



Gray Wolf Update



14 May 2026

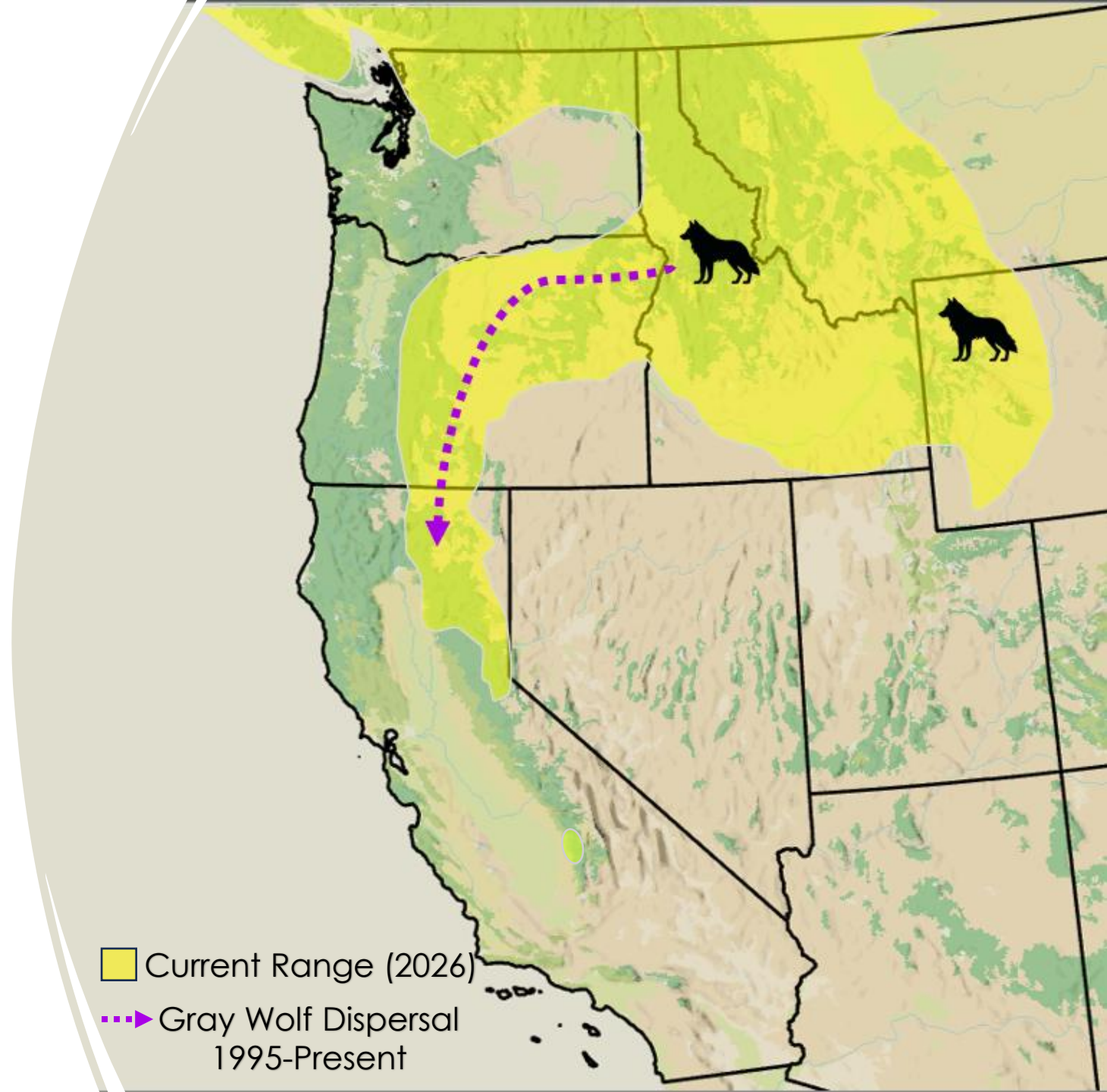


Extirpation & Recolonization

- Last wolves killed in San Bernardino Co. (1922) and Lassen Co. (1924)
- Radio-collared **OR-7** (2011)

Legal Status:

- ESA & CESA – “Endangered”





