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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2631

EOCA is in support of HB2631 and HB2633. As a matter of fact EOCA is in support of the entire suite of wolf compensation bills before this session of the Oregon Legislature.

Each and every one of these proposals are non – lethal measures to deal with a problem that was not of our citizens & producers making.

Let's take Union County as an example – As of the end of 2022, ODFW has Identified 12 individual packs with an estimate of 50 wolves. As of January 13 of this year, ODFW has identified a new group of wolves in Catherine Creek WMU
ODFW confirmed three depredation events on their private land pastures on Dec. 25, 29, and Jan. 10, resulting in the death of five 10 or 11-month-old calves.
January 27, 2023 Confirmed depredations in Baker and Union Counties
February 3, 2023 Confirmed depredation in Union County
February 14, 2023 Confirmed depredation in Union County
These Depredations included calves, Cows, Yearlings cattle, a herding dog and a guard dog.

The citizens of my county have shown restraint while their livelihoods are literally attacked.

From ODFW's own report – And I quote:

During one of the events, the livestock producer observed wolves standing over one of the dead calves, but was unable to shoot the wolves because they could not do so unless they caught the wolves in the act of attacking their livestock.

You have the tools in front of you right now to provide a partial solution to this problem - HB2631 and HB2633.

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