

# Wolf Management Update

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

### April - June 2019



## Field Work

### Lassen pack

Winter monitoring trail cameras were retrieved during the quarter. Camera data indicated that a minimum of five adult and yearling wolves were traveling together during the winter. The Lassen pack breeding female, LAS01F, whelped around April 15, and a minimum of three pups have been detected. At this time, it is estimated that the Lassen pack consists of a minimum of two to three adults/yearlings and three pups. CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services spent nine days in late June trapping to radio collar wolves in the Lassen Pack. Efforts have so far been unsuccessful.

### Dispersing wolves

#### **OR-54**

During the quarter, OR-54 traveled a minimum distance of 1,116 miles, visiting portions of Butte, Lassen, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou counties. Since first leaving her natal pack on January 23, 2018, she has covered a minimum distance of 6,644 miles at an average of 13 miles/day. On April 2, CDFW investigated the carcass of a one-month old calf in Siskiyou County that was located while monitoring cluster point locations from OR-54's GPS collar.

### Uncollared Wolves

Winter monitoring cameras that were collected in the spring documented two different black wolves traveling alone in two different locations in Lassen County.

More information about these and other wolves can be found on CDFW's Gray Wolf web page in a document called "*California's Known Wolves – Past and Present*".

CDFW continues to receive and investigate reports of wolf presence from many parts of California. Public reports are an important tool for CDFW. Please report wolf sightings or wolf sign on the CDFW Gray Wolf web page: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf/Sighting-Report](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf/Sighting-Report).

## Livestock Interactions

### Depredation investigations

CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services (WS) staff investigated one reports of suspected wolf depredations during the quarter. The results are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Determination</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Investigators</b>
4/1/19	Possible Wolf	1 calf	Siskiyou	CDFW

The Determination report is available at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/gray-wolf](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/gray-wolf)

### Use of non-lethal deterrents

Four ranches continued to use electrified fladry and one ranch used Foxlights in April while the Lassen wolves were on winter range.



## Communication

CDFW biologists have been in regular and frequent communication and coordination with CDFW wardens, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Wildlife Services, U.S. Forest Service, livestock producers, range riders, conservation organizations, and private timberland owners and managers.

### Presentations:

- April 2 – Update to Butte County Fish and Wildlife Commission, Chico, CA
- April 23 – Update to Modoc County Board of Supervisors, Alturas, CA
- April 25 – Presentation at *Plumas Earth Days*, Quincy, CA
- May 13 – Update to Pacific Wolf Coalition, Camp Lotus, CA
- June 4 – Update to statewide wolf stakeholders, interagency partners and the public, Redding, CA