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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wallowa Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. Please call 541-263-3049 for meeting times and more information. Meetings are open to the public. The annual meeting will be held at Noon, Tuesday, March 15th at the Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise, OR. Lunch will be provided. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Legal No. 284451  
Published: March 2, 2022

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA**

In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Ann Moyer, Deceased.  
Case No. 22PB01696  
**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**  
First Published on March 2, 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John A. Moyer has been appointed personal representative in the above described proceeding. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the personal representative by mailing them to 10721 N. Humboldt Dr., Spokane, WA 99218, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the personal representative's attorney, Richard G. Hobbs PO Box 101, Lostine, OR 97857.

Legal No. 284427  
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**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**

Krag D. Norton has been appointed Personal Representative ("PR") of the Estate of CLARENCE L. NORTON, Deceased, Probate Case No. 22PB01026, Wallowa County Circuit Court, State of Oregon. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the PR or the Attorney for the PR. All persons having claims against the estate must present them by mail or in person to the PR at:

Alyssa D. Slater, P.C.  
Alyssa D. Slater,  
Attorney for PR  
107 Depot Street;  
PO Box 729  
La Grande, OR 97850  
(541)663-8300

within four months after the first publication date of this notice or they may be barred.

Published: February 16, 23, March 2, 2022  
Legal No. 282052



**DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS**



**MONDAY**

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife/Contributed Photo

Wolves are caught by an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife trail camera.

**Ranchers on wolf ruling: 'We're hung out to dry'**

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**  
Capital Press

SALEM — A federal judge's decision to renew endangered species protections for some gray wolves in the Lower 48 states is drawing criticism from Oregon ranchers who say they feel defenseless to protect their livestock from chronic attacks.

Environmental groups sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt after the Trump administration removed wolves from the endangered species list in 2020, arguing the delisting was premature.

U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White ruled in favor of the plaintiffs Feb. 10.

"Restoring federal protections means that these vitally important animals will receive the necessary support to recover and thrive in the years ahead," said Jamie Rappaport Clark, president and CEO at Defenders of Wildlife, one of six groups that filed the lawsuit.

Oregon's minimum wolf population was 173 at the end of 2020. An updated estimate from the state Department of Fish & Wildlife is expected later this spring.

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association, which represents ranchers statewide, released a statement blasting the ruling.

OCA President Todd Nash said that while environmental groups such as Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity have seats at the table for developing Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, "they are never satisfied with the brokered compromises."

Gray wolves were reintroduced in Central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park in the mid-1990s, and since then the species has expanded both in population and geographical area beyond expectations, Nash said.

"This decision to relist beyond that experimental area builds mistrust in our legal system and compromises the integrity of the Endangered Species Act," Nash said.

The ruling does not cover wolves in Eastern Oregon, where the majority of the packs are. State wildlife officials will continue to manage wolves east of highways 395, 78 and 95.

Wolves in the western two-thirds of Oregon, however, will be returned to the federal ESA — including the Rogue pack, which was responsible for more than half of all confirmed wolf attacks on livestock in 2020. Veril Nelson, a cat-

tle rancher in Oakland and co-chairman of the OCA Wolf Committee, said producers are frustrated by the about-face in wolf management.

"The bottom line is, we're hung out to dry," Nelson said. "Our options are very few."

Upon delisting, wolves in Western Oregon were placed under Phase I of the state wolf plan, which allows for killing wolves in defense of livestock in limited circumstances.

Wolves could be killed if caught in the act of chasing or biting livestock, or if a pack incurred four "qualifying" depredations in a six-month period. To qualify, ranchers must be using some kind of nonlethal deterrents — such as range riders — and remove all carcasses or bone piles that might attract wolves.

With federal protections back in place, those options are now off the table, Nelson said, adding that nonlethal tools are not 100% effective and are costly to maintain.

"How many range riders do you need to cover 40,000 acres? It's not doable," he said. "You can be out there and do the best you can, but all of those things cost money."

OCA is supporting House Bill 4127 in the Legislature that would provide an additional \$1 million for the state's wolf compensation fund to reimburse ranchers for dead and missing livestock, as well as nonlethal prevention.

Jonathan Sandau, a special assistant to the director at the Oregon Department of Agriculture, said the wolf compensation fund has annually received on average \$425,000 in requests from ranchers, while paying

out just \$185,000.

Critics argued the wolf compensation fund is prone to misuse, and increas-

ing funding may encourage ranchers not to look for missing animals but instead default to blaming wolves.

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**Wed. Mar. 9:** BBQ chicken, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli, coleslaw & fruit crisp (sponsored by Soroptimists)

**Fri. Mar. 11:** Taco salad with salsa & sour cream, chips, fruit & chocolate pudding (sponsored by Chrisman Development)

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Lunch: Chicken & noodles

**Tue. Mar. 8:** Breakfast: Pancake wraps  
Lunch: Shepherd's pie

**Wed. Mar. 9:** Breakfast: French toast & sausage  
Lunch: Mac & cheese with broccoli

**Thur. Mar. 10:** Breakfast: Sausage & hash browns  
Lunch: Hamburger & tots

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