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CAMP PARKS, CALIF - Out of concern for public safety following a year and half process to remove the coyote population using non-lethal methods from our family housing/ Soldier billeting area, Camp Parks confirms that we shot and killed two coyotes.

Our decision to take this action was lengthy and deliberate, and involved lengthy consultation with California Fish and Game and the United States Department of Agriculture on options to control the coyote population. Live traps were used in an attempt to relocate them, and we instituted strict policies to reduce the food source, but neither method was effective.

In the interest of public safety, the Command decided to kill the coyotes due to their proximity to the one hundred and fourteen families living on Camp Parks, as well as the fifteen hundred Soldiers and Civilians who work here, Camp Parks also borders the City of Dublin containing population clusters in schools and family housing; we are responsible for ensuring their safety from roaming Coyotes from Camp Parks as well.

We understand the community's concern. We considered the balance between public safety and the coyote population. Regrettably, the threat to public safety required us to use lethal methods after non-lethal methods failed.

We will continue actively pursuing alternative ways to control the coyote population on Camp Parks in the future.