

Wolf Management Update

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

April – June 2025

Population Monitoring

Packs

Ashpan pack (*eastern Shasta County*)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** The area continues to be monitored, with camera trap deployments and ground surveys. WHA07M (2021, Whaleback litter) has been genetically detected several times in this group. WHA04F (2021, Whaleback litter) has also been genetically detected.
- **Collared wolves:** None
- **Depredation Events:** There were no depredation investigations during the reporting period.

Beyem Seyo pack (*eastern Sierra County*)

- **Status:** The pack is active. Reproduction this year has been confirmed with a minimum of six pups identified through genetic analysis. Two collared males (BEY09M and BEY10M) dispersed from the pack.
- **Fieldwork:** Biologists collected scat at den sites, after they were vacated by the pack, to confirm reproduction. This pack has been the main focus of the Strike Team in Sierra Valley, where CDFW staff are actively working to protect livestock and mitigate wolf conflict.
- **Collared wolves:** LAS23F (breeding female), WHA08M (breeding male, 2021 Whaleback litter), and BEY01F (female, 2023 litter).
- **Depredation Events:** There were 14 confirmed and two probable depredation events during the reporting period.

Diamond pack (*eastern Plumas and southern Lassen County*)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** The area continues to be monitored with camera trap deployments and ground surveys. CDFW's wolf-livestock Strike Team has been active in this pack area during the quarter.
- **Collared wolves:** None
- **Depredation Events:** There were three confirmed depredation events during the reporting period.

Harvey pack (*southern Lassen and eastern Shasta counties*)

- **Status:** The pack is active. Reproduction this year has been confirmed with a minimum of seven pups identified through genetic analysis.
- **Fieldwork:** Biologists collected scat at den sites, after they were vacated by the pack, to confirm reproduction.
- **Collared wolves:** WHA05F (breeding female), HAR04F and HAR05F (both females, 2024 litter), HAR07M and HAR11M (both males, 2024 litter).
- **Depredation Events:** There were two confirmed depredation events during the reporting period.

Ice Cave pack (*western Lassen, northern Plumas, eastern Shasta, and northern Tehama counties*)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** The area continues to be monitored with camera trap deployments and ground surveys.
- **Collared wolves:** None
- **Depredation Events:** There were no depredation investigations during the reporting period.

Ishi pack (*eastern Tehama County*)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** The area continues to be monitored with camera trap deployments and ground surveys.
- **Collared wolves:** None
- **Depredation Events:** There were no depredation investigations during the reporting period.

Lassen pack (*northern Plumas and southern Lassen counties*)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** The area continues to be monitored with camera trap deployments and ground surveys.
- **Collared wolves:** None
- **Depredation Events:** There were two confirmed depredation events during the reporting period.

Tunnison pack (*central Lassen County*)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** The area continues to be monitored with ground surveys during this reporting period.

- **Collared wolves:** No active collars; however, LAS32F (adult female, 2022 Lassen litter) has a non-functioning collar.
- **Depredation Events:** There were two confirmed depredation events during the reporting period.

Whaleback pack (eastern Siskiyou County)

- **Status:** The pack is active. Reproduction this year has been confirmed with a minimum of nine pups being identified through genetic analysis and camera traps.
- **Fieldwork:** Biologists collected scat at den sites, after they were vacated by the pack, to confirm reproduction.
- **Collared wolves:** OR85 (breeding male), WHA01F (breeding female), and WHA29F (female, 2024 litter).
- **Depredation Events:** There were two confirmed and two probable depredation events during the reporting period.

Yowlumni pack (Central Tulare County)

- **Status:** The pack is active.
- **Fieldwork:** Biologists spent eight days attempting to capture and collar Yowlumni wolves with one collar deployed. The area continues to be monitored with camera traps, ground surveys, and genetics collection during this reporting period.
- **Collared wolves:** YOW01F (the breeding female), BEY03F (adult female, 2023 Beyem Seyo litter).
- **Depredation Events:** There was one confirmed wolf depredation event during the reporting period.

Areas of Wolf Activity

Southern Plumas County – Two wolves were detected by camera traps, scat, and visual observation by CDFW biologists in the historical range of the Beyem Seyo pack. An unknown male wolf (DIS05M) was confirmed through genetic analysis. Biologists spent 10 days attempting ground captures in this area. There was one confirmed wolf depredation event during the reporting period.

Southern Modoc County – Three wolves were detected at four livestock depredations that were investigated by CDFW/USDA prior to this reporting period. All three wolves were genetically identified to be associated with the Whaleback pack; however, the wolves were not detected during this reporting period.

Southwestern Plumas County – In February 2025, multiple public sightings of a single wolf were reported west of the Southern Plumas County AWA. During the reporting period, CDFW and USFS biologists detected two wolves traveling together via tracks and camera traps. There were no depredation investigations during the reporting period.

Dispersing wolves

BEY10M remained within Lassen County during the reporting period. BEY09M dispersed from Lassen County to southwestern Modoc County and later continued north into Oregon. BEY03F was captured and collared in the Yowlumni pack, confirming her dispersal from the Beyem Seyo pack in Plumas and Sierra counties. In addition, two unknown wolves were separately detected in Kern County in the eastern Tehachapi Mountains.

