

Senator Jackie Dingfelder
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Dear Senator Dingfelder,

I would like to sincerely ask you to oppose any legislation being led by and/or being supported by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association that would both set a terrible precedent for the state's Endangered Species Act and would allow for the killing of the Imnaha wolf pack. As no doubt you are aware this pack of wolves was Oregon's first to produce and establish pups in the state in more than 60 years. This same pack was the forerunner of the wolf called Journey, which has been prominent in the news having traveled hundreds of miles to become the first wolf in California since 1924.

I do understand that the Imnaha pack has preyed on livestock, but I truly believe that compensation for ranchers and nonlethal measures to avoid future depredations are a much better solution than killing this entire pack.

Please reject any legislation that allows the killing of these wolves. By doing the right thing here you can set an example that others can see and then hopefully follow towards a better understanding and acceptance of wolves in our environment.

Best Regards,

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