Interstate 80 (exit 313). As you enter the driveway, turn right following the paved road around the fenced in USDA/ABDRL laboratory. The paved road will turn to dirt just behind the state laboratory. Look for the last large brown garage door to the south. As you walk into the door just north of the garage door, this leads you into the necropsy lab, where they can help you with filling out the necessary forms and collect the sample from your animal.

Additional directions on the web: [http://wsvl-web1.uwyo.edu/WSVL/gen\\_information.htm](http://wsvl-web1.uwyo.edu/WSVL/gen_information.htm)

The cost for CWD testing is \$25.00. Results are returned to the hunter within 10 days.