I own a farm and have a small business raising and training beagles for pets and rabbit hunting. Since 2017 I have had seven dogs killed by wolves. Three of them were killed right near my home and the others while hunting in Wadena and southern Cass counties.

I do not want to see wolves eradicated but there needs to be some kind of management so that people like myself that live and own land in areas that have wolves can protect their dogs and livestock.

There were no wolves in this area not long ago but their numbers have been steadily increasing and they are moving into areas that are mostly agricultural despite the fact that the official population estimate has not changed. Under the current plan of no wolf management whatsoever conflict between wolves and people is unavoidable.

Please support SF2720.

Thank you,

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