



Support SB 642: Protecting Oregon Livestock, Protecting Oregon Wolves

SB 642 allocates much-needed resources to Oregon’s Wolf Management Compensation program. The program fosters co-existence. When wolves move into range and pastures, cows, sheep, llamas and alpacas grow anxious and stressed, lose weight and slow milk production for their young. Keeping animals separate requires constant vigilance and extensive investment in non-lethal measures, including equipment and range riders. Finally, when a wolf or pack preys on cows or sheep, even the loss of single grown animal can cost a producer thousands of dollars.

The Wolf Management Compensation program provides funding through grants to Oregon counties. Counties employ various non-lethal tools to reduce wolf-livestock conflict, including range riders who can deter wolves roaming near cattle and sheep. Counties have varying costs due to geography and needs. The vast majority of the funding to the Wolf Management Compensation program goes to investment in these non-lethal measures.

In 2020, Oregon Fish and Wildlife confirmed 31 instances of wolves killing or injuring cattle, dogs and a llama throughout eight different counties. This doesn’t include unconfirmed kills or loss of animals without explanation. Klamath County alone experienced 15 depredation events. The Wolf Management Compensation program also pays for a very small fraction of these losses.

Current Program

The state allocated \$215,800 for the biennium to the program. Overall, for 2020, 75% of the funds were spent on deterring conflict. Only 19% was spent directly on compensation for killed livestock, 4% for claims for missing animals, and 1% to county administrative requests.

	Requested	Awarded
Prevention and deterrence	\$301,971	\$98,500
Compensation for loss	\$24,819	\$24,819
Missing animals	\$19,818	\$4,900
Administrative Requests	\$1,945	\$1,945
Total	\$368,899	\$130,164

Get the FACTS: NONE of the funding is used for lethal take of wolves. Opposing this program serves NO scientific or conservation goals.

**Wolf Conservation and Management go Hand-in-Hand.
Support farmers and ranchers. Support Wolves.
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