Phases of Wolf Recovery

Phase 1: <4 BP for 2 consecutive years

- Monitoring, no delisting, no injurious hazing, no take

Phase 2: starts when 4 BP for 2 consecutive years

- Review of status, injurious hazing and lethal take may be allowed if consistent with state and federal laws

Phase 3: starts when 8 BP for 2 consecutive years

- Same conflict interventions as Phase 2, period of long-term management strategy planning

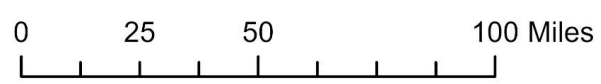
Breeding Pair




Surviving till Dec. 31

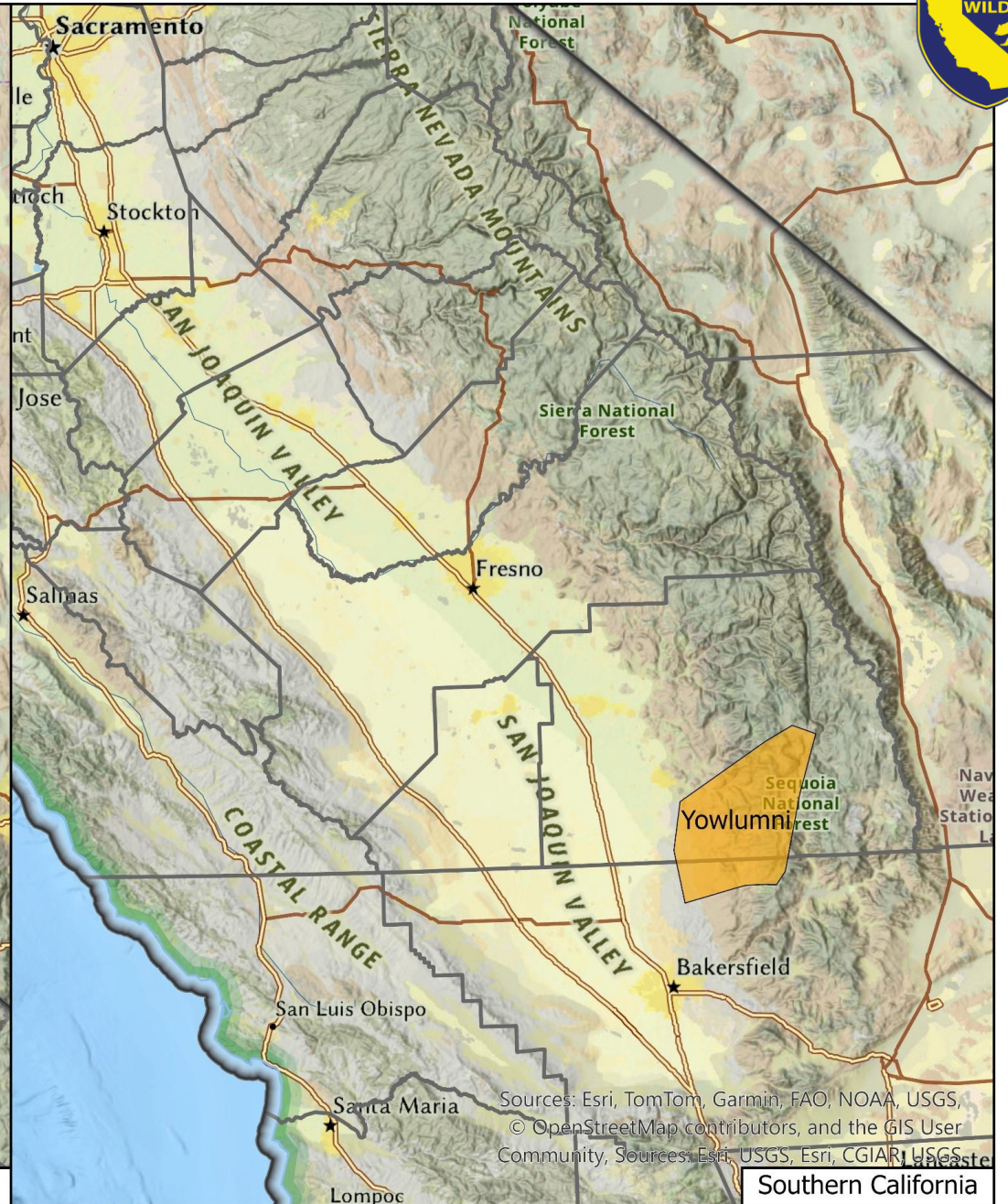
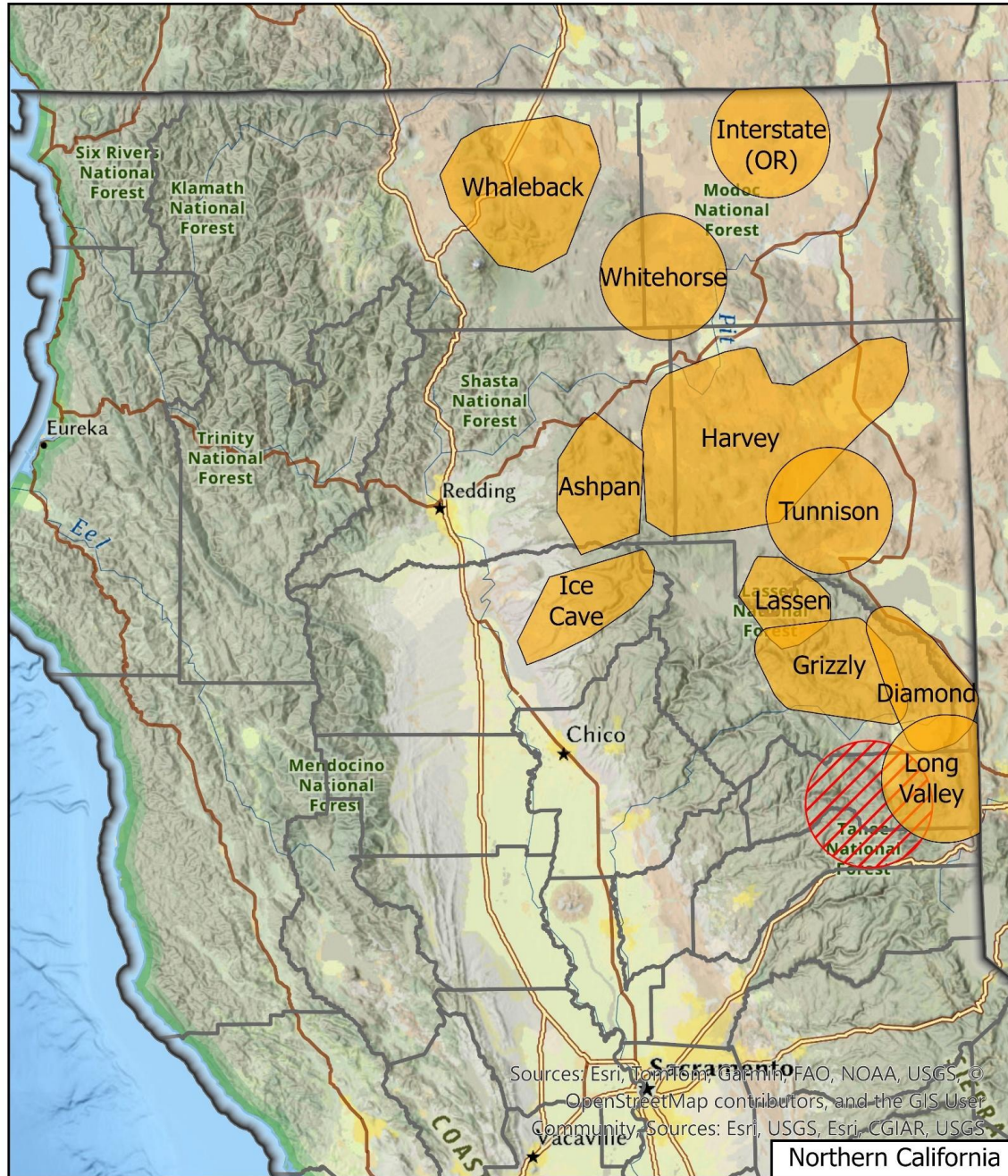
**Evidence to support recovery and delisting criteria may be available at the end of Phase 2 or in Phase 3*

