Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Awards 2021

The Washington State Department of Agriculture received $952,000 from the state Legislature to fund non-lethal wolf deterrence projects. After an 8 percent administration fee, the Ferry and Stevens counties sheriff's departments will receive $184,000, the Northeast Washington Wolf-Cattle Collaborative (NEWWCC) will receive $294,400 and, upon the recommendations of the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Advisory Board, $397,440 has been awarded to Cattle Producers of Washington (CPoW).

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This project would provide wolf/livestock conflict monitors who can respond quickly to ranchers experiencing wolf issues. The project would also use information gathering equipment and provide conflict avoiding strategies that would allow livestock owners to use effective deterrents or move livestock to reduce depredation opportunities.

Currently, county law enforcement works in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, stock producers and other affected parties in responding to wolf depredation events. This project will leverage these relationships for most effective use of funds.

This project will develop non-lethal deterrent plans where possible with ranchers to make efficient use of their resources and assist in implementation to avoid wolf/livestock conflict. When conflict can't be avoided, this project will attempt to manage conflicts in a way that gives livestock owners experiencing losses the tools to minimize losses without jeopardizing recovery efforts.

The area of focus would include Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille and Okanogan counties. All areas not on tribal land will be included in this project.