

Scientists' Letter to UC Davis on Its Portrayal of Preliminary Findings of a Livestock-Wolf Economics Impact Study

We invite scientists to join a letter to UC Davis to express concern and seek corrective action regarding its misleading portrayal of preliminary findings from ongoing wolf research.

The research aims to examine how an expanding wolf population in California may be affecting the economics of cattle operations. In an article published last month, US Davis failed to explain that the preliminary findings have not yet undergone peer-review or been published in an academic journal. The article's sensational subtitle, "*One Wolf Can Cause Up To \$162,000 in Losses Due To Reduced Growth and Pregnancies*," has caused a rush of articles parroting the study's results without question as to their scientific accuracy or applicability to other areas.

In our letter, we ask that UC Davis publicly clarify that its article reported on preliminary results of an ongoing study that have not been peer-reviewed and published in an academic journal, and that the reported economic costs of wolves are unlikely to apply to areas with different predation rates or other conditions.

We invite scientists with relevant expertise in wolf biology and behavior, livestock-wolf conflicts, carnivore ecology and conservation, economics, environmental ethics, and transparency in scientific research to sign-on to the letter, which you can [read here](#).

The sign-on deadline is May 20th, 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

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