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Senator Richard Devlin and Representative Rayfield, Co-Chairs  
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Devlin and Rayfield,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue the discussion of the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the implementation of the agency's programs.

Below is the department's response to two questions raised during Day 2 of the agency's budget presentation.

**Regarding the Wolf Compensation Program, how many federal dollars has the agency received for this program?**

In the 2011-13 biennium, ODA established and implemented the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program (WDCFAGP) using \$100,000 of appropriated general funds. During the 2013-15 biennium, the department also received an additional \$100,000 for the program, totaling \$200,000. This was a one-time appropriation. State dollars appropriated to WDCFAGP have been used to leverage federal funds.

In 2013, ODA received a total of \$63,125 from the US Fish and Wildlife Services, Wolf - Livestock Demonstration Grant Fund<sup>1</sup>. Allocation of these federal funds is as follows:

- \$11,250 for direct compensation to producers for death or injury to livestock
- \$51,875 for prevention techniques

In 2014, ODA received a total of \$53,000 from the same federal grant<sup>2</sup>. All of the money from this federal grant is to be used for prevention techniques.

I would like to add that all federal grant dollars require a 50 percent match of state dollars.

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<sup>1</sup> These funds are to be administered by ODA in 2014 and/or 2015 WDCFAGP periods.

<sup>2</sup> These funds are to be administered by ODA in 2015 and/or 2016 WDCFAGP periods.



**Regarding the Juniper Workgroup, what is the membership of this workgroup?**

The Western Juniper Utilization Group is comprised of state and local government, federal agencies, private business and environmental groups. The membership of this workgroup, in alphabetical order, is as follows:

- Association of Oregon Counties
- BLM
- Business Oregon
- Central Oregon Juniper
- Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions
- Ecotrust
- Harney County
- In The Sticks
- Joseph's Juniper Incorporated
- LWO Corporation/Oregon Juniper
- Nature Conservancy
- Neil Kelly
- Oregon Natural Desert Association
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon Cattlemen's Association
- Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Department of Forestry
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- OSU Wood Products
- OSU, Crook Extension Service
- Shiels Obletz Johnsen, Inc.
- Sustainable Built Environment Program BEST
- Sustainable Northwest
- Sustainable NW Wood, LLC
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- US Forest Service
- Wheeler County

If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide you information regarding the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,



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Director