March 2026



 Pack Territory

 Area of Wolf Activity



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Northern California

Southern California

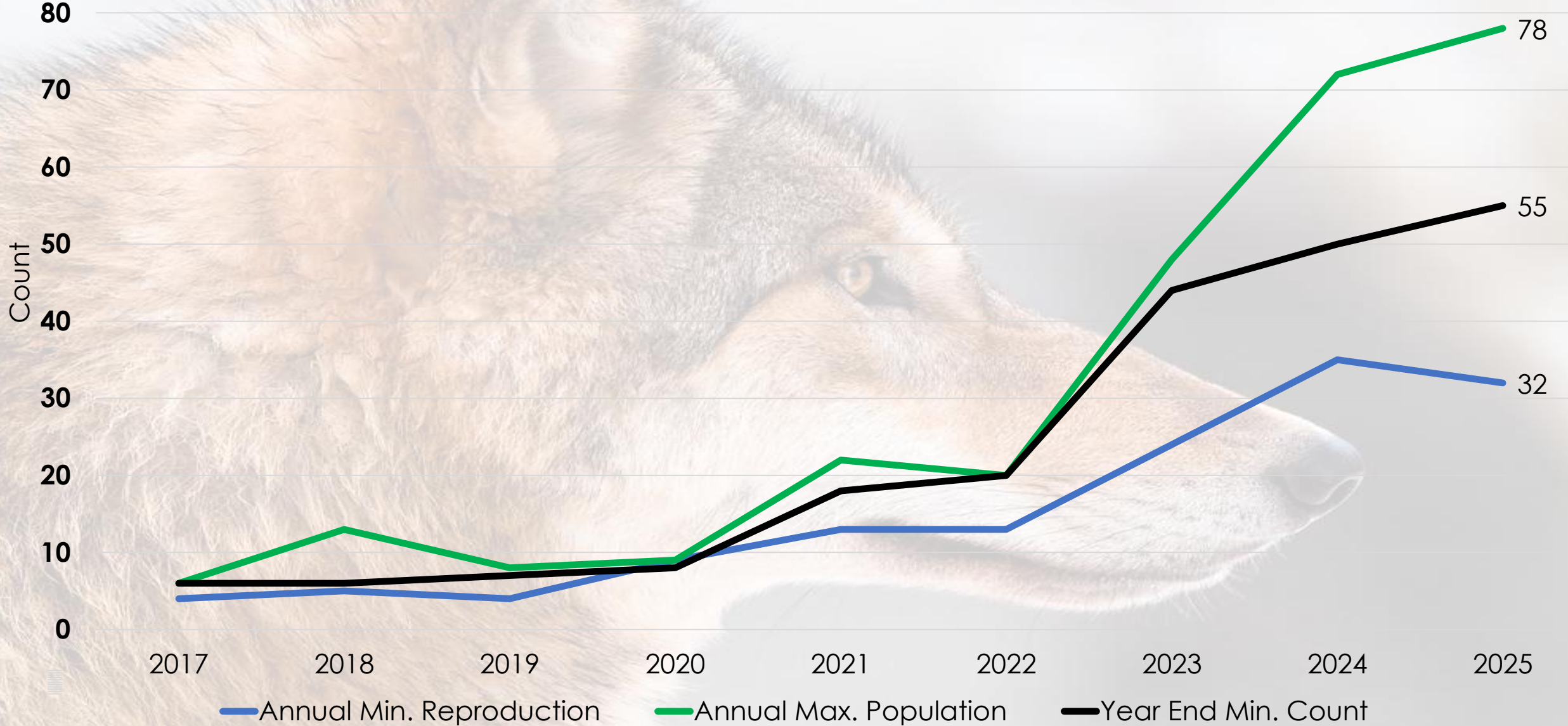


Wolf Population Metrics



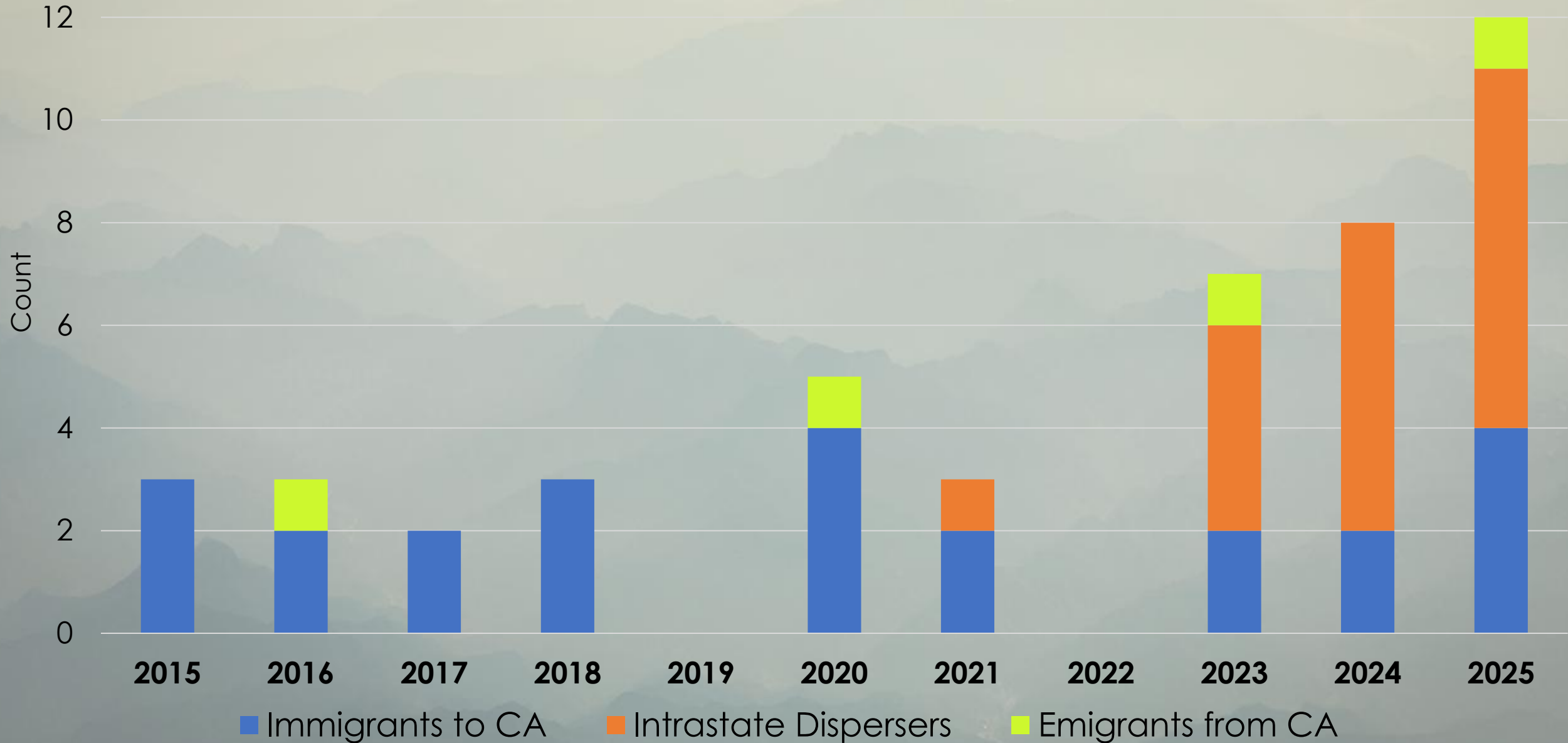


