

GILSTRAP Zoanne M

From: Aaron Francis [lanewildlifecontrol@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 10:16 PM

To: GILSTRAP Zoanne M **Subject:** Re: One Page Form

Thank you for sending this right away however it appears as though it is a read only file. So I hope this is acceptable for the response:

Today is January 19

My name is Aaron Francis

My email is <u>Lanewildlifecontrol@gmail.com</u>

My mailing address is 85333 Jasper Park Rd Pleasant Hill Or 97455

- 1 My Affiliation is President of the Lane County Wildlife Damage Control Co-Op
- 2 My Co-Op consists of Livestock Producers, Hobby Farmers, Filbert Growers, Timber Companies, and Lane County Public Works. As a combined group of concerned citizens we work in conjunction with the state to keep a USDA federal trapper employed in Lane County. The Trapper and I work together with ODFW to keep local farmers and livestock producers in business. Timber Companies in the black and your public works department free of major drainage issues due to beavers in problem areas. Predators have long affected this part of our community, and now with the rising cougar population, we see a direct need to provide this program for the human health and safety threat that faces our rural population.
- 3 My/Our requests as a Co-Op have not been made to the board as of yet, however the financial support of the county is what we need to continue this vital program that was originally supported thru the general fund.
- 4 My Co-Op works very closely with the Biologists out of the Springfield ODFW office to not only tolerate but accept and operate with all forms of wildlife in our county.
- 5 My Co-Op seeks additional private funding on a regular basis from local and regional organizations such as livestock associations, Oregon wool council, and ODFW.
- 6 We anticipate the board to make a decision to include financial support with other state and federal dollars before the next fiscal year.
- 7 We would like to address the board on the topic of the need to keep a well qualified specialist in our county. The specialist is provided by the federal government and comes well equipped and trained to address any and all wildlife issues the might arise from predatory animals or other destructive wildlife that hinder businesses or human safety in Lane County.
- 8 My estimated level of public interest would be a 7 and rising. Almost daily more and more people are becoming aware of how controlling our problem wildlife takes a trained professional with the backing of the federal government.

On Tue, Jan 19, 2010 at 10:08 AM, GILSTRAP Zoanne M < <u>Zoanne.GILSTRAP@co.lane.or.us</u>> wrote: http://www.co.lane.or.us/Departments/BCC/Documents/OnePgr.pdf