

Thank you for reading and considering this brief note.

I live in Joseph, Oregon. I grew up here on a small ranch, and my family is fortunate enough to own ranching and timber lands in three of the nearby counties.

I object to the truly senseless and rather depraved 'sport' of mass killing of coyotes. Senseless because it does not reduce coyote populations (as science demonstrates, they have larger litters when under duress) and is not a legitimate, scientifically based hunt to any end. Depraved, because it promotes hunting as a demeaning and degrading blood 'sport.' This lack of respect for animals: either livestock or wild, is truly unhealthy.

The majority of Oregonians have made it clear they appreciate all kinds of the wildlife they 'own' under our Constitution, support with their agencies and contributions, and have great respect for diversity of wildlife---including wolves and coyotes.

Most of us even out here in Eastern Oregon, where wildlife sometimes cost us some extra money and disrupts our farming and ranching goals---we still have great respect for the wildlife of all kinds, and understand the importance of an ecosystem in balance.

The coyotes and the rest of the critters out here are suffering through a really hard winter---we are all just trying to make a go of it.

Please put an end to this sad and sick type of contest. It disrespects life, and demeans us.

Thank You very much,
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