



Wolf-Livestock Compensation



19 March 2026



Direct Loss – Current

1. Eligible loss killed or 'injured and euthanized'

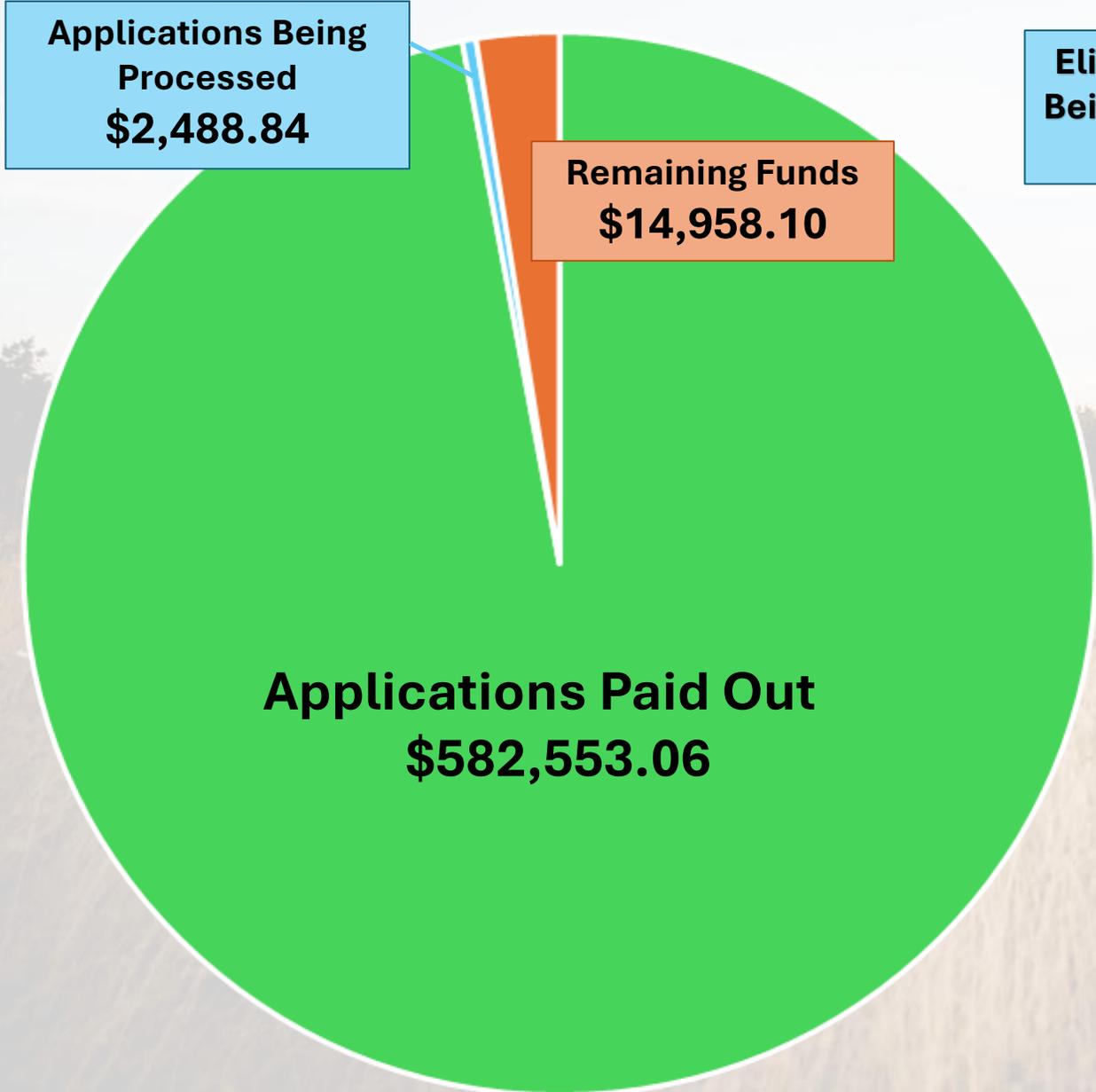
- 100% of Fair Market Value is paid

2. Eligible loss injured and surviving

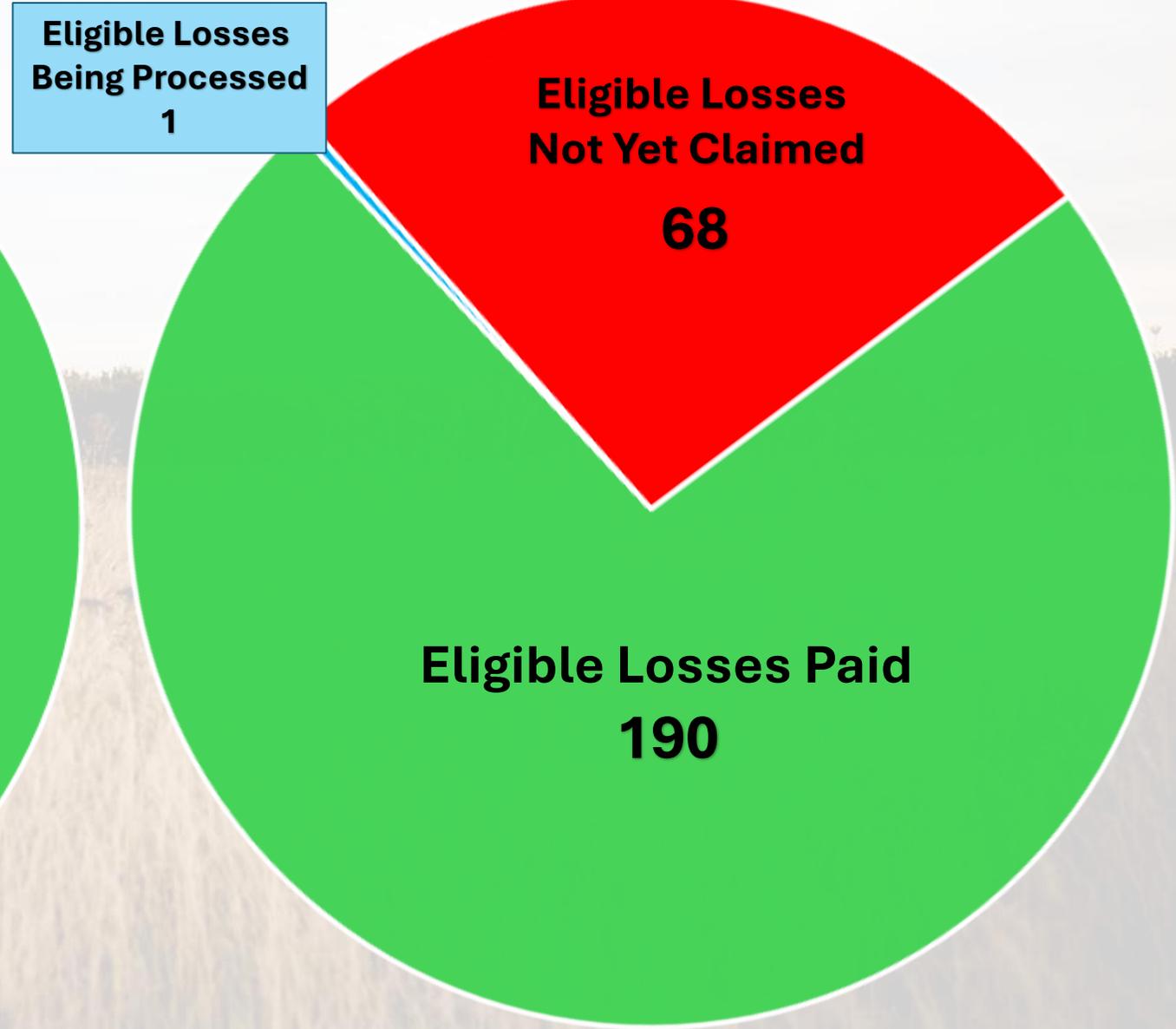
- Veterinary and associated bills/costs reimbursed up to and not exceeding FMV (#1) had the animal died



Current Funding of \$600,000



Eligible Losses – 257 (1 July '24 – 19 March '26)





Direct Loss – Topics of Discussion

1. Definition of ‘livestock’
2. Pregnant animals
3. Time & FMV cap for applications
4. Requirement for BMP implementation
5. Non-contact situations
6. Multiplier





Direct Loss – Livestock Definition

- Current – no definition
- CA Civil Code – CIV § 3080:
 - “means any cattle, sheep, swine, goat, or horse, mule, or other equine.”
- Excludes llama, alpaca, poultry, ostrich, emu, bison, yaks, etc...
- Livestock Guardian Dogs
- Suggestion:
 - An extensive list of livestock should be provided in an updated WLCP framework document



Direct Loss – Pregnant Animals

- Current – Compensate for FMV of a ‘bred animal’
 - ~30% + the FMV of a heifer/ewe
- Options:
 - Compensation for two animals (mother and unborn offspring)
 - Specific point during gestation after which unborn is eligible?
 - FMV plus set additional %



Direct Loss – Application Time Cap

- Current – No time cutoff for application after eligible loss
- Reason to change – Better administration/accounting of funds
- Options:
 - 6 months
 - 12 months
 - 18 months



Direct Loss – Animal FMV Cap

- Current – None
- Reason to change – loss of several high-value animals could significantly impact funding and program functionality
- Options:
 - \$10-20k cap for individual animals?



Direct Loss – Annual Applicant Cap

- Current – None
- Reason to potentially change:
 - Very high payments to one eligible producer may impact program fund availability for other eligible producers
- Options:
 - Could tie into the use of deterrent tools



Direct Loss – Requirements for use of deterrent tools

- Current – None, but recommended
- Outlined in Wolf Plan and suggested WLCP framework document
- Options:
 - Required NLD for continued eligibility after first confirmed/probable loss?
 - Implementation or Prong 2 application
 - None, but recommend
- Concerns:
 - Who will confirm?
 - Any NLD or specific, agreed upon methods?