

Mendocino County
Board of Supervisors

Item 5E

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As a former District 3 Fish and Game Commissioner for 2 terms, and On behalf of the Mendocino County Blacktail Deer Association ,representing over 110 cities across California.Whom have raised and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars and Wildlife projects to the county of Mendocino public lands.Whom have also been the recipients of numerous large Grants to manage Wildlife and habitat by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.We know this land,and we know how its wildlife should be managed. We cannot afford to relinquish this task to amateurs who run hobby farms, and know nothing of this area, and its challenges.We would ask you to consider keeping the Wildlife services program contract.It is a vital component not only to ranches who desperately need professional assistance for thier livestock needs,but we also need this professional program as well.It tracks and documents ,dangerous trends in our county such as rabies,parvo virus,and a host of other infectious diseases. They are also experts at responding to large animal damage committed by feral swine, coyote,Bear,and problem Lion events.Not to mention human health and safety.There is no other agency with the immediate professional knowledge and resources to handle this.If this program is discontinued,Who will be there to run it..It will foster forced actions for land owners who have no other recourse,such as internet home remedies and poisons,and traps behind the scenes.There are no other groups in this rugged area who know the terrain,wildlife,and knowledge of how to mitigate the issues at hand, like Wildlife Services.We strongly support a professional contract,with professionals handling these issues..Not Hobby farms and outsiders.

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