

As a rancher and timberland owner, I support the removal of the sunset on Land Owner Preference Program. This program is a valuable tool to control elk than damage on our pastures, fences, new seedings, and the newly planted Douglas fir trees. We oppose any amendment that would limit the ability of landowners to transfer landowner preference tags in exchange for compensation. The cost of repairing the damage from these populations of elk is huge. Farmers, ranchers, and timberland owners should not have to "pay" to feed the wildlife and "pay" again to fix all the damages they do to our property without some compensation.