



Harassment and Take of Wolves in Oregon

(What can a Livestock Producer Do?)

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NOTE: Currently the following rules ONLY apply to federally delisted portions of Oregon east of Hwy's 395-78-95. In this area, use Oregon Administrative rule 635-110-0020

Can a producer shoot a wolf attacking or chasing livestock?

A person or their agent (see full rule referenced below) east of Hwy's 395-78-95 may shoot a wolf caught in the act of **biting, wounding, killing, or chasing** livestock or working dogs on their property or lands they lawfully occupy without a permit if:

1. They have not baited or taken actions to attract wolves, **and**
2. They make all reasonable attempts to preserve the scene and not remove or disturb the carcass, **and**
3. The take is reported to ODFW within 24 hours.

Can a producer harass or haze wolves away from livestock?

Producers can haze or scare (by making loud noises for example) a wolf or wolves without a permit if:

1. The wolf is testing, chasing, attempting to test/chase, or is in close proximity to livestock, **and**
2. The actions do not harm or injure the wolf, **and**
3. The encounter is unintentional (i.e., pursuit is not allowed), **and**

On private land, injurious harassment of wolves (e.g. haze wolves in ways that could cause injury but not kill – this includes pursuit) is also allowed by producers on private land they own or lawfully occupy. In this situation, there can be no identified circumstance that attracts wolf-livestock conflict

On public land, if depredation or other wolf-livestock conflict occurs, ODFW can permit livestock producers in the area to injuriously harass wolves (e.g. haze wolves in ways that could cause injury but not kill – this includes pursuit). Hazing permits will not be issued if there are identified circumstances which attract wolf-livestock conflict.

Any type of harassment should be reported to ODFW within 48 hrs.

For additional information and specific rules (including agent information), refer to Oregon Administrative Rule 635-110-0020 and the ODFW website at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/>.