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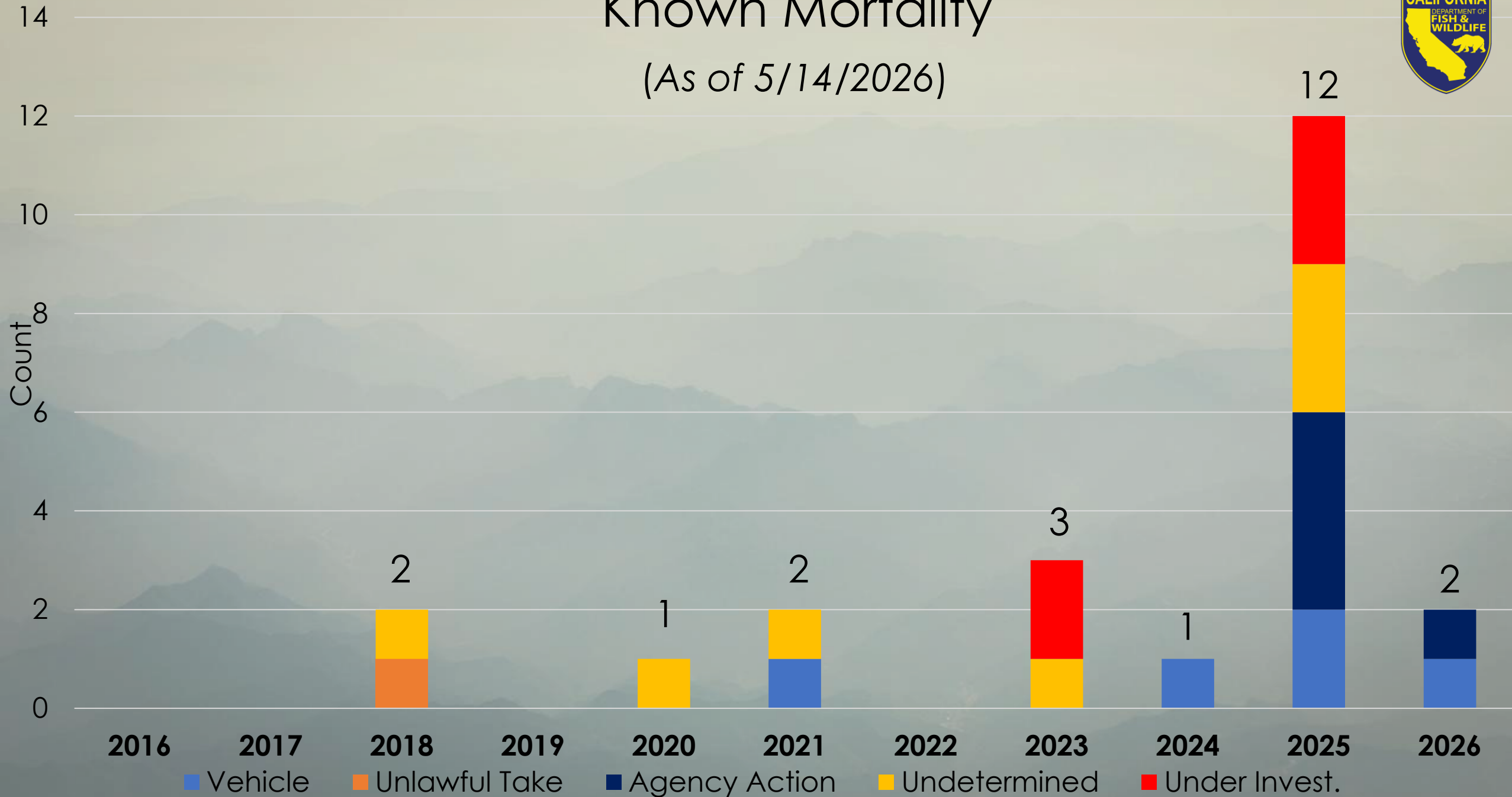


Known Dispersal



Known Mortality

(As of 5/14/2026)





