



Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Awards 2017

In 2017, the Washington State Department of Agriculture received \$300,000 from the state Legislature to fund non-lethal wolf deterrence projects. Upon the recommendations of the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Grant Advisory Board, the following recipients have been awarded funds from the program.

GRANT RECIPIENT: **Boesel's Bear Creek Beef, LLC: \$40,265**

To install a permanent, woven-wire fence around three calving areas and possibly additional electrified wire on the outside of the fence to prevent wolves or coyotes creating a path under the fence.

Work to be completed by Sept. 15, 2018, before fall calving occurs.

In addition, the funds would support range riding for the summer grazing season in 2018 and 2019.

GRANT RECIPIENT: **Dawson Ranches: \$20,000**

To provide funding and resources to an established range rider program within the Smackout pack. Focused on Dawson Ranches but available to all livestock owners willing to work with the Dawsons.

GRANT RECIPIENT: **Vic Stokes: \$11,242**

To provide funding for fencing around calving area.

GRANT RECIPIENT: **Northeast Washington Wolf-Cattle Collaborative: \$185,493**

To fund a team of range riders and herd monitors using various methods to assist ranchers with wolf deterrence and detection. The project would create depositories for equipment such as fladry fencing (flagged fencing, electrified when possible), fox lights, and other hazing devices including but not limited to spotlights and air horns.

This project would also bring methods and lessons learned home to Northeast Washington from other areas that are addressing wolf-livestock conflicts. There is also a need to bridge and reduce the cultural divide in this state. This project will attempt, through outreach efforts, to discuss this issue with the non-ranching and urban public to inform them of the issue.

GRANT RECIPIENT: **BRYAN AND DEB GOTHAM: \$19,000**

Funding for labor, fuel, and maintenance for a livestock guardian for wolf protection from Nov. 1 through April 30. Human presence with cattle and horses. (Packs Profanity, Sherman, and Incisen).