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Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:49 AM
To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: Re: Union County Elk Depredation

I am referring to SB 301, SB 303 and SB 398.

Wade Bingaman

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 25, 2019, at 11:15 AM, SENR Exhibits <SENR.Exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov> wrote:

Dear Wade,

Good morning, I have received your testimony. However, I can't upload the testimony into the record without knowing which bill you would like it attached to. Please let me know what bill you wanted to insert comment on ASAP.

Thank you!

Best,
Remy Watts

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From: Wade Bingaman <wbingaman@msn.com>
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this from Union County in regards to the elk population that is continuing to grow and has moved into prime farmland as its winter range. This problem seems to be getting worse each winter and though the snow we have had in recent years may contribute, it is only part of the issue.

I know that it is a complex issue that has many sides. Predator management, crop loss and interest from local tourists watching wildlife all play a role in taking action about the population. As a local farmer involved in different organizations here (Oregon Wheat League, Oregon Farm Bureau and Union County Seed Growers) I can tell you that in discussions with other producers we are starting to feel the impact of the elk residing on farmland. Their residence in the valley floor during winter is a change in behavior that we have not previously seen to such an extent. This learned behavior that our farmland is a safe place to stay during winter free from predators with an abundant food source will only continue to worsen if the State of Oregon doesn't formulate a plan to manage the population better.

Sincerely,

Wade Bingaman