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Predator control is ineffective and inhumane. The State should not be promoting or enhancing programs to kill native wildlife, especially when the beneficiaries are not required to use any nonlethal measures to prevent conflict.

Current research shows that predator control increases depredation. It is an archaic method that continues due to habit and the wish for retribution, not because of effectiveness or scientific evidence. The State should be doing everything in its power to oppose this outdated approach and to encourage the adoption of nonlethal methods of deterring predators. The onus should be on livestock owners to secure and protect their animals, not rely on Federal agencies to kill wildlife with our tax dollar to protect them.