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Engaging in wolf-livestock conflict reduction takes additional producer labor, time, and infrastructure. Given that wildlife

is a public resource and the American public, as a whole, values the presence of diverse wildlife across the West, including large

carnivores, funding sources for compensation should reflect the fact that these species are a public resource. Landowners face costs

associated with production losses, and in addition, landowners bear hidden costs to manage resources and time needed to engage in conflict reduction and provide habitat for wildlife.

Compensation for production losses, as well as time to implement wildlife conflict reduction and steward quality habitat, is needed to support biodiversity on working landscapes and their economic viability. Federal funding for compensation should reflect the extent and geographic scope of public support for wildlife conservation and recognize the value of private lands in maintaining biodiversity. We recommend below expanding

federal, state, and private funding sources to supplement existing state efforts to support compensation for depredations and

distribute the costs of providing habitat for wildlife.

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