

Members of the Natural Resource W & M Sub Committee, I am Rodger Huffman, current Treasurer for OCA and also Co-chair of the Wolf Committee. I would ask that you join me in strongly supporting the Department of Ags budget requests and needs to carry out extremely important programs for farmers and ranchers, as well as the public. The brand inspection program, which I ran for over 20 years is in need of additional funding as it's been a long time running on the current fee structure. The noxious weeds program has been very important for a long time and should be restored in some form. The wolf deterrent and compensation program has been severely under funded for a long time and the current budget request is a good start toward funding that could be good for Ranchers and well as the wolf tolerance it is supposed to work toward. Please feel free to contact me or OCA for specific details on these important programs. Thank you for this consideration.