

Greetings,

I feel that we have already had this discussion not so long ago.

Those whom in which are apposed to Lethal methods and working with the USDA trappers do not appear to own livestock. It does not appear that they have been impacted by damage sick or aggressive wildlife presents.

A majority of the people you represent in this county are not reading your agendas nor are they aware of the new changes you'd like to make, and I strongly feel they will not be happy with your ideas on this topic.

Why are you as a board turning Mendocino county into a Marijuana friendly county and shutting the doors to other areas? What about keeping a diverse population and keeping everyone thriving and happy. You as elected officials should be keeping a non-biased open mind and I don't feel you are.

What is best for our entire county as a whole? Can you honestly tell me by removing the "lethal approach" it is going to solve problems and concerns?

How are you going to stop the large influx of bears and lions going into residential areas?

What are you going to do when a bear has crossed all lines and is no longer harming domestic pets but coming after humans?

We have worked with the county trapper on many occasions.

He had to kill a mountain lion the was sitting in a tree 100 yards away from our home for two days. It killed our goats and was continuing to watch us and our small children.

The lion wasn't scared of our dogs, it wouldn't leave with us screaming at it. The only way we could insure it wasn't going to take our small children at the time was to kill it.

The trapper removed and relocated at least one bear from our property. But he also had to kill two different bears in our neighborhood. Both of the bears that were shot, were done so because one was sick and one appeared to have been injured and both where psycho crazy and we were in danger.

What are you going to do with situations like this? Some times these animals have to be terminated to insure public safety.

Raccoons, skunks, varmints and rodents are causing a great deal of problems and health risks in the city of Fort Bragg and other areas The trapper had to removed a large number of raccoons that were aggressive down in the harbor.

This was a large problem because everyone was trying to feed the cats, yet they were feeding raccoons, Possums and rats. How will you handle problems like this? You can't relocate a wild animal that has become dependent on being feed by a human they will never survive.

The animals that are being relocated, aren't really solving problems. In fact you are moving that problem to a new location. Would you like a killing hurt bear to be moved to your backyard. I don't think so and neither do the other people of this county.

As more and more people move into the county housing is creeping into the forest, which is already showing signs of wildlife conflict. Most of the new residents do not know how to handle wild life issues or concerns.

Why does this program have such a bad name? It is here to help protect us, our pets, and our livestock.

Do you really think you will be able to come up with an affective new plan that can safely relocate and remove problem animals?

Our current animal control program has a hard time taking care of domestic animal issues and dangers. I do not believe this group will be able to handle wild animals, are they going to be fully funded at a level that will ensure success?

How will you support us who choose to raise livestock and have a problem animal killing our herds?

What are you going to do with a pack of dogs that has been released from a grow operation, and killing anything in there path? The dogs that come from grows kill more than most bears. How will you handle that situation?

I'm so frustrated that this is even on your agenda again.

I'd like to ask you to leave the contract in place. Allow the USDA Wildlife services to protect us and our animals, I ask that you allow them to use their judgement if an animal can be safely removed or need to be terminated.

The people that are in these positions have years of knowledge and experience, they are not uneducated cold hearted killers. Believe it or not they too want to do what's best for the people in this county.

I am discouraged and frustrated with the direction it appears this current board is going.

Sincerely a frustrated citizen of Mendocino County!

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Sent from my iPhone