

The name “Wildlife Services” is clearly a misnomer. They are the paid assailants of many wildlife species. I am appalled that the USDA even uses this “service.” How is that protecting our planet? Simply killing something in your way is not a balanced approach, and isn’t there supposed to be a “balance of nature?” Humans do not have the right to upend this balance.

Obviously, I think there should be no “Wildlife Services” at all. There are non-lethal ways to intervene with nature and respect the lives of all species.

I agree that wildlife is part of the public trust and I do not want my public trust annihilated. It is well known that the best available scientific research shows that killing wildlife to reduce predation on livestock or damage to crops is rarely necessary and sometimes counterproductive.

Many cost-effective non-lethal methods of addressing human-wildlife conflicts exist. Please explore these.

thank you,
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