An unknown number of uncollared dispersers likely exist in the state at any time. CDFW has regularly detected dispersing wolves in California since December 2011. More information is available on the CDFW Gray Wolf webpage in a document called "California's Known Wolves – Past and Present."

CDFW continues to receive and investigate reports of wolf presence from across California. Public reports are an important monitoring tool. Please report wolf sightings through the CDFW Gray Wolf web page: www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf/Sighting-Report.

Survey for presence (areas of suspected wolf presence)

CDFW continues to survey for the presence of wolves, based on sighting reports and other signs indicating wolf activity (e.g., suspected wolf depredation, DNA, camera-trap images, tracks). Survey areas include the "Areas of Wolf Activity" in Plumas and Modoc counties and several additional areas of suspected wolf presence in Butte, Alpine, Modoc, Plumas, and Kern counties.

Livestock Interactions

Depredation Investigations

Month	Number of Investigations	Total Probable Wolf	Total Confirmed Wolf
April	25	0	13
May	21	2	15
June	12	2	2
Total	58	4	30

Date	Determination	Type	Pack Area	County	Investigators
4/1/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	<u>Tunnison</u>	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
4/1/2025	Confirmed	2 Calves	Dispersing Wolf Area	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
4/3/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Modoc	USDA Wildlife Services
4/3/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
4/6/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
4/7/2025	Confirmed & Non-Wolf Depredation	6 Calves	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	CDFW
4/9/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services/CDFW
4/13/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Lassen	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
4/14/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Diamond	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/14/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/16/2025	Unknown	1 Calf	N/A	Modoc	USDA Wildlife Services
4/16/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Yowlumni	Tulare	CDFW
4/16/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/17/2025	Confirmed	2 Calves	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/18/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/23/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/23/2025	Confirmed	1 Heifer	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/25/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/25/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
4/25/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
4/27/2025	Unknown	1 Heifer	N/A	Lassen	CDFW
4/27/2025	Confirmed	1 Heifer	Harvey	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
4/27/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Modoc	CDFW
4/27/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
4/28/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Ewe	N/A	Tehama	CDFW
5/3/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
5/3/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	CDFW
5/5/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	CDFW
5/7/2025	Probable	1 Calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
5/8/2025	Unknown	1 Calf	N/A	Modoc	USDA Wildlife Services
5/9/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/9/2025	Confirmed	1 Heifer	Harvey	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
5/12/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/13/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services

5/15/2025	Confirmed	1 Steer	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/17/2025	Confirmed	1 Heifer	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
5/18/2028	Confirmed	1 Calf	Diamond	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/19/2025	Confirmed	2 Calves	AWA	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/19/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	<u>Tunnison</u>	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
5/20/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Diamond	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/22/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Lassen	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
5/22/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Sierra	USDA Wildlife Services
5/27/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
5/29/2025	Probable	1 Cow	Beyem Seyo	Sierra	USDA Wildlife Services
5/29/2025	Unknown	1 Calf	N/A	Modoc	USDA Wildlife Services
5/31/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Dispersing Wolf Area	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
6/2/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
6/4/2025	Confirmed	1 Cow	Dispersing Wolf Area	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
6/5/2025	Non-Wolf Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Lassen	USDA Wildlife Services
6/5/2025	Unknown	1 Heifer	N/A	Tulare	CDFW
6/7/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Calf	N/A	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services
6/10/2025	Non-Depredation	1 Heifer	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
6/16/2025	Confirmed	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Sierra	USDA Wildlife Services
6/23/2025	Probable	1 Calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County
6/24/2025	Probable	1 Calf	Beyem Seyo	Sierra	USDA Wildlife Services
6/29/2025	Unknown	1 Calf	N/A	Plumas	USDA Wildlife Services

Communication

CDFW staff are in regular communication and coordination with livestock producers, county agriculture departments, private timberland managers, USDA-Wildlife Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, conservation organizations, and the public where known wolf activities occur. Ongoing communications also occur in counties with known wolf activity. During these efforts, CDFW includes direct information sharing with county Boards of

Supervisors, agricultural commissioners, farm service advisors, members of the local Cattlemen's Association, and Farm Bureau boards.

Agency and community engagement events:

- April 10 – Interagency Wolf Update (CDFW & NPS) - Virtual
- April 28 – Tahoe Basin Interagency Group meeting – Virtual
- May 8 – Interagency Wolf Meeting (CDFW, USFWS, and USDA) - Virtual
- May 12 – Town Hall with Sierra Brooks Community (CDFW) - Sierra Brooks, CA
- May 13 – Collaboration meeting with Shasta County Ag. Commissioner and USDA – Redding, CA
- May 13 – Wolf program update to Siskiyou County Fish & Game Commission – Lake Shastina, CA
- May 14 – Update to NRCS on wolf conflict mitigation techniques in CA – Virtual
- May 27 – Collaboration meeting amongst various universities and research groups discussing wolf monitoring in northeastern California – Virtual
- June 9 – Presented an invited wolf program overview and update to Del Norte County officials and residents – Crescent City, CA
- June 12 – Presented a wolf program update to county agricultural commissioners – Hat Creek, CA
- June 21 – Presented on California wolf management for the Sierra Speaker Series at Donner Memorial State Park – Truckee, CA