

WDFW eliminates Wedge wolf pack

By DON JENKINS
Capital Press

The Wedge wolf pack's two last members were killed by Washington Fish and Wildlife on Aug. 13, the department announced Monday.

The pack, whose third member was removed by the department July 27, had killed at least two calves and injured 20 others between May 11 and Aug. 1. The pack also probably killed another calf, according to the department.

Fish and Wildlife had hoped eliminating one female wolf would stop the attacks on cattle. Department Director Kelly Susewind authorized removing the last two wolves, a male and female, after they attacked two more calves.

The calves belonged to three different ranches. The department said each producer tried to prevent the attacks with non-lethal measures to deter the wolves. The attacks occurred on public and private land.

The department also announced Aug. 13 it will kill one or two wolves in the Leadpoint pack, also in Stevens County.

The pack has killed three calves and injured nine others in a large private pasture since June 19. The department initially hoped more lights, flapping ribbons and people patrolling the pasture would stop the attacks.

Wolf advocates are criticizing



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The last two members of the Wedge wolf pack in Stevens County, Wash., have been culled by the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

ing Fish and Wildlife's use of lethal control. They are urging Gov. Jay Inslee to order the department to subject its lethal-removal policy to an environmental and a public review.

The department says it kills wolves as a last resort to stop attacks on livestock. The department says it needs a flexible policy to maintain social acceptance of wolves and to meet its obligation to protect the public and property from dangerous wildlife.

Ranchers have criticized Fish and Wildlife for being slow to use lethal control, letting packs grow accustomed to attacking livestock, resulting in more killed or mauled cattle and eventually more dead wolves.

"Finding the balance for wolves and livestock-based livelihoods to co-exist is not always as easy as we'd like it to be," Fish and Wildlife wolf policy leader Donny Martorello said in a statement.

Southern Oregon wolves kill yearling steers near Fort Klamath

By GEORGE PAVEN
Capital Press

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — As wolves continue to prey on cattle in the Wood River Valley of southwest Oregon, ranchers are growing impatient waiting to hear whether the predators will remain protected under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Wolves have killed seven yearling steers since July 17 on private pastures near Fort Klamath, a rural community between Klamath Falls and Crater Lake National Park. The most recent incident was confirmed Monday by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. All attacks were attributed to the Rogue pack.

The Rogue pack also killed two yearling steers in the same area in May, and a 10th death was ruled "possible/unknown," according to investigation reports from ODFW. In each case, the steers weighed 650-975 pounds.

While the state has delisted gray wolves in Eastern Oregon, they remain listed as federally endangered west of highways 395, 78 and 95. That includes the southern Cascade Range, home of the Rogue pack sired by OR-7, the wolf that gained notoriety for traveling from northeastern Oregon to California before settling in southern Oregon.

Last year, the Trump administration issued a proposal to remove wolves from the endangered species list across the Lower 48 states. The Oregon Cattlemen's Association supported the move, arguing ranchers and wildlife managers should be able to cull wolves that habitually raid livestock. Environmental groups oppose delisting.

A public comment period for the proposed rule ended May 14, 2019. More than a year later, the outcome is still undetermined.

Vanessa Kauffman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, D.C., said there is no time frame for a final decision. Meanwhile, the OCA is calling for immediate action.

"If the agencies were managing wolves responsibly then these severe depredations could be handled effectively," said Rodger Huffman, a Union County rancher and chairman of the association's wolf committee, in a July press release.

Perhaps no other group of wolves exemplifies the issue better than the Rogue pack.

John Stephenson, a wildlife biologist and wolf specialist for the USFWS, is tasked with monitoring the pack and helping ranchers protect their livestock. It hasn't been easy, as the wolves have repeatedly killed cattle on both sides of the Sky Lakes Wilderness in the Southern Oregon Cascades.

On the west side of the range, the problem has been at Mill-Mar Ranch about 45 miles northwest of Medford. Rancher Ted Birdseye tried everything from hanging fladry — small flags — to using an waving inflatable tube man like those seen at used car lots to scare away wolves.

Finally, Birdseye built a 5-foot-tall, 3-mile-long wildlife fence around his pasture to keep the pack at bay. The \$46,000 fence was paid for with money from the USFWS, Jackson County and private funding raised by the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center.

