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The Washington Cattlemen's Association says in a court document that ruling against the Forest Service and the Diamond M Ranch would hurt other ranchers who use federal land.

# Washington cattlemen sound alarm over wolf suit

By DON JENKINS  
Capital Press

The Washington Cattlemen's Association has inserted itself into a lawsuit filed by wolf advocates, warning that if the U.S. Forest Service and the Diamond M Ranch lose, other ranchers will lose, too.

The lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court for Eastern Washington has broad implications, according to an amicus brief filed March 5 by the association, the state's largest group of cattlemen.

If the suit drives the Diamond M off the Colville National Forest, it will set a precedent, making grazing secondary to wildlife in national forests, particularly wherever wolves roam, according to the cattlemen's association.

The lawsuit, brought by WildEarth Guardians, Western Watersheds Project and Kettle Range Conservation Group, takes aim at the Diamond M, the focus of wolf

advocates' fury for nearly a decade.

The suit alleges the Forest Service has failed to protect wolves, letting the Diamond M turn out cattle, inviting attacks on livestock that cause the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to shoot wolves.

The suit was filed against the Forest Service. The Diamond M intervened, vigorously defending its record of animal husbandry and calling accusations of wantonly leaving cattle in harm's way absurd.

Both sides have asked Judge Rosanna Malouf Peterson in Spokane to grant them summary judgment.

The wolf advocates allege that the Forest Service has violated the National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act and Endangered Species Act and "sat idly by" as the state killed wolves.

The Forest Service argues it has served wolves by providing habitat and points to

a growing wolf population, even with lethal removal. The state makes all decisions related to lethal control, the federal agency says.

Wolf advocates have been unsuccessful in suing Fish and Wildlife in state courts to stop lethal removal.

In court filings, the cattlemen's association says the advocates are now trying to make the Forest Service responsible for managing wolves, even though wolves are not a federally protected species.

Unless Congress intervenes, states have the authority to manage wildlife, according to the cattlemen. "The entire foundation of plaintiffs' case crumbles because it ignores this basic principle," their brief states.

The Diamond M has grazed cattle in the 1.1 million acre Colville National Forest for more than 70 years and has never been out of compliance with the terms of its permits, according to court records.

# Beef demand likely to fall post-pandemic

By CAROL RYAN DUMAS  
Capital Press

U.S. beef demand and retail beef prices reached record-high levels in 2020, fueled by several aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. But there are vulnerabilities in the post-pandemic recovery period, analysts say.

Supplemental income, reallocation of spending and shifting consumer behavior have a meaningful impact on beef demand, and all those things played a role during the pandemic, Rabobank analysts said in their report "U.S. Beef Demand: The Risk of Recovery."

The federal government supplemented incomes through stimulus bills, consumers reallocated spending from pre-pandemic expenditures such as travel and restaurant dining and consumers stockpiled groceries for in-home consumption.

As the economy starts to reopen this year, consumers' earned income recovery and foodservice revival will be critical to beef demand, the analysts said.

"If meaningful government stimulus expires before the economy fully recovers, which seems highly likely, per-capita personal income will likely fall below both pandemic and pre-pandemic levels," they said.

Final recovery, or lack thereof, in specific household income categories will be more important. Beef demand is more sensitive to middle-income changes



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Demand for beef may soften as the pandemic recedes and consumers return to their normal schedules, analysts predict.

than other categories.

"The basic needs, such as food, of the highest income households are likely of little to no concern. ... For the lowest income category, ground beef is still an affordable protein choice. However, middle meats (higher value cuts) consumption may be limited," they said.

The revival of full-service restaurants, as well as hotels and institutions such as schools, is another piece in the demand picture.

As of early December, the National Restaurant Association estimated 110,000 U.S. restaurants, 17%, had closed permanently since the start of the pandemic.

Restaurant woes haven't had the detrimental impact on beef demand that was originally feared, given time available for at-home cooking, but that might change as

consumers resume their hectic pre-pandemic schedule, the analysts said.

