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Wildfire
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To: Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee

Dear Senators:

I find the premise of the bill to be totally absurd.....when has anyone or any organization ever been OVER compensated for any loss. Once again, SB 777 goes against the principles of fairness.

- The seven-times compensation multiplier could rapidly drain the funds and lead to less support for ranchers trying to implement proven, non-lethal coexistence tools. This would harm ranchers and wolves in the long run.
- These compensation multipliers (paying well over market value) discourage the use of non-lethal conflict mitigation practices when resources should be focused on helping ranchers implement lasting, non-lethal solutions.
- More compensation will not save wolves. Conflicts between farm animals and wolves are already rare, and even with compensation multipliers, wolves will continue to be killed in response to such conflicts.

There is already an old west attitude of being anti-wolf. Look how many wolves have been illegally killed in Oregon.....way too many. Let's look at some statistics: as of last January there were 1.24 cattle in Oregon including calves. As of January 2024, there is an estimated 178 (several have been murdered since then). So ranchers with 1.24 million cows are apoplectic over 178—once again this defies all logic.

So let this bill die in committee as it should as well as any other anti-wildlife bills.
Thank you,

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