

News

REPORT: Record Number of Wolves in Oregon

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SALEM — A record number of wolves are roaming the forests and fields of Oregon, 20 years after the species returned to the state.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reported Monday that the number of known wolves in Oregon at the end of 2018 was 137, a 10% increase over the previous year. There are likely even more wolves because not all individuals or packs are located during the winter count.

Sixteen packs - defined as four or more wolves traveling together in

winter - were documented during the count, up from 12 packs in 2017.

“For the second year in a row, resident wolves were documented in a new area of the state,” the 2018 Oregon Wolf Conservation and management report said. “In late 2018, wolves were discovered in the central portion of the Oregon Cascades.”

Despite the territorial expansion, wolves still have a tentative toe-hold in all but the eastern part of the state. The objective of wolves maintaining four breeding pairs in central and western Oregon for three years had not been reached. In the east, the objective of seven breeding pairs was exceeded.

Meanwhile, several wolves crossed into California and Idaho last year.

The resurgence of the gray wolf in Oregon reflects a trend in the West.

- In Washington state, the number of gray wolves increased by four in 2018 to a minimum of 126, with one pack living for the first time west of the Cascade Range.
- In California, one pack has established itself, with the breeding male an offspring of a wolf that had wandered south from Oregon in 2011. A California judge recently upheld protection for gray wolves under the state’s Endangered Species Act, rejecting a legal challenge from ranchers and farmers.
- The number of Mexican gray wolves in Arizona and New Mexico has increased to at least 131 — the most since federal biologists began reintroducing them into the Southwest more than two decades ago.

In Oregon, wolves are more prevalent in the far eastern part of the state, where they are delisted under the Oregon List of Endangered Species but are protected as a special status game mammal. Wolves in central and western parts of the state continue to be federally listed as endangered species.

Last month, the U.S. Interior Department proposed lifting protections for gray



This February, 2017 file photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows a wolf of the Wenaha Pack captured on a remote camera on U.S. Forest Service land in Oregon's northern Wallowa County. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said in a report released Monday, April 8, 2019 that the number of known wolves in Oregon at the end of 2018 was 137, a 10 percent increase over the previous year.

wolves across the Lower 48 states. The proposal would give states the authority to hold wolf hunting and trapping seasons. Wildlife advocates have blasted the proposal.

Wolves received endangered species protections in 1975.

Then, only 1,000 remained, only in northern Minnesota, after being almost exterminated in the Lower 48 states. Now, more than 5,000 wolves roam the contiguous U.S. The species returned to Oregon in 1999 when one wolf that had been re-introduced into Idaho walked across the state line.

Obituary: James Ray Burns
February 7, 1944 - April 11, 2018

James Ray Burns was born February 7, 1944 to Mary McCully & Ecker Burns in Portland, Ore.

Ray met Helen Jones in high school and they were married April 8, 1966. Brought to this union was Darrell Ray Burns, Damon and Jennie Burns and Galen Burns.



James Ray Burns

Dapre Sr. & Shannon Gaston of Portland, Ore. Two brothers: Danny Ray Lewis of Burien, Washington; Glenn Lionell Lewis of Portland, Ore. Two sisters: Patrica Diana & Roosevelt Lewis of Renton, Wash.; YuLinda Marie & Wayne Highsmith of Portland, Ore. Grand children: Darrell A. Burns, Ashley Unique Burns, Darrell E. Burns, Ki'marra Fields, Savannah Burns, Devyn Burns, Jordyn Burns, Nakiyah Burns, Niccole Burns, Galen Burns Jr, Galante Burns, Tamia Gaston, Dapre Gaston Jr., Dashawn Gaston, Davon Gaston, Damarion Gaston, Michale Jeray Gaston, Janceice Gaston, Marilyn Gaston. Great Grandchildren: Azani White, JaVion Gaston-Bedinger and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, relatives, in-laws and loved ones who will cherish his memory always.

We thank God for Ray. We have loved him and we will miss him every day. He will be in our hearts forever.

Memorial was held on May 26, 2018 at Genesis Community Fellowship, 5425 NE 27th Ave, Portland, Ore.

Ray was a supervisor for a major box making company. He loved the Lord, he loved to fish and he enjoyed card games and dog races. He loved life and he loved his family.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 our Lord and Savior saw that Ray was tired and sent an angel to bring him home.

Ray was preceded in death by parents Mary McCully and Ecker Burns, Step father Walter Lewis. Brother: Don A. Burns. Sister: Shawn-tella Lewis.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory his wife Helen Burns. Three Children: Darrell Ray Burns of Los Angeles, Calif; Damon Burns of Portland, Ore.; Galen Burns of Portland, Ore.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory children: Michael Ray & Janelle Gaston of Portland, Ore.;

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