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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

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I am writing to ask that ODF&W add back into their budget the pass through funds for wildlife services. I farm along side my husband in Azalea and Glide. We raise sheep and have had kills from coyote, bear and just recently cougar. We have paid into our predator control district to help offset costs to allow wildlife services trappers to help protect our livestock and give us expert advice on what caused the death of the animal. Along with our funds the funds from ODF&W are needed to allow this service to continue.

Wildlife services are important to have expert trappers that know how to identify the predator that caused damage and to help get rid of the predator that is causing harm to our animals. They also give advice on what we can proactively do to fence or move animals to not become a predator's food.

Not only do they help protect our animals they also are helping keep the general public safe from predators.

I encourage you to have ODF&W keep in the budget the pass through funds for wildlife services.

Thank you,
Mary Brady