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The ODFW is in charge of managing Wildlife. It is essential the Wildlife Services pass through dollars are put back in the biennium budget. As livestock and timber producers, we pay our fair share to Wildlife Services plus we have spend a lot of money on non-lethal methods. Wildlife Services is a program that deals with public health and safety and is another tool in the toolbox for ranchers and timber owners to manage wildlife depredation. The natural resource industry provides food and habitat for these Wildlife plus that very wildife will kill our trees and livestock. ODFW needs to be paying their fair share for the management of these predators. The natural resource industry should not be footing the bill for it all.