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Dear Resource Managers,

We are concerned about the November 19-20 Lake County Coyote Calling Derby, which you can see in the event flyer at the end of this letter. We believe event participants will be hunting on public lands managed by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Entry fees and monetary rewards demonstrate that the event represents competitive and commercial uses and hence requires a Special Use Permit from the USFS and a Special Recreation Permit from the BLM.

We believe the event will have significant impact on wildlife and interfere with other uses of the land by recreationists such as bird watchers, hikers, wildlife watchers, wildlife photographers, and others. Additionally, federally protected threatened and endangered species as well as migratory birds may be put at risk. The threat to gray wolves, federally protected by the Endangered Species Act throughout the entirety of Lake County, is of

particular concern because the goal of the derby is to kill as many coyotes as possible, and wolves are often and easily mistaken for coyotes. Gray wolves are known to be present in the area.

The ESA requires federal agencies to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to ensure that actions do not jeopardize listed species or adversely modify critical habitat. If USFWS advises the agency the listed species may be present, a biological assessment must be provided. If the action may affect a listed species, a Biological Opinion must be prepared. We believe a Biological Opinion must be prepared for this contest because gray wolves may be affected by the contest.

As far as we know, the promoter has not requested a Special Use Permit from the USFS or a Special Recreation Permit from the BLM, so we request that your agencies inform the promoter of the need to apply for such permits. If the promoter has applied for permits, we would like to be notified, and would further request to receive copies of public information regarding the application, as well as any notices of announcements for public comment on the application. Given the risk posed by the coyote hunting contest to endangered gray wolves, the significant negative impacts to coyotes and other wildlife, and the interference with other recreational uses, we ask that permit requests be denied.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,



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5th ANNUAL

LAKE COUNTY COYOTE CALLING DERBY

NOVEMBER 19th & 20th

\$60 buy in per team (team consists of 2 people)

100% payback except \$ 5.00 from every team will go towards the costs for tournament

60/30/10 split 1st place 60% 2nd place 30% leftover 10% random draw between remaining teams

Mandatory rules meeting Friday evening 7:00 pm for both members of every team at the Lakeview Bowman club building at 1000 block of S. E. Street.

Sat & Sun morning and evening check in mandatory prior to leaving and finishing the hunt for coyote check in and new mouth piece assignments.

Registration due by November 10TH!!!!

Mail registration fee to Dan or Ryan. Please call for questions or more information:

Dan Hamrick
713 N H Street
Lakeview, Oregon 97630
541-219-1571

Ryan Johnson
739 South H street
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Thanks to sponsors!!!!!!
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Tear off & mail with registration fee by Nov 10th 2016

Team member's names _____