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Dear BOS,

My suggestions for the Mendocino Wildlife Community Mitigation Plan include the following:

Step by step process:

1. Do not renew the WS contract
2. Give 5K to the Farm Bureau or another agency to purchase the following armory:
 - 10 paintball guns and 100 paintballs given
 - 20 air horns
 - 20 Fox Lights
 - 20 Scarecrows (not literal scarecrows)
 - 20 Gallons of Industrial Strength Ammonia
 - 20 Gallons of Predator Scent
 - 20 Misc motion sensitive noise devices
 - Feet of fladry
 - Someone to help deliver and explain how to use it

These things will be given to the public and producers at no cost.

3. Create a job contract with HREC and John Baily to have monthly or bi-monthly online classes for:
 - Wildlife Fencing
 - Guardian Dogs
 - Best Practices
 - Living With Wildlife forums and educational workshops

4. Pay local contractors to help with exclusion practices

5. When there is a nuisance wildlife issue, call the local DFW warden to report the nuisance wildlife and possibly receive a depredation permit. You can also come to the MDFG Commission meeting or call our hotline [707-234-6094](tel:707-234-6094) for advice and receive help that way.

In conclusion, we are a spread out, diverse, DIY county who lives with wildlife. The best thing we can do is invest in ourselves. Educate our community and support them in exclusion practices. By hiring WS we are

enabling ourselves from getting a more ethical mangable system that the world market wants to see. This is our plan B and we can do it now.

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