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I support the written comments of the Idaho Cattle Association on this topic dated December 12, 2024. The fish and wildlife service like most federal agencies almost never monitors the success of their programs because of the embarrassment it would cause the agency to find the dismal results they have achieved. The ignorance of the effect of their programs contributes to the continued failure of those programs as they do not learn from their mistakes. Additionally the continued failure of their programs leads to the widespread perception of ranchers that the agency does not care that their programs are not effective and the reasonable corollary that the agency has no intention of providing effective programs that meet the needs of the ranch community and the reluctance of ranchers to speak to agency staff or respond to requests for comments.