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We need support from Wild Life Services. We run a large Sheep and cattle ranch on Coast in Bandon Oregon. This year the Coyotes have killed more than 40 lamps out of 200. If we did not have the support of our local Government Trapper we would not be able to make a living running livestock. Without these funds there would be more predatory animals desolating our herds. They don't just kill what they need to eat. The coyote will enter the herd and kill 6 lamps in one night maybe eating only 1, leaving mother ewes with walking wounded lamps. When farmers can't provide enough lamps for the coyote to eat they will come to hunt family pets, dogs, cats and chickens. These animals need to have there population controlled. It is for the best health and wellness of our society to reduce there numbers. The food supply has already been shaken by war, disease, weather. Lets keep fighting to allow farmers keep our livestock healthy and predators to a minimum. Support for our Wild Life Service helps bring fresh grass fed meats, and keeps it farm to table. Help me help you have fresh food that is grown local. Resent research shows than Farmers and Ranchers have had an increase in mental health services. We need help!!! We work endless hours staying up nights with our herds to protect from Coyotes, but without him we couldn't catch them. Please keep the funding going, we are counting on you.

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