Then to Now:

Wolf Depredation Grant Program & SB 777

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Introduction

• June 2011 - HB 3560 passed

 Supports ODFW's Wolf Plan by creating a cooperative program to reduce conflict between wolves and livestock

 Aids livestock producers who face losses due to wolves



Grant program



Funded by Oregon Legislature

Payment for livestock or working dogs killed or injured by wolves.



Administered by ODA

Payment to those who use methods to prevent wolves from attacking livestock.

Payment for livestock or working dogs missing due to wolves.



Counties run program

Counties can receive money to cover eligible costs for running the program.



County committee tasks











Process to prioritize assistance to producers with high depredation

Compensation rates for livestock/ working dogs hurt or killed by wolves

Compensation rates for missing livestock due to wolf depredation

Qualifications for producers to receive grant funds Contribute 10% of eligible costs for program implementation



Funding



At least 30% of funds spent on prevention

Approx. \$200K state general fund per biennium

23-25 biennium = ~\$1.2M

Federal funds as Oregon qualifies

County funding 2024 \$787K+ \$729K+



Where did the money go in 2025?





Depredation (killed/injured):

Paid at 100%.



Missing Livestock:

Not paid.





Capped at \$100,000.
Paid at min. of 50%.
Counties w/higher no. of wolf packs, total depredations, and depredating packs received an additional \$3,196.31.



Administrative:

Capped at \$2,000. And then, paid 100%



SB 777 – 2025 legislative session





New compensation model

- Missing category eliminated
- New multiplier system for confirmed/probable losses – up to 3x to 5x the animal's market value (depending on animal type) with a cap of \$25,000/animal

Increased support for prevention

 At least 50% of grant funds must be used for preventative measures





Questions?

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