

NPS continues wolf studies

A wolf study is being continued this year at Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, according to the National Park Service.

A parkwide census was completed last spring, and data were collected from wolf carcasses purchased in Anaktuyuk Pass.

This spring, 30 wolves were radio collared in an effort to determine pack sizes, territories, food habits and reproductive success. The wolves will be traced throughout the year with fixed-wing aircraft.

Field work began in late March and early April for radio collaring work. A helicopter was used for capture efforts. One or two wolves from a pack were collared.

Additional carcasses from wolves that have been hunted or trapped by the public will be purchased to get further food habits information and information on the health and reproductive status of the wolf population.

The project is planned to continue for three years.