

# Wolf Management Update

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

### April – June 2022

#### Field Work

##### ***Lassen pack***

The pack included a minimum of 2 adults (breeding wolves LAS09F and LAS16M), five yearlings (2021 litter - LAS26F, LAS27F, LAS28F, LAS29M, LAS30M), and 5 pups (LAS31F, LAS32F, LAS33M, LAS34M, LAS35M). The pack has one functioning collar (LAS09F).

The pack is utilizing its summer range differently this year, perhaps due to local deer distribution changes resulting from the Dixie Fire.

There were two confirmed depredations. Survey and collaring operations were ongoing.

##### ***Whaleback pack***

The pack included a minimum of 2 adults (breeding wolves OR85 and WHA01F), 5 yearlings, and 6 pups, with one functioning collar (OR85). Genetic analysis of scat samples to identify the yearlings and pups was planned but not yet completed. The pack is traveling its home range similarly as it did last year.

There were two confirmed depredations. Survey work was ongoing.

##### ***Beckwourth pack***

No new information.

##### ***Dispersing wolves***

OR103 left the Scott Valley area at the end of May, crossed Interstate 5, and traveled through Shasta and Butte Valleys and the southern Cascades through June. OR103 entered Oregon on July 2 and remained there through late July (when this document was prepared).

Because we have regularly detected dispersing wolves in California since December 2011, it is likely that a small number of uncollared dispersers exist in the state at any moment in time.

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

#### **SURVEY FOR PRESENCE**

CDFW surveys areas of suspected wolf presence. Nothing new to report.

CDFW continues to receive and investigate reports of wolf presence from many parts of California. Public reports are an important tool for the Department. Please report wolves 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)

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#### Livestock Interactions

##### Depredation investigations

Date	Determination	Type	Wolf/Pack Area	County	Investigators
4/28/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Lassen	Lassen	WS
5/1/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
5/2/22	Confirmed	1 yearling	Lassen	Lassen	WS
5/2/22	Non-wolf (coyote)	1 sheep	OR103	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
5/5/22	Unknown	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
5/20/22	Non-depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW, Siskiyou County
5/25/22	Non-depredation	1 cow	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW, Siskiyou County
5/29/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
6/4/22	Non-depredation	1 calf	Lassen	Plumas	WS
6/21/22	Non-depredation	1 adult	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
6/26/22	Non-depredation	1 calf	Lassen	Lassen	WS

Individual determination reports are available at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/gray-wolf](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/gray-wolf)

#### Communication

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

Extensive communication also occurs in counties with new dispersing wolves. This includes the county Boards of Supervisors, agricultural commissioners, farm services advisors, local Cattlemen's, and Farm Bureau boards.

#### Stakeholder Engagement events:

- April 19, May 12, June 9 – Monthly updates with Working Circle and agriculture interests – Conference calls