Producers and the public gathered at the Halfway Li ons Community Hall for two days this month to discuss and learn ways to cope with the growing population of wolves in Northeast Oregon. The group included 56 individuals representing Baker, Union, Umatilla, Grant and Klamath counties in Oregon and Ada County in Idaho.

The featured speaker was Hillary Anderson, a Montana rancher and co-founder of the Tom Miner Basin Range Rider Program)

Other participants and speakers included Baker County Commissioner Mark Bennett, Roblyn Brown, wolf coordinator for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW); and Brian Ratliff, district wildlife biologist with the ODFW Baker City Field Office.

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