

***Union County Cattlemen***

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Representative Greg Barreto  
900 Court St NE, H-390  
Salem, OR 97301

Senator Bill Hansell  
900 Court St NE, S-415,  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Hansell and Representative Barreto:

Union County Cattlemen wrote to both of you and explained the poor elk management occurring in the Grande Ronde Valley and damages on local agriculture crops. This letter is being sent on behalf of the Union County Cattlemen regarding a pilot program you have sponsored, which will implement an assessment by ODFW about the elk problem and give a report to the legislators. The report is needed to fill the information void within the agency where management objectives are lacking in areas being impacted by the large herds during parts of the year. The bill may not completely solve the problem but it provides a tool that will help farmers and ranchers.

Union county Cattlemen support HB 3227 and look forward to working with you as it moves forward during the 2019 session.

Sincerely,

Darren Hansen  
President, Union County Cattlemen

Pat Larson  
Secretary, Union County Cattlemen

Rodger Huffman  
Past President, Union County Cattlemen  
Chair, OCA Wolf Committee