

March 22, 2021

To:  
Board of Supervisors  
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From:  
Ron Stark  
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Re: March 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting agenda item 6a USDA contact cancellation

Dear Board Members,

I do not support the cancellation of the County's contract with USDA.

I have a ranch in Covelo and have used USDA trappers in the past to help deal with feral pigs that were destroying my fields. A group of pigs can literally destroy an entire field overnight. When they are done, the field looks like a bomb went off. I do support non lethal means of dealing with most situations. For instance, I bring my sheep into the barnyard at night to protect them from predators, but there are times when these methods do not work.

I think that many of the letters in opposition are from people who do not live in our County, do not have livestock, and have never had to deal with these kinds of situations.

I think the County should have a balanced approach to this issue and realize that there are times when the services of USDA are needed.

Best regards,

Ron Stark  
Covelo