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Wildfire  
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Oregon legislators,

I would like to ask you to support and pass this bill. The multiplier component of this aligns Oregon with the other western states' wolf compensation programs. The peer reviewed Oakley study done in Idaho established the 8-1 concept and this bill follows the science.

I believe that at the very end of the day this is about people taking care of people. We are all very quick to help out friends and neighbors in need or who suffer losses, yet we do not want to fairly compensate the rancher who suffers losses from wolf depredation.

He discovers and experiences the loss of life firsthand. Observes the stress and weigh loss of his cows. Invests the time and money into non lethal methods in an attempt to prevent the loss of life in the first place. He experiences the emotional strain on his family, and worries about the safety of his dogs and horses when trying to work with wolf hazed cattle. How is his loss any different? Why would we ever oppose a fair compensation model to remedy his losses?

I recently was told by another cattlegoman about her husband being injured on horseback while trying to move wolf hazed cattle with his working dogs. The cows went after his dogs and ran into his horse, who stated bucking and running downhill. His pelvis was broken during this incident. He then was unable to do his job, which is ranching. This is a bigger picture example of what ranchers are dealing with outside of a depredation incident living with wolves.

Ranchers feed America and the world and passing this bill is the right thing to do to take care of each other as fellow Oregonians.

Thank you