

Dear Superintendents,

I am writing to you to urge you to end the contract that Mendocino County has with USDA Wildlife Services and also end the lethal integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program (WDM) and establish a Non-lethal Wildlife Damage Management (NWDM) Program to be implemented locally and immediately.

Wildlife Services is more of a killing machine than a service to wildlife. It is like an army that protects the interests of ranchers and big- ag. Just in 2020 alone, they killed 24,264 wild and native animals in the state of California. This number includes 3,252 coyotes, 39 mountain lions and 56 black bears!!!!!!

The best available scientific research shows that killing wildlife to reduce predation on livestock and/or damage to crops, is RARELY NECESSARY AND CAN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

Sincerely,

Lonna Richmond