

CDFW Interim Grant Program Application Process: Livestock Loss & Deterrence Methods Compensation

Goal: To simplify the application process for ranchers seeking compensation from CDFW’s Interim Wolf Livestock Compensation Grants Program. CDFW currently has two grants available for ranchers managing wolf-livestock conflict: Livestock Loss Compensation and Deterrence Method(s) Compensation. Note: A confirmed, or probable depredation event alone **does not** trigger the issuance of compensation. It is the applicant’s responsibility to submit all required paperwork for reimbursement. Several resources exist to assist you with the paperwork, including Patrick Griffin, Siskiyou County Wolf Liaison (call or text Patrick at 530-598-6950).

Follow these steps to apply for one of CDFW’s wolf grants:

1. Navigate to site (search “wolf livestock compensation grants”, click first link) and select grant type.
2. Download the PDF application or print a copy (visit the UCCE Siskiyou office for a printed copy).
3. Fill out required information - see examples below.
4. Email draft application form to Victoria (Vicky) Monroe, CDFW Conflict Programs Coordinator, at victoria.monroe@wildlife.ca.gov (Vicky’s phone number: 916-856-8335).
 - Vicky translates your application form into an application package and invoice for final processing and payment by the State Controller’s Office.
5. CDFW will submit invoice for final processing and payment by the State Controller’s Office (treasurer).

Livestock Loss Compensation:

<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=202089>



Open the camera on your smartphone and hover it over the QR code (right) to be linked directly to the form.

Page 1 (not included) requires owner and contact information. Page 2 requires livestock loss information and total compensation request. See below:

If your Determination Form has not been posted online, instead provide the date you reported the depredation event and date of investigation (to expedite application submission).

Example: Allowable costs that may be submitted due to injuries. Reimbursement cannot exceed fair market value of injured animal.

TIME: consider owner vs employee hourly rates				
Employee name/position	Description	Hours	Rate (\$/hr or day)	In Kind Total
VET CARE				
Name/Business	Description	Hours	Rate (\$/hr or day)	Total Cost
MEDICATION/SUPPLIES (if separate from vet care): consider cost of wound care supplies (gloves, syringes, etc.), feed for animals separated from herd for doctoring, bedding, etc.)				
Product	Description	Cost/unit	No. Units	Total Cost
TOTAL COST for treatment				

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INTERIM WOLF LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION GRANT PROGRAM
 Livestock Loss Grant Application Form

LIVESTOCK LOSS COMPENSATION
 Grant funding is now available to compensate producers for actual loss of animals (death, injury) due to confirmed or probable wolf depredation occurring on or after September 23, 2021. Cause of death will be determined during a depredation investigation and documented in a CDFW Livestock Loss Determination Form. Provide all required information below.

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION	
Final Determination (Confirmed, Probable)	
Description of Loss (Type, Age, Number Lost)	
Date of Investigation	
Date of Loss	
County where Loss Occurred	
Land Type (Public, private)	
CDFW Livestock Loss Determination Form	

*Write "See Attached" or list the CDFW Determination Form Number (e.g., 010101-SIS), as posted on the CDFW Gray Wolf webpage

FAIR MARKET VALUE
 Provide estimated fair market value for livestock to be considered for compensation. Attach documentation such as USDA value determinations, executed sale contract, or executed sale contract for like animals. Compensation for livestock loss applications will be based on fair market value (FMV) at the time of sale, if loss had not occurred, as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) unless a valid sale contract or other valuation method sets a different value.

Animal	Type	Breed	Value Method (e.g., USDA, Sales Contract)	Price / Pound	Weight (lbs.)	Estimated FMV
Example	Cow	American Brahman	USDA	\$1.35	1,800	\$2,430.00
Example	Cow	Black Angus	Sales Contract	\$1.45	2,040	\$2,958.00
1						
2						
3						
Total						

Deterrence Method(s) Compensation:

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Page 1 (not included below) primarily requests contact information. Page 2 is slightly more complex, suggestions for how to fill out each section of Pg. 2 are below:

If you are interested in using fladry/turbo fladry, contact one of the following agencies for advice and/or assistance (including potential support with installation and maintenance at no-cost):

