



Support SB 777: Protecting Oregon Livestock, Protecting Oregon Wolves

Senate Bill 777 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 means constant vigilance, creativity as well as equipment and range riders. The presence of wolves in proximity to livestock causes stress, impedes growth of animals, results in low birth weight and other health issues for our cows, sheep and their calves and lambs. Finally, when a wolf or pack preys on cows or sheep, even the loss of a single grown animal can cost a producer more than \$1,000.

The Wolf Management Compensation program provides funding through grants to Oregon counties. Counties employ various 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 county advisory committee that oversees the program in each county is made up of:

- 1 County Commissioner
- 2 members that own or manage livestock
- 2 members who support wolf conservation or coexistence with wolves
- 2 members that represent business interests in the county (these two are chosen and agreed upon by the 5 members above)

In the 2023 Annual Wolf Report, released by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in spring of 2023, the agency confirmed 36 wolf mortalities were documented (20 in 2022).

There were 73 confirmed livestock depredations and another 4 "probable/possible" killing or injuring of cows, calves, ewes, lambs, goats, and dogs across Oregon. This was a slight decrease from 2022 to 2023, but depredation increased in the East Wolf Management Zone by 27%.

These numbers do not include unconfirmed kills or loss of animals without explanation, which are substantial. Current funds are split between both compensating for loss and non-lethal deterrence efforts. The burden of permissive management of wolves on Oregon ranchers has never been higher.

Get the FACTS: NONE of the funding is used for the 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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