

My name is Felipe and I care about wildlife and my community.

Wildlife Killing Contests are horrific and violent events that send a dangerous message to our children that hunting is all about killing for fun and prizes, rather than sportsmanship and respect for our wildlife.

Native carnivores play a vital role in providing a healthy, functioning ecosystem and their presence or absence has a significant impact on the surrounding biological community.

Killing contests exploit the fear surrounding native carnivores and glorify wasteful violence. They give ethical hunters a bad name and serve no legitimate management purpose.

The best available science indicates that the indiscriminate killing of coyotes will not decrease their numbers. Since mass coyote extermination began in 1850, coyotes have tripled their range in the United States (R. Crabtree and J. Sheldon, Coyotes and Canid Coexistence in Yellowstone, in Carnivores in Ecosystems: The Yellowstone Experience, ed. T. Clark et al. (New Haven [Conn.]: Yale University Press, 1999).).

It's in our best interest to find alternative methods to manage populations, protect livestock, and coexist.

Thank you for your time.