



Support HB 4127: Protecting Oregon Livestock, Protecting Oregon Wolves

HB 4127 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. Finally, when a wolf or pack preys on cows or sheep, even the loss of single grown animal can cost a producer over \$1000.

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.

In 2021, Oregon Fish and Wildlife **confirmed over 75 instances** of wolves killing or injuring calves, sheep, and dogs across Oregon (compared to 21 confirmed in 2020). This doesn’t include unconfirmed kills or loss of animals without explanation, which are substantial. This year, Wallowa County saw an 8% increase in calf loss over natural mortality, a significant increase from past years. An estimated 679 calves and 47 cows went missing in 2021 in areas with high wolf activity. The burden of permissive management of wolves on Oregon ranchers has never been higher.

Current Program

Overall 75% of the funds allocated to the program were spent on deterring conflict. Only 19% was spent to directly compensate 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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