

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to urge you end the county's contract with USDA Wildlife Services and seek an alternative that involves non-lethal methods instead.

Wildlife services' handling of wildlife is inhumane and operates primarily in the interests of ranchers and other private interests. Their management methods result non-targeted animals, such as pets, and other wildlife species get killed accidentally. This is especially precarious for species that are threatened or have fragile populations. Public opinion in Mendocino county is that public tax dollars should not be used to fund cruel, ineffective programs.

Please act ethically and in line with what the residents of Mendocino county want- end the county's contract with USDA Wildlife Services and its lethal Integrated Wildlife Damage Management (IWDM) Program.

thank you,

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