New executive director to lead Oregon Cattlemen's Association

Dennee will take over position beginning Oct. 1

By GEORGE PAVEN
Capital Press

SALEM — A new executive director is coming to the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

Tammy Dennee was hired Aug. 13 to lead the industry lobbying group, representing 1,800 rancher members across the state. She replaces Jerome Rosa, who left in July to take over as head of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association.

While Dennee is officially joining the OCA, she won't have to go far. For the last five years, she has been the legislative director of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association, which shares an office



Tammy Dennee

in Salem with the cattlemen's association.

That means Dennee will be moving all of 5 feet — just to the other side of the wall — when she begins her new job

Oct. 1.

OCA President and Harney County rancher Tom Sharp said Dennee is "exceptionally qualified" for the position, adding that the group's hiring committee was impressed with her years of experience working on behalf of agriculture at the Oregon State Capitol.

"I have complete confidence Tammy will do great work on behalf of our mission and membership," Sharp said in a statement.

Dennee, 58, is a lifelong Oregonian, born in Hood River and raised in The Dalles. For a while in Hood River, Dennee said, her grandparents had a small farm with cows, horses, chickens and a giant garden that, in the eyes of a child, seemed to stretch for blocks.

Dennee's paternal grandfather was also a herdsman for a dairy farm near Donald, Ore. One summer, she remembers working on a ranch near Grass Valley in rural Sherman County, where she was introduced to the physical strenuous job of "bucking," or stacking, hay bales by hand.

Those experiences, she said, helped her to develop a strong connection with agriculture.

"I just have such an appreciation for the hard work these men

and women dedicate themselves to every single day," Dennee said in an interview with the Capital Press.

Before going to work for the Dairy Farmers Association, Dennee was a top official for the Oregon wheat industry based in Pendleton. She spent 10 years as executive director of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, eventually stepping down in 2010.

Six years ago, Dennee moved from Eastern Oregon to the Willamette Valley with her husband, Michael.

In February 2015, Dennee was hired by the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association, placing her back at the Capitol.

As Dennee explains, dairy farmers and ranchers are closely linked in animal agriculture, giving

her an advanced understanding producers' needs. For example, dairy cows that are at the end of their lifespan might go to meat processing, and male calves may also be sent to a ranch or feedlot.

"Dairy and beef, we're one in the same," Dennee said. "We work very closely together on many of the same issues."

With the OCA, Dennee said she is looking forward to developing a new strategic plan with the association's leaders, looking three to five years into the future.

"We have a lot of work to do, always, in agriculture," she said. "We really find ourselves in this place where consumers have a deep desire to be connected. We have to find a way to connect them back to our ranching community."

Washington Cattlemen's Association hires new executive vice president

By MATTHEW WEAVER
Capital Press

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — Ashley House is the new executive vice president of the Washington Cattlemen's Association.

She spoke with the Capital Press on her first day, Aug. 18.

House moved to Washington from Fort Worth, Texas, where she was director of leader engagement for the Texas and Southwest



Ashley House

ern Cattle Raisers for a year.

Her husband, Micah, also has a new job teaching at Seattle Pacific

University.

"I told my Texas guys, 'I love you guys and I love representing you but if I want to stay married, I guess I've got to move, too,'" House said

with a laugh. She will commute to Ellensburg from Seattle.

House said she was drawn to the state's strong legacy of farming and ranching.

She said she is honored to represent ranchers.

"I've been described before as an ag devotee, and I wear that title with pride," she said. "I love going to bat for farmers and ranchers, and for production agriculture."

House grew up on a cow-calf operation in south-

ern Texas. Her particular interests are replacement heifer selection and heifer development.

House and the association's leadership will advocate for ranchers in Olympia and in the marketplace.

"Farmers and ranchers are the best stewards of those landscapes, and we want to make sure they're incentivized to keep doing what they're doing ... to keep producing a healthy, affordable domestic food

supply," she said.

"The great thing about Ashley is that right away when you meet her, you feel like you're talking to a friend," said Mark Streuli, the association's lobbyist. "The WCA Board noticed right away that her passion and enthusiasm for the cattle industry really came through in her interview. She backed that up with experience and leadership in association management."

House welcomes the

opportunity to hear from the state's ranchers.

"I love the opportunity to learn from anybody who has something that they find of particular value or interest," she said. "I just really have a voracious appetite for learning and I'd love to make connections."

House replaces Ellensburg rancher Danny DeFranco, who resigned earlier this year to focus on other opportunities. DeFranco started in May 2019.

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