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I'm curious as to the plan the department is going to come up with on how to handle future wolf issues in the area where the OPT pack was just eliminated after falling into the political agenda of Ferry County livestock owners. Ben Maletzke himself states on his 2018 Wolf Update Presentation which is available to the public on YouTube, that the wolf problems happen on rangelands and NOT on private lands. I'm rather confused as to how your department allowed livestock owners to control the outcome of this issue when they are fully aware that predators live in the woods and on these rangelands prior to turning their herds out. A serious concern of mine is these herds are turned out unattended by their owner and without management. I make this accusation based on my own witness as I lived in Ferry County for a year and experienced cattle left without range riders hanging out on Boulder Pass as well as Scatter Creek Rd, both of which are well traveled in the summer by unexpected tourist. I use this as an example of the irresponsibility of the livestock owners. By all means I am not against cattle or sheep farming industries. I am against the industry not providing adequate man power to not only keep their livestock safe but also the public.

I would like to see updated and strict mandatory requirements for future livestock owners who wish to free range their herds.

- 1) Education... wolf and wildlife seminars
- 2) Mandatory range riders with herds 24 hours a day w/mandatory rider per so many head.
- 3) Mandatory herding dogs
- 4) The tools covered by Ben Maletzke in his 2018 Wolf Presentaion.

Please hold humans more accountable for their livestock. The wolves have a right to their own territory, and without threat.

I pray a remedy is found.