

SB 777

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As a small rancher who runs cattle on the Forest Service and BLM permits, we support this measure! With the presence of more and more wolves in the area, our cattle are becoming harder and harder to gather off the allotments.

The financial impact of wolf depredation is evident in the loss of a single calf, valued at nearly \$2,000 in the fall and winter markets. However, hidden costs are equally significant.

It is important to consider the hidden costs that are not easily measured but significantly impact livestock operations. These include mental stress within a herd, weight loss from being under constant harassment from increased wolf activity, as well as the mental stress to the producer.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 777 provides essential support to livestock producers facing the challenges posed by wolf depredation, ensuring they receive fair compensation for both visible and hidden losses.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.

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