

# Refining implementation



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# Focal areas

- Process improvements
- Response to chronic depredation
- Additional resources for livestock producers
- Collaboration focused on relationships



# Process improvements

- Depredation investigations
  - Empowering field biologists to make determinations on the ground
  - Clearer determination categories
- Efficiencies in stakeholder notifications
  - Updated weekly w/ wolf depredations
- Moving to population estimate vs. minimum count



# When efforts to prevent depredation are ineffective

- Utilize lethal take as outlined in the plan
- Began using Wildlife Services
- Less reliance on landowner permits/agents
- Continue to implement non-lethal measures to prevent depredation



# Additional resources

- USDA Wildlife Services
  - New specialists dedicated to preventing livestock loss
  - Working with ODFW team on wolf plan implementation
- New financial resources
  - Increased compensation fund
  - Farm Bill funding through NRCS
- Western Landowners Alliance



# Kim Kerns

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- Baker County livestock producer
- Multi-generation, multi-species ranch
- Collaborating with Western Landowners Alliance



# Working with Western Landowners Alliance

Full time coordinator in NE OR

Peer-to-peer learning

Connecting producers to technical and financial resources

Communications products with urban and rural audiences



Setting the stage for *collaboration*

