

Wolf Management Update

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

October – December 2022

Field Work

Lassen pack

There were a minimum of six wolves in the pack. LAS09F's collar ceased functioning on August 19, and there are no other functioning collars in the pack.

There were no confirmed depredations during the quarter.

Whaleback pack

There were a minimum of eleven wolves in the pack. The satellite/GPS component of OR85's collar was no longer functioning as of June 14.

There were 13 confirmed and probable depredations during the quarter.

Beckwourth pack

There was a minimum of one wolf in the Beckwourth pack area.

There were no confirmed depredations during the quarter.

Dispersing wolves

There have been no new dispersing wolves detected during this period.

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 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 us. Please report wolves or wolf sign on the CDFW Gray Wolf web page: www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf/Sighting-Report.

Survey for presence (areas of suspected wolf presence)

There are no other suspected wolf pairs or packs.

Livestock Interactions

Depredation investigations

Date	Determination	Type	Wolf/Pack Area	County	Investigators
10/11/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	3 alpacas	None	Amador	WS
10/12/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
10/18/22	Confirmed	1 yearling	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
10/21/22	Confirmed	1 yearling	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
10/23/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
10/27/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
10/28/22	Non-Depredation	1 yearling	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
11/2/22	Non-Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
11/2/22	Non-Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
11/9/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
11/12/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW
11/20/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
11/27/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
11/29/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
11/30/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 yearling	None	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/4/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
12/12/22	Non-Depredation	1 cow/calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/12/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 cow	None	Lassen	CDFW/WS
12/14/22	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
12/26/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/28/22	Non-Depredation	2 calves	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/28/22	Unknown	2 calves	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/29/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
12/29/22	Non-Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/29/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/29/22	Non-Depredation	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou Co
12/29/22	Probable	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co
12/31/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW/Siskiyou Co

Non-lethal deterrence tools

CDFW deployed a total of 44 Foxlights at three different locations in the Whaleback pack area during the quarter. CDFW assisted USDA Wildlife Services deployed ~3.5 miles of turbo fladry in the Whaleback pack area.

Communication

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

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

Engagement events:

- October 4 – livestock dead/injured investigations information for Western Landowners Alliance – Virtual
- October 11-12 – Conflict Reduction Consortium Annual Meeting – Cody, WY
- October 13-16 – International Wolf Symposium – Minneapolis, MN
- October 21 – Oakland Zoo panel discussion on California Wolves – Oakland
- November 17 – California Wolf Livestock Compensation Stakeholder Meeting – Redding
- December 5 – Humboldt State Management of Mammals lecture – Virtual
- December 13 – Western States Wolf Management Networking meeting – Virtual