Capture Efforts

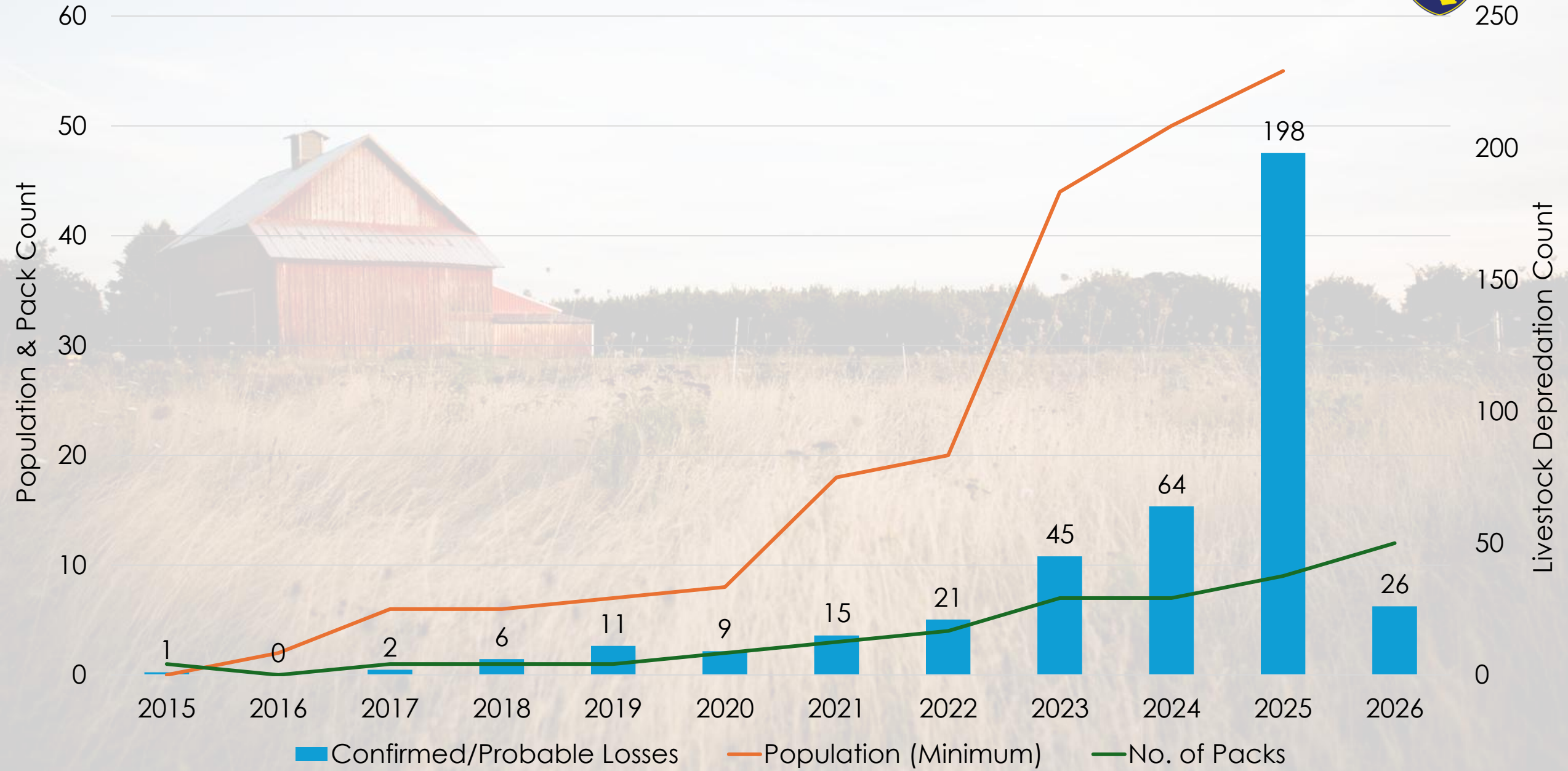
Ground captures: May – November

Aerial Captures: January and November

2025: 18 collars deployed in 5 packs

2026: 5 collars deployed in 2 packs so far

Wolf-Livestock Conflict vs Population Growth



Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program




\$3 Million


\$600,000


\$2 Million

"Pilot Program"
Starts

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Funds
Exhausted

Direct Loss
Applications
Open

2021

Feb.
2022

Feb.
2024

July
2024

Oct.
2024

July
2025

Direct Loss

Direct Loss

May 2022

Non-Lethal Tools

June 2023

Indirect

Wolf-Livestock Compensation Program




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Direct Loss:
(As of 5/11/26)

\$646,033

*202 animals
68 applications*

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Communications



Daily

- Collared wolf locations
- GPS cluster locations

Monthly:

- Depredation Report updated

Quarterly

- Wolf Management Report
- Updated pack map
- Known Wolves

Annually

- Annual Report

Public Outreach

Website

- Conflict mitigation resources
- Public wolf sighting reporting
- Live collar map
- Reports and information
- Sign up for email notifications

Thank You



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