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I live in rural Oregon and have raised sheep for many years. They were occasionally killed by coyotes but I took steps to better protect them. Got a llama and brought them closer during lambing.

I do not support adding more tax payer money for wolf compensation or loosening the requirements for proving wolf kills.

Cattle die from many causes including noxious weed consumption.

I have ridden horses in remote areas most of my life and saw the lack of vigilance by owners.

Once i found a very sick calf and called the owner who did not even go there. It is on the shoulders of owners not to leave carcasses to be scavenged thereby encouraging depredation.

Ranchers are given ample 'support' through their government grassing leases. They should expect mortality when turning their animals loose in spring and not getting another count until fall roundup.

The recent case of cattle abandoned to deep snow in Wallowa County lets us see rancher accountability in some cases.

These are the sort of ranchers who would likely claim wolf predation.