

To Whom it Concerns (and it concerns us all),

It is time to end Mendocino County's contract with Wildlife Services and start implementing a non-lethal coexistence program as most other counties have. Trapping and poisoning have not only been killing bear, coyotes, foxes, mountain lions (important predators that keep rodent, rabbit, deer and raccoon populations balanced), but have also injured or killed other wildlife including birds and pets. All creatures are important contributors to a healthy ecosystem and humans need to work co-creatively to develop healthy ways for all of us to co-exist. This will also include preserving habitat and wildlife corridors that help humans and wildlife live more safely. Please make these necessary changes now.

Thank you,

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