

Wolf Management Update

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

January – March 2022

Field Work

Lassen pack

The pack had a minimum of five wolves, with one functioning collar (female LAS09F). The pack is traveling within its home range, similarly as in past years.

There were no depredation investigations.

Whaleback pack

The pack had a minimum of six wolves, with one functioning collar (OR85). The pack is traveling its home range similarly as it did last year.

There was a confirmed depredation in March.

Beckwourth pack

No new information.

Dispersing wolves

OR103 remained in Siskiyou County and spent most of the quarter in the vicinity of Scott Valley, except for a brief foray into northern Trinity County.

CDFW has regularly detected dispersing wolves in California since December 2011. It is likely that a number of uncollared dispersers exist in the state at any moment in time.

More information wolves can be found on CDFW's gray wolf web page 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.

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Livestock Interactions

Depredation investigations

Date	Determination	Type	Wolf/Pack Area	County	Investigators
1/8/22	Non-Depredation	3 calves	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW
1/22/22	Non-Depredation	2 calves	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW
1/30/22	Non-Wolf Depredation Non-Depredation	1 calf 1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	CDFW
3/19/22	Confirmed	1 calf	Whaleback	Siskiyou	Siskiyou County

Individual determination reports are available at www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/gray-wolf

Use of deterrent tools

Staff from USDA Wildlife Services managed three fladry projects in Siskiyou County, one of which also used Foxlights. They also managed two fladry projects in Plumas County, both of which also used Foxlights.

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:

- January 13 – Monthly updates with Working Circle and agriculture interests – Conference calls.
- February 8 – Connecting People who Connect Wildlife: Crossings, Corridors and More! Symposium panel discussion. Western Section of the Wildlife Society – virtual.
- February 10 – Monthly updates with Working Circle and agriculture interests – Conference calls.
- February 24 – Lecture/discussion Management of Mammals Class, Humboldt State University – virtual.
- March 30 – Presentation to Biology Seminar Series, UC Davis – virtual.