



Press Release

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Lakeview, OR – Lake County Board of Commissioners Declare Public Safety and Livestock Emergency

February 18, 2025, Lake County Board of Commissioners, with support from the Lake County Sheriff, declared a wolf threat to public safety and livestock.

Wolf OR158 has traveled from Baker County, Oregon, to Modoc County, California, hunting and killing cattle. With five confirmed calf kills, and three probable kills in Lake County in less than ten days, it recently centered its activity in the Valley Falls area. Wolf OR158 is not part of a pack, and has been traveling alone. It is collared, and sends out intermittent signals that are tracked by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Efforts by the US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Inspection Service to haze the animal and move it away from cattle have not been effective. APHIS utilizes drones, range riders, and other non-lethal means to chase wolves away. These efforts are often effective, but not in the case of this lone wolf. It shows no fear of humans or the noises they make.

The official declaration of the public safety and livestock threat is the appropriate avenue to request immediate assistance from Oregon Governor Kotek for intervention in removing Wolf OR158 from the area, by whatever legal means necessary. It requests that the State of Oregon direct Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to pursue a permit for the take of endangered species, as allowed under Code of Federal Regulations Title 50, Section 17.

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