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This Bill greatly weakens requirements to confirm the kill was actually wolf caused. There are credible well trained wildlife technicians in Oregon making those evaluations at this time. There is no need to change to current evaluation process or to expand compensation. The war on Apex predators has got to stop. The eastern wild lands are being destroyed by over grazing by deer and elk herds that have gotten too large (and potentially unhealthy with CWD), and over grazing and unmanaged grazing by livestock. We must restore the those lands to the benefit of Conservation Strategy Species. Livestock ranchers have been allowed to abuse the land for too long, and for well under fares market value. There are livestock management practices that can remedy this situation and protect Livestock from Apex predators (see Aldersprings Ranch for example). How about bills that will seek to remedy those issues and require livestock producers to assume more responsibility for the problems they have created over decades and centuries of poor practices.

Issues including poor aquifer recharge attributed to incised stream cause by livestock damage, unstoppable rangeland fires that result from unmanaged grazing, and the spread of herd diseases because the natural balance is broken by killing off the apex predators. Really crazy ides - make them pay fair market value for leased public lands supporting those lands being restored and properly managed. No more public subsidy of this for profit enterprise.

Oppose Bill 777