- **USDA Wildlife Services:**
Bill Watkins, Non-Lethal Specialist: 530-616-5593
- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife:**
Kent Laudon, Wolf Specialist: 530-215-0751
Brennan Petersonwood, HWC Biologist: 530-225-2300

Account for your time as an “in-kind contribution” (p. 1):

If you or your staff spend **time** outside your normal ranch duties to deter wolf presence near livestock (e.g., night penning, increased human presence, deploy/maintain non-lethal tool, carcass removal). Provide supporting documentation or use standard rates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics:

https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_ca.htm

*Also see “Fair Market Value for Injuries, TIME” (pg. 1).

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Deterrent Tools Grant Application Form

NON-LETHAL DETERRENT TOOLS

Grant funding is now available to compensate livestock producers for the use of non-lethal deterrent tools to deter wolf presence near livestock. Some, but not all, deterrent techniques can be found [here](#). Producers and/or agent(s) are also encouraged to contact their County Agricultural Commissioner to discuss additional methods. The CDFW supports the use of various non-lethal techniques to deter wolf presence near livestock. Provide all required information below.

Deterrence Method	Brief Description	Technical Assistance Requested (Y/N)
<input type="checkbox"/> Attractant Removal - E.g., dead animal hauler - E.g., rendering plant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barriers - E.g., fladry, turbo fladry - E.g., electric fencing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fright Tactics and Devices - E.g., alarm system, foxlights - E.g., radio-activated guard box		
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Presence and Stockmanship - E.g., range riders - E.g., H-2A guest worker, herder		
<input type="checkbox"/> Husbandry and Herd Management - E.g., night penning - E.g., shed lambing (or calving) - E.g., night feeding - E.g., pasture or grazing rotation - E.g., changes in calving season - E.g., changes in herd structure		
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Guardian Animal		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Deterrent Techniques - E.g., bellling livestock, 'i-cows'		

FUNDING REQUEST

Provide an estimated price for each deterrent tool to be considered for compensation. Attach documentation such as invoice, receipt, sale contract, or other value determination method.

Deterrence Method	Valuation Method (e.g., Receipt, Invoice)	Price/Qty.	Qty.	Total Price
<i>Example</i> Solar Foxlights	<i>Receipt</i>	\$129	10	\$1,290
1				
2				
3				
Total				

Add or delete rows as necessary

Other contributions to document for reimbursement:

Item	Description	Dollars	Per Unit
Grazing Allotment ¹	Loss of pasture use (grazing fee)	\$22.80	ANIMAL UNIT MONTH (AUM)
Vehicles ²	Personal Vehicle Mileage	\$0.655	MILE
All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) ³	ATV, 4WD, Engine 750cc	\$15.00	HOUR
Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) ⁴	UTV, 4WD, Diesel / UTV, 4WD, Gas	\$242.54 / \$128.36	DAILY
Owner/Manager ⁵	Standard Charges (BLS Code 11-9013)	\$44.03	HOUR
Ranch Hand/Rider ⁵	Standard Charges (BLS Code 45-2093)	\$17.39	HOUR
Livestock	Horse (range riding)	\$56.00	DAY

Sources for standard rates:

1. U.S. National Agricultural Statistics Service, [California State Grazing Fees Animal Unit](#)
2. State of California, [Personal Vehicle Mileage Reimbursement Rates, 2023](#)
3. U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, [Schedule of Equipment Rates](#)
4. U.S. General Services Administration, [Short Term Equipment Rental Rates](#)
5. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, [State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates](#)

*Use standard rates for in-kind activities, unless able to demonstrate alternative “fair value” rate (e.g., local rate).

Other cost-share/support opportunities: including compensation for livestock loss after September 23, 2021* (CDFW grants can only reimburse for losses on or before 9/23/21)

- California Wolf Foundation: Susan Dewar, californiawolffoundation@gmail.com, (530) 521-2385*
- USDA Wildlife Services Range Rider program: Larry Brumley, (530) 780-5948
- Working Circle: Karin Vardaman, karin@workingcircle.org

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