

## Currently Known Wolves

### **Lassen Pack**

The Lassen Pack is California's second contemporary pack, and only currently known pack. The wolves generally utilize a broad area of western Lassen and northernmost Plumas counties. A trail camera first photographed the pack's female (LAS01F) in August 2015. In February 2016, biologists first encountered the tracks of what appeared to be two wolves traveling together, and the two wolves were then regularly detected during the following summer and fall. Genetic testing indicated the male wolf (CA089M) was born into the Rogue Pack in 2014. The female wolf is not closely related to known Oregon wolves, and it is therefore suspected she dispersed from another part of the broader northern Rocky Mountain wolf population. In 2017, the pair produced at least four pups. The female was fitted with a GPS tracking collar in late June, and CDFW biologists regularly monitor the whereabouts of the wolves. In early and mid-October 2017, what appeared likely to be a black wolf was observed both with members of the pack and alone within the pack's territory. The origin of this animal is unknown. DFW staff collected potential wolf scats from the vicinity of the observations. Genetic analysis of those scats is pending. Photographs of the pack and field observations in late October suggested the black animal may not be regularly traveling with the pack.

Photos/Maps:

- [Map: Known Wolf Activity](#)
- [Picture of Lassen female](#)
- [A pup howling. Wolves howl to communicate to each other. "Hey where are you? I'm over here."](#)
- [Three month old pups investigate their world while their mother, LAS01F, is on a hunting foray 5 miles away. The adults must balance protection of the pups vs their nutritional needs, and may necessarily be absent for long periods during several mile hunting forays. Pups are visual learners, and will wander farther as they get older, to investigate their world. This video was taken about 0.2 mi from their first rendezvous site.](#)
- [Four pups investigating their world in the wee hours of the night.](#)
- [The collared breeding female, LAS01F, and the breeding male of the Lassen Pack heading out from their rendezvous site to hunt.](#)
- [Wolves prefer to live in secret! This one blocks a camera it found. Wolves will investigate new objects in their environment, including a field camera.](#)

### Other Wolves Detected

#### **OR7**

Born into northeast Oregon's Imnaha pack in 2009, OR7 was collared with a GPS transmitter by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in February 2011. OR7 dispersed from the Imnaha Pack in September 2011, and followed a southwesterly course that led him across eastern Oregon to the southern Cascades. On December 28 he crossed into California northeast of Dorris, a small town in eastern Siskiyou County. OR7 spent much of 2012 and early 2013 in California. While he spent the greatest amount of time in mountainous habitats west of Lake Almanor (near the junction of Butte, Plumas, and Tehama counties), he roamed widely throughout northeastern California, including visits to

the Sacramento Valley floor near Redding and Red Bluff. OR7 returned to Oregon in April 2013 and subsequently found a mate and formed the Rogue Pack. The pack's territory includes a portion of the southern Cascades south of Crater Lake National Park. OR7 and his mate produced three pups in 2014, and subsequent litters in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Two of the pups from the 2014 litter have been detected in California – one is the breeding male of the Lassen Pack (“CA08M”), and another (“CA10F”) was detected in eastern Siskiyou County in early 2017.

Photos/Maps:

- **DFW map:** <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=42104&inline=true>. Suggested caption/link text: *Map showing OR7's routes in California, December 2011 – April 2013.*
- **USFWS 2014 pup photo:** [http://dfw.state.or.us/news/images/2014/060414\\_pups-in-log\\_stephenson\\_usfws.jpg](http://dfw.state.or.us/news/images/2014/060414_pups-in-log_stephenson_usfws.jpg). Suggested caption: *Two pups from OR7's first litter peek out from under a log in June 2014. At least one of those pups would later enter California. Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*
- **ODFW 2014 photo:** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/odfw/30754760735/in/album-72157623481759903/> Suggested caption: *OR7 at age seven in October 2016. Photo: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.*

### **Shasta Pack**

The Shasta Pack was California's first known contemporary pack. The pack occupied a portion of eastern Siskiyou County and produced five pups in spring 2015. Genetic testing indicated both of the breeding wolves were from Oregon's Imnaha pack (the same pack that produced OR7). The first sign of the wolves occurred when a trail camera photographed one of the animals in August 2014. What appeared likely to be two wolves were photographed in February 2015, and two wolves were again photographed in May 2015. In August, five pups were discovered. The pack was regularly detected from August through November, and at least six wolves remained alive in late November. There were then no verified detections of the pack between late November and early May 2016, when a yearling male (CA07M) was detected by trail cameras, tracks, and scat near several pup-rearing sites the pack had used in 2015. In November 2016, that same male (verified through genetic analysis of scat) was observed in northwestern Nevada. The current status of the pack is unknown, although some evidence suggests at least one wolf was likely roaming within and near the Shasta Pack territory in the summer and fall of 2017. That wolf could be a former Shasta Pack member, or CA10F, or another wolf altogether.

The Shasta Pack was observed feeding on a calf carcass in mid-November 2015, and subsequent investigation determined the wolves had probably killed the calf.

Photos/links:

- [Shasta Pack pups](#)
- [Shasta Pack adult](#)
- [Shasta Pack yearlings](#)

## **OR25**

As a yearling member of the northeast Oregon's Imnaha Pack, OR25 was GPS-collared in 2014 by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. In 2015, he dispersed to southcentral Oregon and has since regularly used portions of Klamath, Lake, and Jackson counties. In late 2015 and early 2016, he made four separate trips to California. During his longest visit (22 days) he roamed through portions of Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties. His other three visits ranged from 10-19 days each and included portions of Modoc and Siskiyou counties. OR25's involvement in two livestock depredation events in Oregon has been confirmed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. As of October 2017 he is in Oregon and the GPS collar continued to function, albeit intermittently.

Photos:

- ODFW web photo: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/odfw/16673921083/in/album-72157623481759903/>. Suggested caption: *OR25 after being GPS-collared in May, 2014. Photo: Oregon Department of Wildlife.*

## **CA10F**

In late January 2017 the tracks of a wolf were observed on two consecutive days in eastern Siskiyou County, approximately 20-25 miles south of the Oregon border. On each day the tracks were followed for over a mile and a scat associated with the tracks was eventually located. The wolf appeared to be traveling in a southeasterly direction. Genetic testing of the scats determined that the wolf was female and had been born into Oregon's Rogue pack in 2014. Therefore, CA10F was a littermate of CA08M, the breeding male of the Lassen Pack. Her current whereabouts are unknown.

Photo:

[-Tracks of CA10F in Siskiyou County, January 2017. Photo: CDFW.](#)

## **GPS-collared wolf enters California from Oregon (January 2018)**

On or around January 24, a gray wolf wearing a GPS tracking collar crossed the Oregon-California state line in eastern Siskiyou County. Dubbed OR-54, the young female is a member of the Oregon's Rogue pack, which utilizes portions of Jackson and Klamath counties. She was trapped and collared by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologists in October. At that time, she weighed 83 pounds. Her departure from the pack's territory suggests that she may now be dispersing, or exploring new ground in search of a mate or another pack.

OR-54 was likely sired by OR-7, the famous wolf that traveled widely in northern California in 2012 and 2013 before returning to Oregon, finding a mate, and establishing the Rogue pack. OR-54 is the fourth Rogue pack wolf known to have spent time in California.

CDFW wolf managers are in close communication with their ODFW counterparts, and ODFW is sharing OR-54's location data with CDFW. CDFW will closely monitor her locations as long as she remains in California.