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The first government of any kind in Oregon came about because of predators such as the wolf decimating the livestock of the early settlers in the Willamette Valley. Those individuals came together to stop the loss of their livelihood; these first meetings were called Wolf Meetings and out of that came the State of Oregon.

Once again livestock producers are being harassed by a wolf not even native to Oregon. The present wolves are transplants from Canada. The wolf population will never be compatible with livestock and wildlife, and will continue to destroy the economic prosperity of the livestock industry in Oregon, an industry that contributes to the economic sustainability of our state, and is a major industry.

Wolves should be removed from the endangered species list and livestock producers should be able to defend and protect their personal property. The Constitution of the United States specifically says that no citizen should be deprived of private property without just compensation. Therefore, if the state of Oregon or the federal government wants to have a wolf population then they should be responsible for reimbursing producers for the loss of their livestock, their means of support.

Respectfully submitted

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