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Plumas County Board of Supervisors, Willo Viera, Plumas County Agricultural Commissioner

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed resolution allowing the Plumas County Agricultural Commissioner to contract with the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS), to reestablish an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) Program.

I ranch in the Quincy region, along with my son and daughter, and we are facing serious challenges from increasing predator activity. It is essential that our county reestablish a Wildlife Services program to help livestock producers navigate the growing pressures from predator conflicts with wolves, bears, and mountain lions. In addition, this program supports our neighbors dealing with chickens being eaten by birds and coyotes, bears destroying bee hives, skunks taking up residence under decks, and much more.

Our community needs a trained professional in the field who can respond quickly and effectively—providing support from investigating livestock losses to assisting with non-lethal deterrents and public education.

This isn't just about livestock; it's about keeping rural economies stable and maintaining the long-term viability of agriculture in this county. Ranchers contribute significantly to the local economy and tax base, and we need the county to stand with us. Without local Wildlife Services support, ranchers are left to manage these high-stakes situations on their own—with very limited assistance from other agencies.

I urge you to vote **yes** on this resolution and help reestablish the local Wildlife Services program our community depends on.

Sincerely,

Russell Reid

July 3, 2025

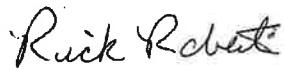
Plumas County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of our family and ranchers across Plumas County I am writing this letter in support of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors adoption of the resolution for the “Agricultural Commissioner to Contract with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Service-Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) to maintain an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program (IWDM) and to Designate the Agricultural Commissioner as the Authorized Representative”.

As a local rancher, I believe it is absolutely critical that Plumas County reestablish a county-based Wildlife Services program. This position plays a key role in helping ranchers, like me, manage the delicate balance between protecting natural resources, maintaining our livelihoods. As ranchers we NEED this position to investigate livestock losses due to predators, including wolves, that are injuring and killing cattle on our ranch and across the county. Without local Wildlife Service, we’re left to face increasing challenges that impact our cattle, our business viability, and our way of life.

With federally and state protected bears, wolves, and mountain lions it is critical for a local Wildlife Service’s presence in the region to investigate and support our local ranchers who contributed to the local economy, along with county taxes through property taxes and unsecured property taxes. Ranchers have not been able to rely on the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for timely investigation or support; therefore, we strongly urge you to support yes on this resolution.

Sincerely,



Rick Roberti

CC:

Willo Vieira, Plumas-Sierra County Agricultural Commissioner
Tracy Schohr, UC Cooperative Extension
Kirk Wilbur, California Cattlemen’s Association
Sierra County Board of Supervisors



July 3, 2025

Plumas County Board of Supervisors:

This letter is on behalf of the Plumas and Sierra County Cattlemen's Association in support of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors adoption of the resolution for the "Agricultural Commissioner to Contract with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Service-Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) to maintain an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program (IWDM) and to Designate the Agricultural Commissioner as the Authorized Representative".

The Plumas and Sierra County Cattlemen's Association is a non-profit organization representing local ranchers and beef cattle producers. Its members take pride in being responsible stewards of the land, water, and wildlife, while producing healthy and nutritious beef. The association is actively engaged in the community, supportive of youth and charitable causes, and is dedicated to supporting the future of ranching.

It is imperative our rural county reestablish a county-based wildlife services program that plays a critical role locally to balance natural resources, economics, community values and public safety. Furthermore, this position/program conducts essential wildlife communication, public education and predation investigations.

Livestock producers in the region are faced with predators harassing, injuring and killing their livelihood. With federally and state protected bears, wolves, and mountain lions it is critical for a local Wildlife Service's presence in the region to investigate and support our local ranchers who contributed to the local economy, along with county taxes through property taxes and unsecured property taxes.

Adoption of this Resolution is essential for Plumas County to enter into a contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services. Ranchers across the county need the support of the county to bring back Wildlife Services to address the significant challenges posed by predators, which directly impact ranchers economic viability. It is critical that the county take an active role in supporting our agricultural community and protecting public safety by helping manage a wide range of wildlife species, including skunks, bears, snakes, wolves, raccoons, coyotes, and others.

We strongly urge a Yes vote from county supervisors to bring back a critical program to help ranchers and rural communities manage wildlife that are a public nuisance, impact business profitability and rural economic viability, and create citizen safety concerns.

Sincerely,

Peggy Corbett
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