"Given the damage to full-service dining during the pandemic and the ongoing risk to consumer wallets, it will likely be late 2022 or 2023 before full-service restaurant sales return to pre-pandemic levels. If the full-service restaurant industry doesn't recover at the same pace as our daily lives, beef demand, particularly for middle meats, could be at risk," the analysts said.

"There has traditionally been a stickiness to beef demand, so it seems unlikely that beef demand will completely deteriorate in the face of the potential challenges ahead," Dustin Aherin, Rabobank animal protein analyst, said.

"That said, beef demand will likely fall from its current record highs," he said.

# Seed company manager pleads guilty to substitution scheme

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI  
Capital Press

A seed company's former general manager has pleaded guilty to committing wire fraud by substituting common grass seed types for more expensive or unavailable varieties.

Chris Claypool, 52, has also pleaded guilty to wire fraud charges related to fraudulent commissions for grass seed sales and over-billing his employer for travel expenses, as well as committing money

laundering involving real estate transactions.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has agreed to recommend that a federal judge sentence Claypool to no more than four years in prison and three years probation in exchange for the guilty plea, which was entered in U.S. District Court in Oregon on March 15.

Claypool managed Jacklin Seed in Liberty Lake, Wash. — then a subsidiary of the J.R. Simplot agribusiness company —

which had a processing facility in Albany, Ore., from which it shipped grass seed to buyers.

Between 2015 and 2019, Claypool directed employees to sell "readily available" grass seed varieties that were mislabeled as scarcer cultivars, charging buyers \$1.1 million for product they didn't receive, according to court documents.

The scheme came about after Claypool realized that farmers preferred to grow higher-yielding grasses, resulting in a shortage of

other cultivars that didn't generate as much seed per acre, the documents said.

Convincing farmers to produce these less common grass seed cultivars would have required paying them a premium, reducing the company's profits to the detriment of Claypool's career, the documents said. The dilemma prompted him to get "creative" by shipping orders with "false and misleading labels."

Aside from the substitution scheme, Claypool diverted foreign sales from Jacklin Seed to a compet-

ing grass seed company — ProSeeds Marketing of Jefferson, Ore. — so he could earn commissions on the orders, according to court documents.

As a salaried employee, Claypool didn't receive commissions on millions of dollars of grass seed sales to foreign entities that he negotiated, the documents said.

Claypool found a way to get about \$370,000 in fraudulent commissions by selling Jacklin's product to ProSeeds, which re-sold it at a markup to foreign customers.

ProSeeds served as "an unnecessary middleman" that paid "outsized commissions" to Claypool through Green Pyramid LLC, which had been incorporated to pose as an independent broker, the documents said.

Claypool regularly traveled internationally but instead of using Simplot's contracted travel agency, he booked flights through a "personal acquaintance" who inflated the costs, according to court documents. The acquaintance would "create fake first-class bookings" that cost three to four times as much as Claypool's actual flights, which were "economy or other low-cost fares."

These overcharges amounted to more than \$500,000, most of which was "kicked back" to Claypool in cash, credit card purchases and substitute travel services from his acquaintance, the documents said.

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Amount due on lien \$1,715.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
BRYAN & LOUISE LAYTON  
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA  
BRYAN & LOUISE LAYTON

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, deceased. Case No.: 21PB00073

#### NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney at: 319 Sixth Street SW, Albany, OR 97321 within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be effected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative.

DATED and first published March 12th, 2021.

Personal Representative  
MARSHA M. CLARK  
1094 Swingwood Drive NE  
Keizer, OR 97303  
Attorney  
DAVID B. BECKHAM  
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2014 LEXUS RX350 LL  
VIN = 2T2BK1BA1EC228645  
Amount due on lien \$2,635.00  
Reputed owner(s)  
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VIN = JM1BM1M7XE1162441  
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VIN = 1GKSZCKJ5JR109470  
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VIN = 3D7UT2CL3AG120727  
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VIN = JF1GV7E65BG518787  
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2014 ACURA TSX 4D  
VIN = JH4ACU2F48EC003935  
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GUSTAVO SERGIO CAMERENA  
UNITIS COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

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### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces a meeting of the Washington State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) on Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 9:30am to 12:35pm. This meeting will be held by teleconference. For more information, contact Nick Vira at 360-704-7758.

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