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One of the issues of conflict seems to be the use of federal open spaces. Ranchers have historically leased them for livestock grazing. However, they are open lands by definition, and therefore wolf territory. This conflict needs to be resolved. Programs need to be developed that teach ranchers methods of reducing predation (herd dogs, for example), and ongoing education. Getting ranchers who are on the "side" of the wolf so they can educate other ranchers about the importance of the wolf in the balance of nature might be a start.