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I am not against funding wolf compensation; I oversee the Baker County compensation committee. It is unfortunate that the wolf funding didn't pass with SB777 last year. It is also unfortunate that the funding for SB777 is now attached to the habitat and conservation bill. This is horrible.

The groups and agencies with environmental attorneys that have signed onto this bill have hindered our producers in every way possible and it is shameful to fund them. They should be the ones to fund all lethal practices, all depredation compensation and all preventative.

The price of wolves on our landscape has come to an all-time high, something needs to be done beyond taxing the citizens of this state. ODFW needs serious oversight into its practices, they need to be de-funded and reformed. The cost to counties and producers continues to rise and the funding at the state and federal level continues to decrease. Wolf funding needs reform that works for our counties and livestock owners.