



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Distribution of Remaining Grant Funds - Wolf Depredation and Financial Committee

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Move to approve the distribution of remaining grant funds as proposed.

BACKGROUND:

The Deschutes Board of County Commissioners established a Wolf Depredation and Financial Compensation Committee in May of 2023. The committee has been meeting regularly since June 2023 and has established depredation compensation rates per the requirements of the statewide program as well as received expert advice on preventative measures which have been successfully implemented in other counties in Oregon.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) granted Deschutes County \$32,620.75, for FY '24 and '25 for wolf depredation and compensation for missing livestock, and for preventative measures to reduce conflict between wolves and livestock. The Board previously approved \$24,620.75 of this grant award for the prescribed uses. \$8,000 in grant funds remain which must be returned to ODA if not expended by January 31, 2025.

The Wolf Committee met on October 8, 2024, and recommends the following distribution of grant funds for the Board's consideration:

1. \$2,500 to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to purchase fox lights.
2. \$2,000 to Wildlife Services to support carcass removals from properties in or around known wolf activity areas within Deschutes County.
3. \$3,500 to Long Hollow Ranch to use for preventative measures. Long Hollow Ranch has had a confirmed livestock depredation and continues to have wolf activity on or near their ranch.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager