

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE 2021 WOLF SEASON
COMMENTS PROCESSED AS OF JULY 16, 2021

1. Dear FWP commissioners, City Council, please vote against these cruel, inhumane, wrong new wolf-hunting regulations. When you keep introducing and keep killing off these wolves just to fill your agenda and make it look like you are doing something good, well you are not doing anything good, the people are upset and outraged about this new proposal. We love the wolves, leave these wolves alone, they have a right to live. These wolves are important and their lives matter. Please cancel these plans to kill these wolves. Your plan is barbaric, just extremely CRUEL. NO ANIMAL DESERVES TO BE KILLED BECAUSE OF CERTAIN GROUP OF HUMANS WHO THINKS THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT. WE THE PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING THAT YOU LEAVE THESE WOLVES ALONE, LET THEM LIVE IN PEACE AND QUIET Thank you

Kaylie Sanchez Austin, TX

2. The needs of the human animal are NOT greater than the needs of the planet. STOP the murder of innocents.

Kelle Schultz Clay, MI

3. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations! I would never want to visit a city which is involved in cruel actions!

Gonca Wagner Atlanta, TN

4. PLEASE - no killing of wolves!

Leslie Parsons Provincetown, MA

5. I disagree with the proposed options and believe they should be declined.

Emma Omid Denver, CO

6. The wolf population has recovered far beyond the levels dictated in federal recovery plans. When the wolves go unchecked, they can and will decimate ungulate populations to the point where few animals will be left. It is crucial to expand wolf hunting to maximum tools in the 2021 wolf season not only to conserve populations but to maintain a healthy balance in their ecosystem as well.

Kate Opre Kalispell, MT

7. There has to be a more compassionate way when addressing our natural country.

David Dallas, TX

8. Stop hunting wolf, is not acceptable! Wolf should be a protected species and all of you are making those species gone in extinction.

Alba D'Agostino Croydon, AL

9. Leave the wolves alone!

Renee Colorado Springs, CO

10. please stop this cruelty stop the hunting of wolfs.

Griselda Andrade BRENTWOOD, CA

11. To all commissioners: vote AGAINST new wolf-hunting regulations. By changing the state's wolf-hunting regulations, the state would not even bat an eyelash to some of the cruelest and most unthinkable practices. Do NOT allow wealth and human greed to win this battle, independent of how much pressure you are under. If modifications to these regulations are given a green light, this will only propel more modifications to be made in regard to hunting in general. Wolves are a key piece to a biodiverse ecosystem - without them, a domino effect would spread and could strongly contribute to the downfall of our planet. Moreover, since I am not a resident of Montana, I refuse to step foot in the state if these regulations pass. I do not support human greed and cruelty, and you should do the same. Thank you for your time and attention.

Isabela de Abreu New York, NY

12. **Allison Johnson Waukee, IA**

13. As an outsider, what I see is over regulation on the areas with 80% of the wolf population. It seems to me that, the system for managing the wolf population is broken, or designed for management failure. On a recent trip to Yellowstone (June 2021), there were no elk anywhere around the population of wolves. As a sportsman, I strongly urge you to allow the tools that hunters and trappers need to control the unabated numbers of wolves that are decimating ungulate populations where wolf numbers are high. As sportsmen and women its our job to properly manage our natural resources. Thank you , Kelly Struble

Kelly Struble Tazewell, TN

14. I feel with the exception of night hunting and snaring that should also include public lands not just private. Also unlimited bag limit would be nice

Kathy Kalispell, MT

15. **Christine Fergusson Galesburg, IL**

16. I believe in order to most effectively manage wolf populations we need to implement the maximum new tools with the exception of night hunting and snaring that should include public lands as well. Our wolf population is well above the target and is only increasing. We need to have as many tools as we can available to help our ungulates survive.

Zachary Fisher Kalispell, MT

17. Maximum new tools with the exception that you should be able to hunt at night and snare on public lands also.

Jeff Yerkes Kalispell, MT

18. How on earth can you possibly even think to kill a wolf?? LEAVE THEM ALL ALONE!! THEY ARE AWESOME, INTELLIGENT & VERY LOYAL TO THEIR FAMILY!! SIMPLY LEAVE THESE PRECIOUS ANIMALS ALONE!!!!

Shelva Wood Plano, TX

19. Sick, I find it hard to live in a world that treats other sentient animals, as we humans are as well, with such disregard for these beautiful creatures lives and feelings and their families we have taken over so much of the land that we have to do culls and I hate that word, just say the word that it is murder killing, culling just sugarcoat it say it for what it is say it say what you're doing you are murdering and killing sentient animals that have every right to be on this earth as humans do, mother earth will do what has to be done, humans will be extinct, mother nature will not let us destroy her, it takes a really sick mind to do what you are doing killing these innocent animals that just want to live, you who promote and participate in this cruel event are a bunch of sick assholes who are fucked in the head.

Lia Delabre Winthrop Harbor, IL

20. Disgusting! These majestic animals help maintain the balance of nature. WAKE UP! Killing is always the answer for the ignorant. EVOLVE!

Darlene Blake Longmont, CO

21. Dear Fish and Wildlife Commissioners, Please accept the following comments in regards to the proposed 2021 Wolf Season options. By way of introduction, I am 72 years old, have been hunting deer for 60 years and elk for 50 years. I am a former big game hunting outfitter and guide (New Mexico and Colorado), a wildlife biologist by training (my Ph.D. was on elk population dynamics), and have lived and hunted in Montana since 1988. I am also a former Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioner (2013-2017). I was very disheartened to see the draconian anti-wolf bills passed in the recent Montana legislative session, specifically HB 224, HB 225, and SB 314. There is absolutely no sound biological rational for these bills. Montana already has a very liberal wolf hunting and trapping season, with several hundred wolves harvested each year. And although wolves do have localized impacts on deer and elk populations, Montana's overall elk and deer populations are thriving and not in danger of being decimated by wolf predation. Wolves are simply an easy scapegoat for unsuccessful hunters! Additionally, I believe wolves and other large predators can help mitigate a real threat to our deer and elk populations—Chronic Wasting Disease. The positive role that wolves and other predators play in helping mitigate CWD and other wildlife diseases needs to be given more attention. I realize the Fish and Wildlife Commission has limited opportunities to minimize implementation of the very ill-conceived wolf legislation. However, I appreciate the fact that FWP staff have developed three proposed Wolf Season options for the Commission to consider. Although I disapprove of all wolf snaring, even on private lands, I strongly encourage you to adopt the "Limited New Tools" option. There is simply no justification for the "Intermediate" and "Maximum" Tools options, and such disrespect for our wildlife will reflect very poorly on the Commission, the Department, Montana's hunting and trapping community, and the state as a whole. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Gary J. Wolfe Missoula, MT

22. **James D Johnson Memphis, TN**

23. Do not allow these new regulations to be passed. Wolves are a keystone species and their presence is very important in these ecosystems. I will not be coming to Montana ever if this is passed, along with my family and friends and others that i can share my knowledge with.

Anna Falls Church, VA

24. The 'Open Season' mentality on wolves is unconscionable. Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem and are a symbol of the wild, unspoiled American landscape. Neck snare? Night hunting? Baiting? Cowardice. What kind of sick individual takes pleasure in the killing of a being that is only living life as God and nature have intended. To buckle under to special interests like hunting organizations and ranchers is to deny the will of many, many more people who find this proposition reprehensible. My husband and I love to hike in the mountains and are working our way across the U.S. and Europe doing just that. Montana is off our list until such time it ends it war on wildlife.

Leisha Heathcote-Eastergard Columbia, SC

25. Please stop the hunting of wolves!

Patricia cameron Williamsburg , VA

26. "In the 2021 session the Montana Legislature ignored science and passed sweeping new laws that create the potential to expand the slaughter of wolves in Montana through cruel and barbaric hunting practices. While some may call these new laws "wolf management", the intent is obvious: the decimation of wolves in Montana. I am writing to express my opposition to these laws and to aggressive implementation of them. Wolves are an important native wildlife species in Montana and are an important part of healthy ecosystems, which the state should do everything to conserve. In addition, wildlife enthusiasts from around the world come to Montana for the chance to observe wolves. Documentation shows this activity provides the state with an important economic benefit. Wholesale slaughter of wolves will give Montana an unsavory reputation and will discourage visitation. I urge the Commission to use its discretion to protect as many wolves as possible in implementing these draconian new laws. 1. Do not expand the wolf hunting and trapping season; 2. Ban the use of snares (and traps) on public land; 3. Prohibit the use of baiting for hunting and trapping across the state; 4. Prohibit night hunting across the state; 5. Limit the hunting of wolves to one per license; 6.

Maintain the lowest bag limit allowed applied across the state; Snares, baiting, and traps are a danger to people and other "non-targeted species such as grizzly bears, Canadian lynx and pets. None of these techniques should be allowed and especially not on public land. A friend's dog was caught in a trap on public land. We had no idea of how to open the trap and resorted to digging up the trap and carrying the dog out to find assistance. This could have easily been a child. Again, I urge the Commission to use its discretion to do the right and responsible thing and protect as many wolves as possible in implementing the new cruel and barbaric laws. Sincerely, Margaret Webster Billings, MT "

Margaret Webster Billings, MT

27. Many of these methods are torture! Would you do it to your own dog?

Allyson Stilber Rocklin, CA

28. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Although I am not a Montana resident, I won't be visiting Montana in the future if these regulations pass. Please vote NO.

Lori Korell Minneapolis, MN

29. I am actively opposed to the new cruel wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a vital species without whom ecosystems simply can't thrive. Additionally, studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If these cruel regulations pass, I will not be visiting Montana and will spend my tourism dollars elsewhere. I will also spread the word far and wide on social media and encourage every one of my friends and family members to do the same. Thank you.

Vanessa Toy Denver, CO

30. These are gods creatures. Leave them alone.

Kay Quackenbush Dunedin, FL

31. ***Lucia Vivar New York, NY***

32. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If passed, they would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Ivana Barbir Minneapolis, MN

33. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If passed the changes to the state's wolf-hunting regulations would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Ivana Barbir Minneapolis, MN

34. ***Edward Bernas Chesterfield, VA***

35. I support the use of snares to help control the wolf population.

Charles Ferguson Big Timber, MT

36. I am a Montana resident and recognized as one of the most successful wolf HUNTERS in the state. I sincerely hope that you ignore all of the hysteria from the "wolf hater" groups/legislators. The regulations currently in place allow for ample opportunity to harvest wolves. Nobody has killed 5 wolves in a season by hunting and very few trappers are skilled enough to take a limit. Adding snares to the mix will just allow a bunch of low skilled knuckleheads to place hundreds of \$3 sets all over the countryside. It will be a train wreck! Between the capture of non targeted species and dogs, the discovery of unrecovered snare sets post season, the public will become enraged. I would argue the same can be said for the use of night vision and night hunting. I did not see the phrase "fair chase" anywhere in that bill. There WILL be serious blowback from these unnecessary issues. That is quite a price for sportsmen to pay simply to appease a couple of rabid legislators. If you feel pressured to do anything, please limit it to the conditions listed in "Limited New Tools" so that the damage done to the average sportsman will hopefully be minimized. Sincerely Jay Sheffield Libby, MT
Jay Sheffield Libby, MT

37. Elk numbers on our ranch have fallen from Over 200 to under 30, many of which have migrated to our hay fields which are stunted already because of the drought. This because of the wolf predation driving the remaining animals down to lower ground. Deer are so low they are eating the trees on our lawn, because they are trying to escape wolves. Before the wolves, they were not even close to houses, etc. we have to wait to put our cattle out onto several pastures until everyone else has theirs out also just to try to lessen the chances of losing them to wolves, which has happened to us. Every option possible should be available to us to lessen wolf numbers. Our other wildlife is suffering !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Darene Kesler Philipsburg, MT

38. I am a resident of Region 1 and have seen the devastation of uncontrolled propagation of the wolf on our big game herds here, primarily elk, moose, sheep and goats. We must make every available option to remove these predators from the landscape if we ever have a chance to see our elk population return to the mountains. I am in favor of Maximum New tools option for Region 1 at the very least.
Howard Morkert Trout Creek, MT

39. Snares cause horrific pain and suffering! Please do not allow these torture devices to harm wolves, people, or any other wildlife. They should never have been created. Thank you
Jennifer Cunningham Bolingbrook, IL

40. Please ban the inhuman wolf hunts. They are beautiful & have the right to leave ve in peace. Thank You
Eloise Nelson Boulder, CO

41. THIS IS CRUELTY. My family is crying over how dumb your decision is. I love animals. Like wolves. I am angry and frustrated. Like why would you do this? What if you were a wolf and they just killed you? Like what the frick? I am never visit the Midwest or Montana till you fix this. ENJOY KILLING A ENTIRE SPECIES! That's a joke you should seriously stop.

DJ DC area, VA

42. ***wayne indianapolis, IN***

43. 1. We should consider ourselves lucky to even see wolves in the wild. Let the population continue to recover. 2. We don't need to be hunting wolves for sport. A rancher shooting a wolf with a rifle on his own land that is in the process of killing his livestock and threatening additional livestock is another matter. That is an unfortunate necessity at times. 3. Shooting a wolf in self-defense is also an unfortunate necessity at times, but is not a reason to justify hunting them for sport. Again, let the population continue to recover. They have their purpose in the wild, and biologist will tell you that. 4. Snaring should not be legal for wolves, nor any other animal. It is an indiscriminate practice that threatens the lives of animals that are not intended for the snares. Also, wolves tend to suffer more than other animals in snares because they have extremely well muscled necks and reinforced trachea. Snared wolves that are very "lucky" may only live for hours after being snared; the unlucky ones take days to die. A humane and respectful death of an animal should occur within seconds, not hours or days. Snares are an inhumane option for hunters that are too lazy to hunt the wolf with a rifle, and the hunter that is not as skilled and cunning as the animal that he intends to hunt.

Jeffrey A Fiftal Whitefish, MT

44. This past session many news laws were passed regarding wolves and their taking. I understand that the FWP Commission will have these tools available to them to help manage wolves. The legislator that carried this legislation represents the constituents of his district and this is what the public wants, the ability to control wolves. Many have seen their favorite hunting spots turn into vast biological desert due to these wolves. I support the use of these new control methods where wildlife populations have been impacted so much. I do feel that quotas should be lifted in Region 1,2,&3. I also feel that snares should be allowed in all areas and that they don't propose a threat to Lynx. I also feel that in Regions 1,2,&3 that the season should be adjusted to Dec 1-March 15. Baiting, snaring, and night hunting should be allowed on private ground. I feel that FWP should implement these new tools in the areas that need the control and monitor any incidental catches and report these catches back to the commission each year, so it is a known fact and not just an alibi to say no to their use. Thank you for your work and efforts and the ability to have input on the issue.

Jeff Darrah Stevensville, MT

45. ***Stephanie Poulin Nashua, NH***

46. ***Renee Smith Port Arthur, TX***

47. ***Nassima Karroum Brooklyn, NY***

48. As a veterinarian with a Bachelors of Science in Fish & Wildlife Management I strongly against this proposal. Snares are nonspecific and will trap/injury/kill unintended animals (including domestic animals), lead to prolonged suffering of the trapped animals and are inhumane.

jessica malberg Whitefish, MT

49. adopt the same rules for wolves as for coyotes and other vermin

joel lindenmuth Cascade, MT

50. ***Chantal h highsted GILLINGHAM, WY***

51. I strongly oppose relaxing restrictions on wolf hunting. I have been striving to support increasing predator populations to return to a more balanced ecosystem and now is not the time to undo what little progress has been made. These new tools have almost no scientific or ecological backing and must not proceed.

Ryan Kiefer WHITEFISH, MT

52. In NW Montana we need the maximum new tools to reduce the wolf population. People don't realize how thick the brush is here and that makes hunting them almost an impossible task. I think even if you had year round hunting here, you would still have a wolf problem.

Brian Smith Trout Creek, MT

53. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I do not live in Montana, but if these regulations pass i will not be visiting your state.

Nancy Koller Merritt Island, FL

54. Seeing firsthand wolf's damages and the difficulty to hunt them here in our heavily forested area, I Support Wolf Season Options.

Jerry McNeill Trout Creek, MT

55. I support the updated wolf season regulations. The opposition from out of state coalitions has hampered wolf management. The updated regulations will bring wolf numbers back into balance.

Glen Schroeder Cameron, MT

56. I am kindly urging the FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I want to be clear that I won't visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. It is evident that the FWP officials are under pressure from wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters who apparently think that killing more wolves will cause the deer and elk populations to surge—animals whom these bloodthirsty hunters also want to kill! THIS SHOULD NOT BE

THE CASE!! So I join thousands of animals lovers to vote against these new measures for the well-being of wolves and other non-target animals. Sincerely, Louis

louis gauci Newport, KY

57. There must be more humane ways to solve your problem.

ROSALIE Kanab, UT

58. I feel wolves need to be hunted, and trapped. I support current proposals. Thank you

Joyce McNeill Trout Creek, MT

59. I urge the commissioners to vote against the new wolf hunting regulations. These regulations undermine biodiversity, humane animal control and is in direct contradiction to the values of the Big Sky State. Me and my family are in the travel business and highly recommend Montana as an ideal destination for nature and wild animal lovers. These regulations are not in sync with valuing nature, wildlife and preservation. The exact values of the citizens that love and support your state. Please do not support these regulations. Thank you so much for taking the time to consider my comment.

Siobhan Fitzgerald Avon, CT

60. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Popular wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Dominique Hopkins Biddeford, ME

61. Killing wolves in this manner-trapping, shooting etc... is inhumane and unnecessary. Please do not allow this to happen. Thank you in advance.

Ellen Anllo Bieger Clarence Center, NY

62. Please do not increase the number of wolves allowed to be killed for the next season. In addition, do not allow cruel methods to be utilized in killing these intelligent mammals, eg. hunting with snares, baiting or night hunting. A healthy, intact ecosystem needs top predators like wolves. Human beings do not need to resort to mass extermination; we have the ability to solve problems through implementation of creative and skillful planning. Please resist acting according to financial motives. Save the wonderful ecosystems of the beautiful state of Montana.

Joanne McGrath Sylva, NC

63. It is all overkill when it CV comes to wolves. This must stop.

Grace Padelford Kirkland, WA

64. I urge you to please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations! Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Catherine Beauchamp PASADENA, CA

65. Please vote against these new wolf hunting regulations

Anda Honse San Diego, CA

66. ***deb kalahan Renton, WA***

67. Stop All Deadly Traps Snares -----Stop Killing Precious Wolves!!!!

Leo Elizabeth Alonzo Santa Fe, NM

68. Please vote against the new wolf regulations Wolves are an important part of our heritage and ecosystem Thank You Tammie Thier

Tammie Thier Algonquin, IL

69. I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If these regulations pass, I have absolutely no intention of visiting Montana again...a home to me for a few years. The horrific measures taken to eradicate these crucial carnivores angers and sickens me. So much hate for what science proves is necessary. Enough with the hunting and ranching lobby...haven't they caused enough issues?? Give nature a chance to fix the damage we've done.

Michelle Sewald Denver, CO

70. No snares

Adrienne Ashley Arroyo grande, CA

71. ***Joseph McGrellis Peoria, AZ***

72. I am in agreement with landowners protecting their property. However, collared wolves should be dealt with by the ones who keep track of them. As for the rest of the wolves, hunting a once endangered species is like putting a huge investment in retirement only to blow it all in self serving binges in Vegas before you die. Leave the animals to fight out life like the rest of us. Good Lord, what next? Shooting eagles because there's not enough trout?! BTW... Yellowstone is south of where my family owns property and enjoys all wildlife. I'm opposed to wolf hunting. Especially killing 450 of them! Animal control is understandable. If predators become too large in numbers, let the USFWS deal with them properly, humanely and only as needed.

Julie Zacholl Statesville, NC

73. This planned "execution" of wolves is barbaric and unnecessary. There has to be a better, more humane way to deal with this issue.....all wildlife loses more and more of it's natural habitat every year...and WE are responsible for that!!!

Diane L Walton Nashua, NH

74. I would like to see the wolf harvest limit go to at least 15 if not unlimited. Thank you

Sarah Yerkes Kalispell, MT

75. On your public meeting many of us could NOT get through on your line to comment, why are we having a comment period for the "3rd" time, we had one with the legislature and one with commissioners and the governor signed the bills into law! These bills should be implemented as were designed and passed. In region 1/2 and 3 we need extra help to control the overload of wolves. Originally the feds was 15 packs of wolves minimum in the state and as you can see on your own records we probably have 5 times that many just in the northwest. The snaring bill was not passed just for "private" land! The wolves snares are set high enough that they will not even touch a lynx. Your proposals are for private land only. As far as the extra trapping days region 1/2/3 will remain the same giving the extra days to the eastern part of the state that does NOT have the problem. My feelings are you are afraid of being sued by the anti's if they don't get their way. Isn't it time we stand up for our wildlife!

Gary W Grenfell Libby, MT

76. Follow the law. Trap the wolfs

Alrx Hall, MT

77. In humane and unnecessary

Jacqueline Jeffers Arlington, VA

78. Please do not allow the hunting and trapping of wolves

Janelle George Parker, CO

79. Please implement use of baiting for trapping and hunting for wolves. We would really like to see trapping for wolves start Dec 1.

Thanks.Laurien Riehl Missoula, MT

80. **GW Soquel, CA**

81. No trapping or snares. Rifle hunt only.

Jon Jeffries Bonner, MT

82. Snares on public land may end all of trapping on public lands Always that one guy that doesn't care about what he is doing Please keep it as is and snares on private land only. Yes I contradict my previous statement but after more thought on this matter I have changed my mind to present opinion.

Scott Dittmer Alberton, MT

83. Shoot them if you have to but don't use traps.

Rolf Juenemann Fresh Meadows, NY

84. I oppose the new wolf hunting and trapping regulations because they increase the number of wolves allowed to be killed and it expands some of the cruelest hunting practices: snare

trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. Thank you.
Karen Nazario Layton, UT

85. Leave the wolves in peace.

Mary Ellen Lewis WHITING, IN

86. **Janaina Bashford Commerce Twp , MI**

87. I see this massacre once again on the horizon and I wonder, just how many more generations it is going to take to stop this type of behavior. It is a very sad story...and the wolves will pay...and pay...until they are no more. Where will they go...have we decided that Montana is now dictated by a small group of individuals that need to kill everything that moves and lives freely without their approval? This backward movement will be not only be a slaughter of wolves, but everything on the landscape will also be affected. You have all heard this through the years since delisting, and we have all patiently given a nod to a sacrificial wolf in order for the pack to survive. NOT ANY MORE. Enough is Enough. Endangered Listing is around the corner, including Montana. Play time with the wolves lives, is over. We ask the commission to do the right thing...for a life, that has done nothing but be born to live a wild and free existence. Thank You. Ramona Coyote

Ramona Coyote Bigfork, MT

88. Stop killing wolves!!

Mark London, AR

89. How soon people forget that Yellowstone was dying until they reintroduced the wolf packs. Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem. If it's not the wolves then it's the wild horses eating too much grass or the grizzlies getting too close to humans or the bison herds are too large... man's only solution is to eliminate them or reduce their numbers. Nature has a balance that is perfected. When are humans going to respect and trust nature?

Dawn Bailey Medford , OR

90. **Trina Garcia Joliet, IL**

91. **Sara Boardman, OH**

92. Please protect our wolves. Do not allow hundreds of these noble animals to be executed in horrific ways, including via snare traps, night hunting, and baited hunting!

Dennise Vega Pflugerville, TX

93. The hunting of wolves should not be allowed. Calling it a harvest is a travesty. The killing of a wolf by humans hunting, trapping, etc., causes a permanent biological effect on the wolf killed. If a season is allowed, then the limits set don't seem to have any rationale relative to conserving the wolf population. 450 total seems to be a third to half of the total population. That would seem to have a permanent negative effect on the wolf population, that if allowed year after year, would quickly put the wolf back on the endangered species list.

Peter Barger Sparks, NV

94. **Mel San Diego, CA**

95. "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." ~ Animals Suffer As Much As We Do... Until We Extend Our Circle Of Compassion To All Living Things, Humanity Will Not Find PEACE." Please Stop This Barbaric Behavior & Practice, Sincerely~ Kelly Ann Grant
Kelly Ann Grant Felton, CA

96. To the FWP commissioners, Please vote against these cruel new wolf hunt regulations. Majority of people know how important wolves are for the ecosystems as well as their lives, their lives matter and they have a right to live like anyone else. They are beautiful, intelligent animals who are loved by the people. People love to get a chance to see them if they are lucky enough too. Tje wolves stay away from humans they do not want anything to do with them. They do what wolves do, do not take that away from them. How would you like it, people watching your every move, controlling your life, control whether you live or die. These plans are outrageous and morally wrong, cruel and inhumane. Let them live in peace and quiet, they are not bothering anyone. Sincerely Tony
Tony Johnson Missoula, MT

97. **Katelyn Lundberg Everett, WA**

98. I disagree!
Veronika Zilina, AL

99. PLEASE STOP HUNTING WOLVES!!
Mary k -, FL

100. Needed urgent alternatives
Clhnewyork@yahoo.com Bayport, NY

101. These animals should be allowed to live out in the wild undisturbed .
Deborah Martinucci San Jose, CA

102. Hello. I want to see wolves in Montana further protected, not further targeted. Wolves have taken the brunt of human hated toward predators for far too long. They deserve credit for their role in the natural world rather than being viewed as villains. In recent years wolves were responsible for only 1.2% of unwanted livestock losses in the Northern Rockies. And elk are at or above target numbers across most Montana hunting districts. Statewide, elk are estimated in 2020 at 44,000 over the population objective. So when you hear wolves are this huge threat to elk populations or to ranchers it is clearly wrong and is merely propaganda against wolves. The new regulations allowing snaring, more trapping, night hunting, multiple wolves per tag, etc. etc. are driven not from a need to control wolf numbers but by hatred for wolves and greedy

people wanting to kill more wolves. I am opposed to wolf hunting in general. I also work as a tour guide in Yellowstone National Park and I see wolves several times per week. The #1 thing people want to see in Yellowstone is wolves. So when Governor Gianforte kills a Yellowstone wolf he is taking away from my income and diminishing the prospects for my clients to see wolves. Wolves are also our allies in the fight against the horrific Chronic Wasting Disease. As you know wolves kill sick elk and deer and moose and can help slow the spread of this incurable disease. If you want elk and deer hunting in the future in Montana you clearly need wolves. I also oppose the use of snares which are a cruel and cheap way to kill wolves. Snares cause strangulation - certainly a horrible way to die - and catch many non target species like the protected Canada lynx, wolverine, pet dogs, even moose. The new wolf hunting regulations are about greed and cruelty, nothing else. Maybe we could start to act with compassion toward wildlife instead.

Phil Knight Bozeman, MT

103. I am a fourth generation Montanan, business owner and parent and Hunter. This is not fair chase and is a public hazard. Basic hunting ethics, and public safety have recently been attacked and allowed to be successfully undermined in the name of money. Please do not allow our state to be altered anymore than it already has. Especially when it comes to our natural resources, which extends to our wildlife, as well as our way of life (which historically has never been a free-for-all money based system, but rather a neighborly coexistence), and our safety

Julie Gandulla Bozeman, MT

104. Dear FWP, How could we do this? This truly wasn't how nature was intended. Please stop proceedings with new laws extinguishing these wolves. This is an unnatural way to balance out nature and not to even mention in the most cruelest inhumane and disgustingly barbaric way. Are we not humans any more with a soul and a moral compass? This is not a sport or a means to kill for a proper purpose. There are other solutions to protect livestock. Please stop this before it is too late. We are perpetuating an incorrect way for humans to function and encouraging bloodthirsty distortion. The Indians always knew in their soul to only take what is NEEDED with balance and gratitude- for us to survive. Find a way to protect livestock without massacring. Use tax dollars to find proper solutions. Thank you for your time and your hearts. Lygia Orta

Lygia Orta Los Angeles, CA

105. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Remember wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't ever be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass!

Ken Lentini Birmingham, AL

106. Traps and snares wow. Again man is allowed to treat animals in awful ways. Most all of the people I know, which is in the 100s agree with me. But the vocal few trappers you appease

Linda Carlson Billings, MT

107. ***Claudia H Bayport, NY***

108. As if hunting an animal wasn't unbalanced enough there is a possibility of allowing snare traps, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights, which are cruel forms of hunting. Please do not pass these new regulations. Wolves are too important to our ecosystem to allow people to so easily torture and kill them.

Allison Garcia DALY CITY, CA

109. I'm 100% in full support of these new regulations being put into place. I've witnessed first hand what the wolves have done to the big game herds in the backcountry/wilderness areas and it is heart breaking. I've grown up in a family that values our resources and am thankful for any big game harvest we may have that feeds our family off the land. I've seen WA go in a downward spiral with big game populations with the lack of predator control and I don't want to see that happen with Montana as I'm just completing the purchase of my future home there. People need to quit thinking and voting using emotion all in the name of "science" which is a big scam as most research is skewed to fit the "agenda". We owe it to our big game herds to manage these gray wolves and bring the deer, elk and moose populations back to where they once were. Thanks.

Bryce Owens Burlington, WA

110. A loop 20" off the ground? Really? How many years of college did it take for the IDIOT to come up with this acidnine idea.Canadian grey wolves do not belong in Mt. We will not quit until they're exterminated totally! You know not what you do!!

Tim Murnion Shawmut, MT

111. I am a frequent visitor to Montana and oppose any wolf hunting. I have been camping and hiking the area hoping to actually witness the beauty of these animals, spending lots of money in your state doing so, and killing 80% of your wolves would decrease the likelihood that I would find any to witness, thereby encouraging me to seek vacation and outdoor activities elsewhere. They also balance and keep the ecosphere healthy in areas that they exist - please reconsider the voices of only hunters and consider eco tourists for more long term options - once killed, they no longer generate money to your state.

Jennifer Lyn Gindt Yakima, WA

112. The plan that would most regulate the 2021 Wolf Season, and preserve them, and has the most humane restrictions, should be set forth.

Lanette Rapp Deland, FL

113. **Wanda L Billings, MT**

114. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.I am not a Montana resident and I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Mrs. Jerriltn Foster-Julian Huntington Station, NY

115. SB 314 #2c states a "harvest of an unlimited number of wolves on one license" ! This proposal does not meet that requirement! This proposed season length should begin this year on November 29th per HB225. Also, there is no exclusion for Lynx restriction areas in HB225. Snaring was not limited to private lands only in HB224!! This proposal should NOT state snaring is only on private land. FWP needs to follow the letter of the laws just as us trappers, hunters and sportsman have to. The entire intent of all 3 wolf bills is to reduce their numbers NOT add more restrictions.

GARETT BACON East Helena, MT

116. **Daniela Brescia, CA**

117. Wolves are intelligent animals on which healthy ecosystems depend. They are worth FAR more to your economy alive than dead. My ski/camping/outdoors group has decided to boycott Montana and Idaho given the heinous and cruel treatment of these beautiful animals. Please rethink your strategy, and stop catering to the loud few who are so anachronistic they still think killing is fun.

Elizabeth Noren Ann Arbor, MI

118. Please allow snaring and all manner of predator control. Overpopulation causes more death and disease.

Rena Wetherelt Victor, MT

119. PLEASE ban all animal trapping

Linda Brant Witney, FL

120. Please, vote against new wolf-hunting regulations, the wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Manuel Jiménez Serrano España

121. Please, vote against all wolf hunting regulations

sarah sowambur Caterham, CA

122. **James McAvoy Athens, GA**

123. I OPPOSE hunting licenses to kill Wolves. I OPPOSE trapping, snaring, night hunting and baiting Wolves for hunting and trapping today and long into the future. Wolves and other Wildlife were here way before man. You and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks have no right to provide negative licensing to snare, trap, bait or hunt and kill innocent wolves in the Wild. If ranchers have problems with cattle or sheep being taken then, they should not be ranchers in the first place. Ranchers land is Wildlife habitat first off! If ranchers cannot get along with existing Wildlife then they are fools and they ranch incorrectly. Ranchers can use dogs, lights and electric

fences to scare off Wild Wolves. It is the incoming ranchers, Montana or state officials, politicians and any other ignorant administration that needs to conform and be friendly to the existing environment and its long time inhabitants. Snaring, trapping, baiting, hunting and killing innocent wolves is not correct and not the way to handle a problem with hungry Wildlife ever. I Completely OPPOSE snaring, trapping, baiting, hunting and killing innocent Wolves and other Wildlife in Montana and throughout the U.S.A. today and long into the future. STOP the killing Today.

Alan Solomon Palm Desert, CA

124. Lethal or harming Traps are very unpredictable as people accidentally catch the wrong animals all the time. Examples are when people are trying to catch badgers in central Montana and accidentally captured a threatened swift fox. In western Montana traps can accidentally catch endangered lynx. Lethal or harming traps such as foot holding traps have a chance at catching the wrong animals or non target species. The result is untargeted animals being killed and will almost always ends up with people hiding the evidence for fear of being caught. Night hunting with spotting scopes is unacceptable to since it's been frowned upon in Montana and is dangerous to the public. Using snowmobiles and other motorized equipment is a overkill and doesn't show fair chase. I oppose all the new wolf laws now.

Jessica Hill Livingston , MT

125. Montana officials are reviewing proposed changes to the state's wolf-hunting regulations that, if passed, could allow hundreds of these noble animals to be executed in horrific ways, including via snare traps, night hunting, and baited hunting! Please do not pass, please save these wolves. I've been wanting to visit Montana and Idaho, passing laws to endanger wolves and other wild life, I will not be visiting Montana. Sincerely Nancy Mollenauer

Nancy D Mollenauer Windsor, CA

126. Please dont allow this cruelty to happen to innocent animals. They dont deserve this horrific pain and torture. Please allow them to remain in their natural habitat and live in peace.

Daisy Perez Dobbs Ferry, NY

127. There should be NO wolves "harvested" (cruelly murdered) by humans. Ranchers and all others against allowing wolves to live freely just as you and I, can go fuck themselves. WE DO NOT NEED MORE COWS FOR HAMBURGERS! Aren't the obesity, cancer, diabetes, stroke rates high enough? Humans need more meat? Are you effing kidding me? How stupid are you people??? Seriously? Did we learn nothing from the pandemic? If it has not become crystal clear that the pandemic, and most of what is wrong with the world, is the result of human arrogance and stupidity, then you deserve to die a worse death than what you are proposing for the wolves. It's pitiful that this is even up for debate. You want to kill these sentient beings in horrifyingly cruel ways, and you need people to tell you that it's wrong? You deserve to die a slow, painful death, just as you want for the innocent creatures who want nothing more than to live their lives JUST LIKE YOU WANT TO. Shame on anyone who endorses these heinous acts.

Bridget Pieroni Gaithersburg, MD

128. Wolves are majestic creatures that are also very necessary to the ecosystem. Plus why must we kill all the beautiful and wonderful creatures on this planet? Stop. Just stop.



Amanda Joyce St. Catharines, AZ

129. Please do not change the wolf-hunting regulations. They are cruel and unnecessary. Thank you. **Laurie Harper Georgetown, DE**

130. This is disgusting! You want to kill these beautiful creatures! These are gorgeous intelligent animals! Do you have a dog? Would you like your animal(s) to be killed this way. Very disappointing! Are you big men because you kill a big bad wolf? It's truly disgusting.

Misty Zban Fort Mill, SC

131. I object to increasing the number of wolves to the proposed 450 quota that may be taken annually. This is half of the current population, and will have a devastating effect of the viability of the population. If any increase is mandatory, then it needs to be as low as possible. The bag limit should not exceed 5, and trapping should not be allowed. Trapping is a barbaric way to take animals, and has the potential of negatively impacting other wildlife such as lynx, bears, bobcats, mountain lions, as well as non-prey animals. I object to snares, as well. Any hunting or other methods of taking wolves should not occur in areas around Gardiner and Silver Gate or west of Cooke City to the border of Yellowstone National Park. Use of bait should not be allowed at all, and night hunting should be illegal. Thousands of people value wolves in the ecosystem in and around Yellowstone and Glacier parks. They travel there with the specific purpose of observing them in the wild. I spent more than a month this year in Montana for the purpose of watching wolves and bears. I believe Montana will face a lot of negative outcry from visitors, as well as from residents, in addition to a potentially huge financial blow to the local communities. Wolves account for millions in revenue for the state, hundreds of jobs in small businesses, and attract worldwide tourism. So, I urge you to keep any changes to the most limited amount of change in how many animals can be taken, the shortest hunting period possible, and a ban on baiting, trapping and use of snares.

Julie A Webb Salt Lake City, UT

132. Please support this proposal

Janice Taylor Newark, DE

133. **Celena Porter Pueblo, CO**

134. Think outside the box!! Your first response is to kill when there's a concern to satisfy the sick gun happy mongrels not to mention the Montana Governor is one of them. What happened to the beloved state I was raised in. It was always about a respect for land, water, air and Wildlife. Stop this inhumane act. If you go through with it you were surly suffer the karma.

Michelle Weyler Las Vegas, NV

135. To Whom It May Concern: Snare trapping, night hunting, and baiting to lure wolves or any animal into gun sight are cruel, but increasing the number allowed to be killed in order to allow deer and elk populations to surge to aid hunting outfits is not only not balancing nature, because nature can balance itself out fine without human interference, but it's downright greedy. All ecosystems need apex predators. The State of Montana can and needs to do better than this. Although I've been planning a few drive vacations to see more of the U. S. by car, I will not be visiting Montana until hunting wolves in increased numbers and such a despicable way ends. I will keep myself informed and updated on this and make sure that I share this information. Sincerely, Laura Scherry

Laura Scherry Chicago, IL

136. Director and Commissioners, The legislative intent of SB314, was that a single wolf hunting license or trapping license called for unlimited number of wolves. There was no intent to do anything less. I support the house bill not the FWP proposal.

TOM FIEBER Polson, MT

137. ***Pete Colman Lubec, ME***

138. No trapping, snaring, shooting, poisons, ANY KILLING of wolves should never be permitted. AND what is proposed is way way too many kilings and is far too dangerous to other wildlife and domestic animals. And children. Wolves are a major part of any ecosystem and have a vital role to play in our world and should be left alone. Any of the options in this "law" are cruel and vicious AND shameful.. Enough killing. Surely Montana is better than this nasty and unnecessary slaughter.

Susan Ebershoff-Coles Danville, IN

139. Please protect these beautiful and necessary creatures.

Kimika Darling Ann Arbor, MI

140. I oppose these proposals that all lead to the unnecessary, indiscriminate and unethical killing of even more wolves trapped and killed than last year. The wolf is a keystone animal in the ecosystem. There is no sound scientific data that upholds this massive killing and reduction of the wolf population. Both snares and traps are tortuous actions causing great suffering to wolves and many other species that will be indiscriminately killed. Our lands are PUBLIC and belong to all. We are charged with being good stewards-- as is stated in the FWP mission. These animals and the essential role they carry in the ecosystem do not belong to a small percentage who wish to trap and now in fact will collect a bounty for harsh and unnecessary killing.

Susan Kronenberger Helena, MT

141. I prefer the limited new tools option. I believe the maximum new tools option is an egregious violation of Montana hunter fair chase ethics and will rightfully create a negative perception of hunters and hunting in Montana. As previously stated I prefer the limited new tools option. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Patrick McGuffin Great Falls, MT

142. Please vote AGAINST new wolf hunting regulations. If being unsuspecting victims to violence isn't terrible enough, then please consider the rest of the ecosystem. Wolves are a key contributor to its surrounding and encourage the proper balance between animal and plant life in the area.

Meg Kelly Leonardo, NJ

143. Montana officials are reviewing proposed changes to the state's wolf-hunting regulations that, if passed, could allow hundreds of these noble animals to be executed in horrific ways, including via snare traps, night hunting, and baited hunting! The passage of these regulations would be terrible, PLEASE oppose them!!!

Rosa Yolanda Villarreal Batavia, IL

144. Please I urge you to listen, there is a reason why people defend these innocent creatures. Open your eyes and see that they are alive, just like you and me. They have families as well, like you and me. They can feel love and safety but also pain and heartbreak like you and me. Would you cause yourself pain? I know I wouldn't, because I value my life, so value theirs please, like you value yours.

Joanna Ashland, OR

145. In light of the fact that in 2020 more wolves were harvested than is usual, resulting in a decrease of the wolf population, under the existing rules, proceeding with caution using the limited new tools option in all cases is the best way forward. This is a conservative approach that should allow for a decrease in the overall wolf population, while still maintaining fair chase, and fair opportunity for all who wish to participate in a wolf harvest. I do not think that night harvest or unlimited bag limit per hunting license should ever be allowed. Nor do I think that traps/snares should be baited. Capture of dogs, cats, or other non-target animals is of concern. Use of snares should not be allowed on public land, and definitely not baited traps/snares. All traps/snares need to be labeled with the person's identification who has set them, as is currently required for traps. I urge you to take the most conservative route forward with applying the new regulations. Personally, I thought that our static level of harvest and wolf population was a nice balance, and commend your office for the work that made it be so. It seems that ungulate populations are over target in many areas of Montana, showing that perhaps hunters should relocate their hunting efforts to the over-populated areas, rather than trying to increase ungulates in certain areas by decreasing the wolves. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration. Yours, Kathleen Borges

Kathleen Borges Billings, MT

146. I am shocked that trapping is allowed. This cruel, barbaric, and torturous form of hunting should be banned. Please don't allow this. Set an example that all forms of aggression and inflicting pain on other living beings is wrong. As a special needs teacher I teach love and tolerance and kindness. This does not support what this world needs. Thank you for your time.

hope googe Townsend, GA

147. I won't be visiting the state if these regulations pass. Please vote against wolf hunting regulations.

Sebastien Brouns New York, NY

148. STOP harming Animals!

Susana Reid Austin, TX

149. This is so very upsetting. Surely if there is a population problem and only if there is, humans should now use better ways to control numbers. Families of wolves are being killed, why should we kill them in this callous way?

Tonya Gilligan Bolton, AK

150. Stop the hunting of wolves on public land. Wolves are needed for a healthy eco system. Snares should be illegal, they maim and kill other animals. Please do the humane and 'right' thing for all on this planet.

Eve Danner Lentz Chicago, IL

151. **Natalie Rawlings Mapleton, UT**

152. I am completely against these proposed rules and regulations. This is against public opinion. I will certainly not visit Montana if this is allowed to pass. My summer-fall vacation will be somewhere better.

Nick Scholtes Minneapolis, MN

153. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Ariana Fort Worth, TX

154. I am speechless with anger at the proposed hunting regulations on hunting wolves. They should not be hunted at all! Stop the killing!

Sandra Kellerman New Alexandria, PA

155. I would encourage this Commission to follow the SCIENCE of wildlife management and make their decisions based on DATA not anecdotal information. These proposed changes to our history of FAIR CHASE hunting practices are simply gross and inhumane. Baiting, snaring and night hunting will only encourage slaughter of other species that happen to get caught in the frenzy of these practices. People come to our state hoping to be lucky enough to hear a wolf howl, glimpse a Grizzly or watch a moose feed in a pond. Ranchers have found ways in which to co-exist with the predators. Elk and deer populations have increased by 30% since wolf reintroduction. By adopting these new measures, Montanans will be seen as bloodthirsty, heartless, animal-hating lazy hunters that kill for pleasure. From the bottom of my hear, I

IMPLORE you to please reject the extreme measures of HB 224, HB 225, SB 267 and SB 314.
Thank you!

Erica Wirtala Kalispell, MT

156. PLEASE ELIMINATE THE HUMAN CRUELTY OF ANY WOLF-HUNTING! PLEASE JUST ALLOW
NATURE TO TAKE ITS COURSE!

JASON NAKAGAWA LOS ANGELES, CA

157. I have a home in MT and I am absolutely APPALLED that you are approving the hunting of
wolves. SHAME ON YOU! Haven't we human done enough to try and wipe out this majestic
species...?!?

Christy DuCharme Cottonwood, AZ

158. Its simple...STOP the killing of wolves NOW!

Cheryl K Rhodes Greeley, CO

159. ***anthony Fuff HAVERHILL, CA***

160. Please take a lesson from what research showed after the Wisconsin wolf hunt took a third of
the wolves in that state. Protect these majestic creatures. Say no to the hunt.

Jennie E. Taylor Virginia Beach, VA

161. Traps and snares are non discriminatory, thereby endangering other wildlife, pets and people

Terri Grubb Cape Coral, FL

162. I'm writing to urge you to please vote Against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a
keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive, studies show that the presence of
wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I would
love to visit Montana if these regulations are Not in place. Thank you.

Doris Acevedo Selma, TX

163. Snares, baiting and night hunting are not compatible with sportsmanship or hunting ethics.
The harvest numbers are too high and will cause wolf populations to significantly decrease;
which may be the state's primary objective. Montana is not a wildlife friendly state. I will not
return to fly fish or camp in your state.

Marcy Meachum Hayesville, NC

164. Simply disgusting & shameful!!!!!!!!!!!!

Linda Heimbach Ft. Meyers, FL

165. This is disgusting. Wolves are beautiful sentient beings.

Wendy Holmes Lincolnshire, WY

166. **M Fortune Jackson, MS**

167. I urge you to please vote against trapping and hunting this beautiful endangered species!!!
jane mitchell midland, GA

168. PLEASE PROTECT THE WOLVES!!
Brian Lee Los Angeles, CA

169. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. This is not an animal management issue. This is an issue of disrupting the check and balance system that mother nature already has in place. Please vote against this. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Tricia Lisa Islip, NY

170. " Comments to the wolf hunting and trapping proposal for 2021-2022. There is no evidence or any data that indicates implementing the wolf-oriented bills intended to allow more opportunities for take of wolves to reduce the population will significantly increase threats to the overall wolf population. In fact, FWP has publicly stated during legislative committee hearings that "the wolf population can withstand additional pressure, and we have no concerns with genetic diversity." They also stated that "to maintain a sustainable level the wolf population needs to be above 200 wolves." That means there is no credible scientific basis that utilizing the Maximum New Tools Option (MNT) option will risk relisting, or create any of the doomsday predictions by the animal rights and anti-hunting and ant-trapping community. Considerations on the proposal: Adopt the MNT option and snaring requirements and eliminate quotas and restrict baiting and night hunting in WMU's 313/316. I believe raising the height of the bottom of the snare loop to 20 or 22 inches above the surface would avoid the potential for non-target lynx catches and produce more captures of mature wolves. Retain the other snare equipment and requirements in the proposal except consider allowing snaring on public lands in low recreational use areas perhaps derived from the trapping setback findings. The MNT coincides with many of the core recommendations of the approved Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Some examples for justification of the MNT from the Plan include: •An adaptive approach will help MFWP implement its wolf program. • Management actions will be evaluated in light of prevailing conditions or extenuating circumstances. • If a local prey population are significantly impacted by wolf predation the Department may reduce wolf numbers. • If a local prey population is significantly impacted by wolf predation in conjunction with other environmental factors, FWP would consider reducing wolf pack size. • Wolf management actions would be paired with other corrective management actions to reduce ungulate mortality or enhance recruitment. • Concurrent management efforts for wolves and ungulates would continue until the prey population rebounded. The most compelling justification for reduction of wolves by adopting the MNT is the low recruitment rates in several local areas within regions 1 and 2 where there is little to no resilience as stated by FWP, and as I have witnessed. If the triggers to initiate a commission quorum on harvest and

non-target captures are put in place as sideboards then adoption of the MNT has sufficient safeguards to maintain a viable wolf population. The annual wolf season setting framework allows future changes based on the "Learn and improve as we go" objective that has been a tenet of all wolf season proposals. I urge the commission to follow legislative intent of HB 224, HB 225, and SB 314 and approve the proposal as outlined in these comments. Thank you,
Keith Kubista Stevensville Montana "

Keith Kubista Stevensville MT, MT

171. To whom it may concern, please stop this horrible law to go thru to kill as many wolves as possible. It is important that we have wolves to help keep the other animals in controlled population. Without the wolves there will be a mass eruption of other animals and it will be hard to control them. Wolves do not hurt humans, only to protect their young and themselves like we do for our own families. Please this bill or law from killing the wolves! We need them in our states. Thank you for listening

Maureen Rifkind Demarest, NJ

172. I am so tired of the scapegoating and slaughtering of wolves. Humans have taken their habitat, damaged the ecosystems, and killed them relentlessly when they kill and eat--in order to survive. Stop the hunting and encourage people to other ways to entertain themselves that don't involve killing.

Lorren Ratley Cincinnati, OH

173. Appalling & shameful.

Helen Southby Richmond, VA

174. Please vote against the new wolf hunting regulations, this is extremely cruel, these animals should not be hunted and gunned down for fun, this serves no purpose.

Lisa Anne Puchta Phoenix, AZ

175. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations!! These new regulations would subject these amazing animals to the most brutal, inhumane, and cruel tortures -- tortures that should be illegal in every state. Do not let this happen in the gorgeous state of Montana!!! Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident, but I have visited this amazing, gorgeous state in the past and have planned to come back many times. However, there is no way I will set foot in the state of Montana if wolves are not protected, respected, and valued for being such an essential part of a healthy ecosystem! Do not let these regulations pass!

Arden Green O'Fallon, MO

176. "To the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commission: We are Ravalli County residents who would like to express our support for the "Limited New Tools" option for the upcoming wolf hunting and trapping seasons. We spend a lot of time hiking and skiing with our three beloved dogs in the public lands of the Bitterroot and Sapphire Mountains. Two of our dogs are huskies,

who wear orange to reduce the chance that they will be shot during wolf hunting season. We also must carry vise grips and snare cutters during trapping season, to facilitate releasing them, if they were to be caught in a leghold trap or snare. Increasing the length of hunting season or expanding the use of snares onto public land would increase the danger to our dogs, and those of other forest users, while benefitting the few who hunt and trap wolves. Wolves are an essential part of the ecosystem, and targeting them as in the other alternatives is not an appropriate goal. Elk numbers are at or over objectives in all regions and in most hunting districts, according to FWP numbers, so any increase as a consequence of reduced wolf predation would be a detriment to the environment and ecosystem. In our area, many elk winter in their historic wintering grounds near the Bitterroot River, much of which is private property, which may reduce hunting success, but reducing wolf numbers is unlikely to affect this tendency of the ungulates. Besides the reasons mentioned above, allowing much more liberal wolf hunting and trapping will negatively impact tourism. Not only tourists with dogs and small children (who are also endangered by traps) be less likely to visit Montana, but also the many who value Montana's ecological diversity, which includes predators like wolves, will be discouraged from visiting by a perceived "war on wolves," if the Intermediate or Maximum new tools alternatives are selected. To sum up, we feel for the safety of our dogs, for the benefit of the majority of forest users, for the Montana tourism industry, and for the benefit of the ecosystem that the "Limited New Tools" option is the best choice for modifying wolf management. Sincerely, Kathryn Tilly and Joe Rimensberger"

Kathryn Tilly Hamilton, MT

177. ***Don Mandy Birmingham, AL***

178. urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Remind that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

nicolas revuelto fernandez los angeles, CA

179. ***Tina M Sague LAS VEGAS, NV***

180. The world is at this moment desperately trying to recover from how humans have treated animals and the environment: to propose a law stating that more animals can be killed, for 'leisure' purposes, is insanity. We need to start making changes to the way we live, if we want a planet to live on in the future, and that includes not believing we have the right to kill other species.

Joanna Symes Bristol, England, TX

181. ***Lucy São Paulo, AL***

182. Please vote AGAINST wolf-hunting regulations. The cruelty inherent in the use of snares is sickening and these regulations are a misguided attempt at species control. We are so out of touch with the natural world that we subject it to horrific cruelty and our actions interfere with the balance of ecosystems at a cost: when species are lost or their numbers reduced we all lose.

There must come a time when we wake up to the fact that we are destroying our own home:
why not make that time now?

Ann Dixon New York , NY

183. Pointless trophy killing should not be legal. Wolves play a vital part in the natural ecosystem and have only recently been taken off the endangered species list. Are we trying to just move backwards? Hunt them to the brink again? Have we learned nothing from the past? What is the POINT of hunting except to encourage violence for fun? Does this match our values? No, it does not. Make this stop.

Maggie Li-Calis Madison, WI

184. . **C MX, CA**

185. Protect the wolves! No more hunting!

Vesa Kaakkuriniemi Holtsville, NY

186. My grandfather always spoke very highly of his time living in Kalispell. I was horrified to learn recently that your state plans on letting people hunt and kill wolves still. I would have loved to visit the state my grandfather always asked to be sent to when he died but will not be putting any money into an economy that supports such blatant displays of animal cruelty.

April Lynskey VANCOUVER, WA

187. Humane methods for Wolf population management please.

Karen Emanuel Tarzana , CA

188. Please consider life is worth saving.

Brandy Anderson Old Fort , NC

189. omg no please no when are we going to protect & respect?

Pat Thom Old Fort , NC

190. Don't allow these wolves to be heinously slaughtered.They can be trapped humanely and rehomed.Social media is thankfully exposing this horrendous action and those involved. You have the power to stop it from happening. Will you?

Bonnie Laderoute Breslau, NJ

191. I urge FWP commissioners to vote AGAINST new wolf-hunting regulations. Please keep in mind that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am a frequent visitor of Montana and invest a lot of money there, but I will not be visiting, nor investing, in Montana again if these regulations pass. Thank you for your time.

Hannah M Lemke Sarasota, FL

192. **Maria L Bednark Whitmore Lake, MI**

193. They seem like they should be more beneficial toward the animals while maintaining safety toward humans.

Jordan Eckhart Brookfield, IL

194. ***Shay Gennings Clarkston, MI***

195. Please cancel this attack on your states wolves. Please

Christi Heilbronner San Antonio, TX

196. Dear FWP Commissioners, I am urgently calling on you to vote against the proposed new wolf hunting regulations. Please vote against the use of the utterly cruel snares. If the wolf massacre continues, I will not visit Montana any more in the future. Sincerely, Tania Smith Killeen, Texas

Tania Smith Killeen, TX

197. Please stop this barbaric and horrific form of hunting and trapping.

Erin Hernandez Riverside, CA

198. Listen to the (scientist) experts!

James Eley Blaine, MN

199. ***Kathryn Salciccioli Farmington, MI***

200. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. It has been well documented that wolves are vitally important to healthy ecosystems—studies show that the presence of wolves has compounding effects, increasing biodiversity and health in animal and plant species.

Virva Aryan Denver, CO

201. Please do the wise and compassionate thing and vote against the new wolf-hunting regulations.

Brian Field Thornton, CO

202. Wolves keep the rodent population in check. Get rid of the wolves and look to Australia right now as to what a rodent infestation looks like.

Robin Fellner McKinleyville, CA

203. leave the wolves alone, they harm no one....they love the woods and they should stay there in peace

virginia Ingalls Mechanicsville, VA

204. WOLVES ARE AS IMPORTANT AS OUR DOGS THEY GAVE US. NO WILD ANIMALS SHOULD BE ENDANGERED. WE DID TOO MUCH IN THE PAST TO HARM WOLVES PROTECT THEM ADORE THEM

LINDA V MATICKE CORAM, NY

205. I support the new wolf regulations however regions 1,2 and 3 need to be included, I also agree with the new otter quota's for regions 1&2. Thank you

Thomas Jackson Stevensville, MT

206. No more wolf deaths! Stop the massacre.

Michelle bienick Grants pass, OR

207. Please vote against these regulations, wolves are important to their ecosystems

Dore Young Portland, OR

208. I would like to see district 2 open on Dec 1 for wolf trapping. It is very hard for a trapper to run a bobcat line then wait 2 weeks to do wolf trapping, Not all of us are season long trappers. I like to do trapping for a couple weeks but with wolf trapping opening later there is no real chance to trap them. We are trying to avoid catching non targets like pets with people getting Christmas trees but we could have reduced trap size the first 2 weeks. Up to # 4 size trap Dec 1 -Dec 15. Then wolf traps after Dec 15. But you can still keep a wolf caught after Dec 1. Hopefully this makes sense. Thank you.

Laurien Riehl Missoula, MT

209. Don't pass new hunting regulations

GAYLE GELBARD Roslyn, NY

210. I will not visit your state and spend my money there as long as you continue to destroy the ecology of your beautiful wilderness. Please do not hunt your remaining wolves.

Judy Stewart Montecito, CA

211. This barbaric trapping and snaring of wolves (or any animal) has to be outlawed. If you have watched footage, you will see how horrific it is.

judy Mickey Naples, FL

212. Wolves are here for a reason. It's an ecosystem that doesn't work when some part is eliminated. It's cruel, unnecessary and horrific way to treat them. They have families, feel pain, suffering and sorrow just like we do.

Eddie Poder Johnstown, PA

213. I urge the FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I love the

Montana wilderness, but I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Tara Hottenstein Gulfport, FL

214. **Melissa Elbrecht Franklin, OH**

215. **Colleen Perry Marina De Rey, CA**

216. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. We must learn to co-exist with wildlife - this is their habitat too.

Ruth Lotz Harrisburg, PA

217. **Margaret Swann Memphis, TN**

218. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Gene Ulmer Salt Lake Cty, UT

219. Ban hunting completely!

Farah Alexandra Tafreshi Westbury, NY

220. There are always more humane ways to co habit with nature, please research other countries ethics and strategies. Best wishes

Daniela Buchicchio Evesham, MN

221. **Peter W. Ferrin Morehead City, NC**

222. people come to Mt/Wy to see wolves- look at the number of people that visit The towns of Silver gate/Cooke city now and before the wolves were backin Yellowstone - live wolves bring in more ones than dead ones - just look at the wildlife viewing companies - I do not support your regulation and will not fly into Bozeman again if thry are passed. my money will be spent in other state with better wildlife laws.Thanks

Kucinski Rockaway, NJ

223. Please stop painful and cruel traps.

Deborah Earnest Burlington, ND

224. I write to implore the FWP commissioners to VOTE AGAINST the new proposal for the 2021 wolf season. If passed, it would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. The number of wolves allowed to be slaughtered could also be increased if commissioners pass this measure.

Despite widespread public opposition to the proposed changes, I know that FWP officials are reportedly under pressure from wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters, who apparently think that killing more wolves will cause the deer and elk populations to surge— animals whom these bloodthirsty hunters also want to kill! I would like to remind the commissioners that wolves are a keystone species, without whom, ecosystems cannot thrive, and studies have shown that the presence of wolves has a trickle down effect, increasing biodiversity in all plant and animal species. They are a required, necessary, desired part of our ecosystem. Please DO NOT PASS THIS NEW REGULATION! Thank you, Lynn

Lynn Bennet Kalispell, MT

225. Wolves are essential to the balance of nature. Please reconsider this action.

James Tomori East Brunswick, NJ

226. Dear Sirs, I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I think that the New regulations are horrible and will not visit your state in the future if these regulations pass. Sincerely Anette Larsson

Anette Larsson Skövde, WI

227. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Please view the documentary of the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park. Just one of the positive examples demonstrated in this documentary details how the impact of the reintroduced wolves literally reversed the erosion of a river as the wolves brought balance to number of elk in the park that visited the river, thus restoring the ecosystem. While I am not a Montana resident, I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Respectfully - Angela Clement

ANGELA C CLEMENT LIBERTYVILLE, IL

228. Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioners, I am writing with deep concerns and opposition to the proposed new rulings for the 2021 Wolf Hunt season. These rulings are politically motivated. Effective and fair wildlife management should always have sound science as it's base. The proposed new rulings treat wolves as worthless vermin. On the contrary, wolves are highly intelligent animals who are very devoted to their family. They are important keystone species who help to increase the health and biodiversity of Montana's ecosystems. Wolves are not a major cause of livestock loss and their hunting behavior helps to decrease the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease as they prefer to kill the weak and sick. -- I oppose the increased hunting season and bag limit. Montana's wolf population is already decreasing. The state doesn't need to expand the seasons or approve new tools for killing wolves. Allowing any hunter to kill 10 wolves could essentially wipe out an entire pack. -- I oppose the baiting of wolves and killing wolves at night. No wildlife species deserves to be managed by these methods. These methods violate fair-chase ethics and increase the risk of killing other wildlife

and even family dogs. -- Snaring is unethical and inhumane. I ask you to ban snaring on public lands and limit snaring elsewhere as much as possible. Montana is a special state. My vacation there was memorable. Montana is known for its big sky, beautiful landscapes and iconic wildlife. However, if Montana treats its wolves as well as non-target wildlife as proposed, Montana will rise to be one of this nation's most unethical states in its treatment of wildlife. Indiscriminate killing to the extent that is planned will be of no benefit to the state. It will only appease those who hold unjustified hatred for wolves. I ask that Montana rescind the proposed rulings and base its wolf management on ethics and sound science. Thank you for considering my comment.

Joan E Beldin Port Angeles, WA

229. This should not be happening. Please reconsider.

Gaz McKay Richmond, VA

230. I won't be visiting Montana in the future if this issue is not addressed and dealt with

Jenessa Squires Denver, CO

231. I support maintaining MT's current wolf management areas and quotas, including current quotas of two wolves in management units 313 and 316 each, and current quotas near Glacier. I support adjusting regulations now, as opposed to the proposal of emergency meetings if 1) 450 wolves are killed 2) more than 450 wolves are killed 3) should a non-target grizzly or lynx get trapped/snared I oppose the quota of 450 wolves (50% of the population) for 2021. MTFWP's current cap (based on actual science) allows 29% of its wolves to be killed. There is no economic, scientific or logical reason to increase this year's quota to 50%. -elk populations in MT exceed FWP's goals in nearly every region, which resulted in longer elk seasons and more hunters filling tags last year -depredations of domestic animals are low (1-2%) -more livestock die from disease, birthing and weather issues than depredation I oppose allowing wolves to be trapped, snared, hunted at night and baited. MTFWP's apparent bias toward trappers, hunters and livestock producers seems to disregard wildlife watchers, guides, conservationists and researchers, all of whom also hold a stake in FWP decisions. -only about 2% of MT's population are trappers, yet seem to wield undue influence over decisions made by MTFWP -many gateway communities such as Gardiner and Silver Gate depend on tourism dollars. In 2019 alone, 5.5 million visitors to YNP spent over \$600 million, many of whom came specifically to see wolves. I oppose the idea of emergency meetings (too little, too late) I oppose trapping and the use of snares (indiscriminate and cruel) I oppose baiting and night hunting (banned up until now to inherent dangers) I oppose increasing the wolf hunting season (wolf pelts are worthless Sept-Nov.)

Vicki Sielaff Livingston, MT

232. please stop hunting! no one human would like to be hunted ! please stop this " sport " where the winner is always the same

Fabiano Rodrigues Beckenhan, WA

233. Just terrible.

karen brady San Diego , CA

234. **carolee reagan Point lookout, NY**

235. Please think long and hard before you condemn these beautiful living animals to death, please be fair and just and treat them with the respect they deserve .., thank you

Margaret Lahiff Pontypool, AL

236. Disgustingly cruel, inhumane & totally uncivilised DENISE WILSON LLANDUDNO
JUNCTION, CA

237. Please keep regulations as they are presently written and do not change to new regulations.

Alicia Crabbe Rochester, MA

238. STOP WOLF HUNTING !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gyorgyi Simonovics Budapest, CA

239. **Madeleine Licausi Manahawkin n.j 08050j. , NJ**

240. To whom it may concern, I'd like to remind you that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. We won't be visiting Montana in the future if these regulations get passed. Sincerely,

Silvia Ranestal Tucson, AZ

241. My family and friends will not visit Montana if the new Wolf-Hunting regulations pass.

Steven Konopacki Portland, OR

242. **Silvia Ranestal Tucson, AZ**

243. **David Bembridge Newcastle, WA**

244. Leave the wolves alone

Robert Creighton South River , NJ

245. America's remaining wild lands and animals belong to our children. We have a responsibility to pass them on, not use them up ourselves.

Whitney Ruth Cloud Hawley, TX

246. **andrew wright augusta, GA**

247. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not be visiting

Montana in the future if these regulations pass. Why would I want to visit a place that holds such little regard for its animals? Shameful.

Ann Sievert San Jose, CA

248. I am an attorney and a concerned citizen who cares about people, the environment, and animals. I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Millions of people like me know that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not visit Montana in the future if these regulations pass, and I will encourage all others in my personal and professional networks, including those on social media not to visit Montana if these future regulations pass.

Sue M Kansas City, KS

249. Do not have a wolf hunt of any kind. Wolves are vital to the survival of the world's ecosystems. The world's wildlife populations are plummeting. Every individual counts and matters. If you hunt them I will not be visiting your state. The territory of a wolf pack is not controlled by our land borders. They are not yours to kill.

Jennifer Brown Kitchener, OK

250. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive; studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. While I'm not a Montana resident, I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Kristen Thompson Durham, NC

251. ***C.Alexander Sunnyvale, CA***

252. Stop hunting Wolves !

Renee Johnson Boise, ID

253. Wolves are a national treasure and have the right to live and be free of human persecution. Please help to save these wonderful sentient beings and vote against open season on wolves.

Nancy Alexander-Wadel La Mesa, CA

254. These methods of hunting are cruel and inhumane. There are so many more humane options snares and traps do not provide a humane death.

Dianna Quaintance Carver, MN

255. Ladies and Gentlemen: Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Our ecosystems cannot thrive without the presence of wolves. I live in California and would love to visit the beautiful state of Montana but will not do so if these regulations pass. Thank you in advance for your anticipated No vote.

Dale Drouin Walnut Creek, CA

256. Please don't get rid of the natural hunters who benefit the ecosystem so much.

Stephanie Anderson Monroe Township, NJ

257. As Utah's neighbor, please do not hunt the wolves. We have already learned hard lessons about removing apex predators from an environment.

Joe Bateman SLC, UT

258. Who the FUCK gave you permission to hunt wolves? How about I hunt you instead? NO MORE WOLVE KILLINGS ASSHOLE!

Jeff Vollendorf Footville, WI

259. I don't agree with landowners, or anyone killing wolves. They have a right to live in land that has always been theirs. Snares are barbaric and incredibly cruel and absolutely should not be allowed.

Elaine Carlton Glasgow, MT

260. ***Jessica Grubbs Topeka, KS***

261. All of your practices are cruel. If there truly is a wolf problem, find more humane practices to limit the wolf population. But if the "wolf problem" is simply made up for the benefit of cattle capitalists, DON'T KILL OFF ANY WOLVES!

diane marks port angeles, WA

262. Doesn't the law say dec 1st. can the Commission make there own laws. I say you have to go with the law. Snares on private land ok not on public land. grizzlies in foot holds can be released, are grizzlies allowed to kill humans ok with you.

jan thingelstad ronan, MT

263. Please oppose the new proposed wolf hunting regulations. these regulations are unscientific, unwarranted and cruel. A wolf trophy hunting season is unnecessary and not in the interests of tourism.

Steve Disch Des Peres, MO

264. Stop hunting wolf it's insane, disgusting and against every animal rights. The ecosystem need wolf and not hunters that want to have more animals to kills. I know that hunters want wolf out of the hunt so they can kill more deer. I will never visit your place and i will fight for destroy the tourism of Montana, if anything change.

ivan New York, NY

265. ***Alex San Juan, PR***

266. As a Michigan Conservation Steward and a citizen concerned with environmental issues, I'm writing to ask you to please NOT pass expanded methods for trapping and killing wolves in your state. Please also do not allow an additional 100 wolves to be killed in 2021 than were killed in

2020 -- an already disasterous year for wolf populations in Montana and other nearby states. As we all know, healthy populations of apex predators keep ruminant populations in check and also keep those populations from decimating flora critical to a healthy environment.

Peggy Malnati Farmington Hills, MI

267. ***Renee Smith Port Arthur , TX***

268. There is nothing right about the deliberate cruel methods of killing wolves. All traps and snares need to be banned.

Kelly Gallagher Miami, FL

269. ***LAURE FELDMAN Baltimore , MD***

270. Do not allow killing of these majestic animals. Jennifer Dunn Waukesha, WI

271. Wolves are an important factor in keeping a ballance in other populations. Just let them be and nature will find the right ballance. Why do you believe in the markets regulating themselves?

But when it comes to nature humans shall control it? Nature manged fine without us for million of years!!! Just let the wolfs be, please!!!!

Robert Sieler Oslo, VT

272. I am opposed to the proposed 2021 Wolf Season. The measures being considered are not acceptable to even seasoned hunters who consider such tactics poor sportsmanship. They are cruel and will lead to decimated populations of wolves. Wolves are a keystone population in the ecosystem, if they are reduced the ecosystem will be adversely affected. Finally, the general public is opposed to this proposal. I am not a resident of your state, but concerned by the alarms raised by your citizens. I will not travel to your state nor purchase products if this legislation is passed.

Kristen Frame Newark , OH

273. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident but am a frequent traveller and will be hoping that your choice reflects respect for the fellow inhabitants of our planet. For a place with so many natural beauty, it seems obvious to have respect and empathy for all sentient beings and living things. I would not want to travel to / visit your state otherwise. Thank you for considering these points.

Kara Williams CHICAGO, IL

274. Wolves should not be hunted at all. The risk they pose to ranching is hugely overstated. I used to be a resident of Wyoming and saw this firsthand. They are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive— studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Alyson Shotz brooklyn, NY

275. I am only in compliance with hunting if due overpopulation, animal(wolf) is suffering can not be saved and or sickness. Has become a serious threat with proof. No bait trapping nor night hunting. Snares should not put other animals in danger.

Jen Fitzpatrick Barnstable , MA

276. Wolf's are necessary in God's plan to keep the balance of nature. Please do not try to eliminate them from the food chain. This has not worked well in the past.

Patricia Piwinski Kirkville, NY

277. Please do not hunt the wolves. Please look at alternatives to the issues you are facing. At the very least use humane relocating, trapping or means to resolve the issues you're having. Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Goolsby Scottdale, GA

278. "My dad and I are totally against how extreme the state of Montana has become. I was in the state for 9 days around Christmas, 9 days in mid April and I will be there for 14 days late July into August. Montana is truly my second home. These proposals to literally slaughter a social, intelligent and ecologically important animal is asinine. So, accordingly, please: 1.

Maintain the current quotas of 2 wolves in wolf management units 313 and 2 wolves in unit 316 near Yellowstone NP and the current quotas near Glacier. In the Gardiner and Silver Gate gateway communities, a healthy wolf populations is the highest value, economically, for research, and because people want wild wolves in the ecosystem. I stay in this area and contribute to the local economy 2. Support fixing the regulations instead of setting up a series of emergency meetings. Don't allow any trapping at all in areas where there are lynx and grizzly bears, and restrict all other trapping with snares. I oppose the quota of 450 wolves for the hunting season. This is killing too many wolves. This plan would take 50% of the population. That is not wildlife management. That is slaughtering to appease special interests. I also oppose trapping and the use of snares. They are cruel and banned in many areas. Lastly, I oppose all baiting and night hunting. Simply killing wolves does not increase elk or save cattle. Elk populations in the state exceed FWP's goals in nearly every region, AND depredations are low, averaging a measly 60 domestic animals per year, including cattle. Wolves should be managed the way cougars are: the FWP new plan for cougars has allowed the population to grow to 5,000 in MT. Managing wolves this way would protect wolves in high tourism areas like Gardiner and kill more wolves in areas where elk or deer may be stressed by many factors. (climate change drought; habitat loss; multiple predators in one area—humans, wolves, cougars, bears). The wolf season needs to be shorter. MTFWP has been managing wolves as vermin, and this is abandoning the North American Model of Wildlife Management. MTFWP allows killing of wolves Sept-Nov, when the pelts are useless. It is considered wasteful and unethical. MTFWP is abandoning its own science-based cap of killing no more than 29% of the wolf population. This was FWP's stated goal, based on a peer-reviewed paper, "Population Dynamics and Harvest Characteristics of Wolves in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska." MTFWP's Wolf Management Measurable Objective #3 is to maintain relationships "with hunters and livestock producers and other stakeholders." Wildlife conservationists, wildlife watchers, and wildlife research should be

named stakeholders. MTFWP should manage wildlife for all Montanans. Many environmentalists, wildlife guides, and wildlife watchers (including myself) feel unheard. BTW – Why isn't there anything about wildlife watching or non-consumptive uses on your website. You so freely and clearly advertise for hunting and fishing. Why don't you also accommodate to the vast majority of citizens who don't hunt? Jonathan Way, Ph.D. 89 Ebenezer Road Osterville MA 02655 (and 3-4 week/year resident of southern Montana) "

Nathan Way Osterville, MA

279. It is my understanding that Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks commissioners are considering changes to the state's wolf-hunting regulations. If passed, the regulations would allow some of the cruelest practices, including snare trapping, night hunting, and the use of bait to lure animals into gunsight. The number of wolves allowed to be slaughtered could also be increased if commissioners pass this measure. I suspect FWP officials are under pressure from wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters who believe that killing more wolves will cause the deer and elk populations to surge, allowing for expanded hunting. Killing can NEVER be a solution to a perceived problem. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species in the ecosystem. Killing wolves will only cause new, long-term problems for the state.

Marc Hoffman North Wales, PA

280. ***Nancy Eldridge El Cajon, CA***

281. ***Shay Gennings Clarkston, MI***

282. "I am totally aghast with how extreme the state of Montana has become. I was in the state for 9 days around Christmas, 9 days in mid April and I will be there for 14 days late July into August. Montana is truly my second home. These proposals to literally slaughter a social, intelligent and ecologically important animal is asinine. So, accordingly, please: 1. Maintain the current quotas of 2 wolves in wolf management units 313 and 2 wolves in unit 316 near Yellowstone NP and the current quotas near Glacier. In the Gardiner and Silver Gate gateway communities, a healthy wolf populations is the highest value, economically, for research, and because people want wild wolves in the ecosystem. I stay in this area and contribute to the local economy 2.

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Jonathan G Way Osterville, MA

283. Why don't the government ensure public safety and getting pedophiles and animal abusers off the streets instead of shooting innocent wolves

Mary Marilyn Tobyhanna, PA

284. The world I live in has become unbearable because of the heartless humans like yourselves. For God sakes think about the suffering these animals would endure. I have been to your state and always wanted to go back. No desire now.

Susan D Bridge ormond beach, FL

285. Please be kind to wolves, don't hurt them. Thank you!

Mike Chyba Chicago, IL

286. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations

Vanessa Mangiarano Tallahassee, FL

287. Snaring, night hunting, and the use of bait are cruel and should be permanently band. Wolf hunting and hunting in general is murder, not sport. It should not exist. I will not be visiting Montana while it continues.

Angela Barnes Montgomery, AL

288. **Marina Breskin Brooklyn, NY**

289. Please do not kill any more wolves, this is not the Will of the people of Montana

Robin Bryan Helena, MT

290. Please consider that wolves are key factors and a key species in ecosystems as they are essential for an ecosystem's growth and survival. There are several studies that show that the presence wolves increases biodiversity. I have never visited Montana yet. I planned to do so later this year, however, if you decide for wolf hunting and trapping, I will not go through with my plans to visit and I think many people will do the same.

Josephine Lucke Juneau, AK

291. **Leyre Sanchez Miami, FL**

292. **Laviron Nathalie Seyssuel, AL**

293. This is horrific and cruel. The decline in wildlife is due to unnecessary hunting by humans. I am deeply saddened that this can happen. Please stop the killing and leave the wolves in the natural habitats. They are beautiful animals and deserve to live.

Nikkoshia Sophan Florence, OR

294. KILL ALL HUNTERS THEY ARE INBREEDING BASTARDS

achim klein TAMPA, FL

295. ALL HUNTERS ARE INBREEDING FUCKING BASTARDS FUCK THEM ALL

achim klein Oestrich-Winkel, FL

296. **angela manfre kyle, TX**

297. I urge the FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are an iconic species and have already suffered terribly at human hands. Further, they are beneficial to the ecosystems in which they reside. Please end the barbaric practice of wolf hunting.

Peter Linback San Diego, CA

298. Stop killing animals... its inhumane

Angie Valdez Bakersfield, CA

299. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. They are appalling and inhumane. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I do not live in Montana and I will absolutely never visit the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you.

Angela Jones Lees Summit, MO

300. Please leave the wolves alone. All animals have a place in the world

Carol Oller Pinole, CA

301. Wolves need protection not elimination!

Jean Bruhn Buffalo Grove, IL

302. I oppose the new wolf hunting regulations. It's cruel and inhumane. Wolves have not recovered and they are essential apex predators necessary to balance the eco system. Please stop this barbaric wolf hunting program

Joyce dannheim Greenwood lake, NY

303. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Brandy Horne Colorado Springs, CO

304. These new regulations need to become law. It is long overdue, they are decimating our elk, deer, and moose populations. It is so sad that it has taken this long to make moves to allow an equilibrium to reoccur. Lets right the wrong made back in the 80's when the wrong species was introduced.

JK Kalispell, MT

305. **Ilya Storozhinskiy DENVER, CO**

306. Please cancel the proposed 2021 wolf season options. It is well worth it to save the wolves rather than kill them. Thank you.

Anne Bujold Tucson , AZ

307. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Hunters have historically been directly responsible for loss of wildlife and animal cruelty. Do something right!

Mark Gowan Plano, TX

308. I urge the commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Erika Boka King George, VA

309. **Marcella Brooks Phoenix, AZ**

310. I am appalled that this is even being considered. The reasons for hunting/trapping wolves are spurious--and scientifically unsound. (The phrase "harvest" is ridiculous in this context. "Harvest" suggests that the animals will in some way be consumed for nutrition, but this is killing an ecologically important predator.) The possibility that "non-target" animals, including endangered species, will be killed in the process is high, and merely "reporting" those deaths does nothing to mitigate the damage. Holding a quorum to discuss whether to "adjust" the hunting/trapping regulations is too little too late. Montana is loved in large measure because of its wildness, and we should be proud to have a thriving wolf population here--and we should do more to ensure that they have sufficient habitat and prey that their interactions with humans and stock are minimal. Not only do I think the allowance should not be increased, I think there should be zero hunting/trapping of wolves in this state, period. Tonia Payne Whitefish, MT

311. Please prevent wolf hunting and trapping.

Renee Walkowe Bahama, NC

312. There is no reason to kill these beautiful innocent animals. Killing does not solve the problem. Animals deserve to live just as humans did . Why must the solution to any animal issue always be to kill them ? Please seek other solutions so lives will be saved .

Susan Kennedy San Diego , CA

313. ***Shirl Simkins Flagstaff , AZ***

314. ***Ronald Houghton Jr St. Augustine, FL***

315. Please protect biodiversity- mahalo and aloha

Julia Young Lahaina , HI

316. To the FWP commissioners, We should not be even having a discussion and ask the government to not kill these wolves. We love and want the wolves here, we are asking you to please vote against new wolf hunting regulations. Wolves are so important like sny other animal, they and other animals play a key role keeping the ecosystems healthy, without them, ecosystems would fail, would not thrive. If wolves went extinct, the food chain would crumble. When nature amd wild animals are killed, that meses up the balance and nothing is the samo again once that happens. These wolves are not the problem, it is human race, not all humans bit humans need to be dealt with not the animals, humans have and continue to take over their habitats and other animals as well,either by living in them or visiting . These wolves deserve to live. Really upsets me that certain humans think they k know what is best and make the decision to kill wolves. When humans interfere with nature, everything gets messed up, leave these amazing animals alone already. Ever year we hear about this and always our voices are ignored and the wolves get killed. Please stop this cruel, barbaric plans. No animal should ever be mistreated, or targeted to death. This is so wrong in every way. I do not live in Montana and will never visit the state in the future if these regulations pass. Sincerely Daniel

Daniel Davis Idaho Falls, ID

317. Please do not use inhumane options like snare traps, night hunting, or baited hunting to control the wolf population. If you proceed with excessive killing of wolves, I will cancel my next scheduled trip to Montana which was to be a fun repeat of our honeymoon there. I cannot financially support a state with such disdain for wildlife.

Leslie Mason Middletown, CT

318. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you.

Kathleen Gorman Uxbridge , MA

319. Do not understand why you want to eliminate the majestic wolf, an integral part of the eco-system. He has no predators other than man. The concept of destroying the wolf population is appalling, ignorant and extraordinarily SELFISH!

M. A. Leitch Philadelphia, PA

320. **KATIE Mt morris, NY**
321. no killing of wolves or trapping wolves, it is in humane..stop it now
virginia Ingalls Mechanicsville, VA
322. Please, don't be sadistic and leave wolves alone!
Jesús Graciá Miami, FL
323. Please vote against the new Wolf - Hunting Regulations!!
Rosa Yolanda Villarreal Batavia, IL
324. This is a cruel way to manage the problem. Wolves have a place in nature and it has been shown that they contribute to all species thriving in the wild. Please let them survive!
Jacqueline Baker Hawthorne, FL
325. **Anne Smith Liverpool, AK**
326. Please vote against new Wolf hunting proposals
Pamela R. White Latrobe, PA
327. **judy pizarro maple shade, NJ**
328. Please do not change any hunting regulations on the wolf population.
Tamara Kalispell, MT
329. The open slaughter season on wolves is inhumane, disgusting, and nothing but political decisions made for the benefit of the governors big money supporters. It is disgusting that Montana, the beautiful state for scenery and wildlife is really a massive slaughter house. The wolves have proven over and over how much the eco system has thrived from the reintroduction. For once, it would be nice to see a decision made in the best interest of the animals. Do not let this happen.
Roann Schott Clinton, MT
330. I am writing to urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.
Lee Ann Stiff Dolores, CO
331. There is a balance with nature and humans should we forget. There is no environmental reason to eliminate wolves. As a former conservation chair, we always looked for the balance that would include future generations
Nita E Tomaszewski Pahoa, HI

332. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Remind them that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If passed I won't be visiting the state in the future.

Tim Charleston, SC

333. Please vote against new wolf hunting regulations. An increase in wolf harvesting is cruel and not necessary.

Sandra Colacurti Waterford, MI

334. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Sincerely, Adam Mills

Adam Mills Asheville, NC

335. I am a avid non resident elk hunter as are several family members and I greatly appreciate the management of wolves through trapping. It has greatly improved the elk population in the areas I hunt.

Steven T. Cecil Milltown, IN

336. I want to urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Wolves have the right to thrive and live a long, full life in our wilderness not to be cut short by blood thirsty hunters. Wolves along with the other wildlife species deserve to be protected. It is not the FWP commissioners right to play God with these beautiful and proud animals lives, it is a disgrace what you are trying to do with these new hunting regulations by passing these horrible wolf killing policies which are an embarrassment to our country and go against our values and beliefs to conserve our wildlife, forests, and freedoms which apply to our beautiful wildlife too. I am not a Montana resident, so I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations are passed.

Jeree Sharpe Lake Stevens, WA

337. The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) commissioners are currently considering proposed changes to the state's wolf-hunting regulations that, if passed, would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. The proposal will also increase the number of wolves allowed to be slaughtered. There is widespread public opposition to the proposed changes except for pressure from wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters. I am urging you to vote against these new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I love Montana but won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you!

Nancy Andrews Tucson, AZ

338. Wolves are a very important part of the food chain as well as ecosystem. I will not consider visiting Montana in the future if this proposal passes. Thank you.

Vicki Schlenker Fargo, ND

339. STOP killing wolves!!!!

Roger Cardillo Bayonne, NJ

340. Wolf hunting is cruel. Please don't expand on it. In fact, cut it out altogether. It separates families and leaves youngsters vulnerable.

Annie AuBuchon St. Louis, MO

341. I am a member of PETA and was notified by them about the proposed changes to wolf regulations in Montana. I am opposed to these changes as they would promote the cruel and unsportsmen-like practices of snare trapping, night hunting, and baiting. I listened to most of the debate on the public meeting and there seemed to be overwhelming opposition to this proposal. Many people who are much more educated in the area of Montana wildlife management than myself commented that these measures would disrupt the current healthy ecosystem, increase chronic wasting disease, and harm tourism. The small group that seem to want and would profit from these changes are the wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters. I hope you will do the right thing and reject these proposals.

Diana R. Sharp New Braunfels, TX

342. 450 wolves killed. This has got to stop. To senselessly kill these noble and majestic animals is barbaric. Please stop the slaughter now. Linda Wray

Apple Valley, MN, MN

343. Every proposal is a horrible cruel way to kill a wolf. These animals have little chance of survival -- hunters are always looking for new ways to make it easier to kill the wolves; landowners want more land to graze and/or to lease land to hunters -- it's hopeless for the wolves. These animals are necessary to the ecosystem.

Cynthia Allen Lawrenceville, GA

344. I Do NOT agree with night hunting, lethal traps, foot holding traps, unlimited wolf kills under one tag, bounties that pay hunters to kill wolves, using spotting scopes, using atvs, snowmobiles and helicopters to chase down wolves, extended wolf season which would kill pregnant wolves, the use of snares and foot holding traps which will kill non targeted species including pets and people.

Bridgar Hill Livingston, MT

345. ***diana richmond, VA***

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and helicopters to chase down wolves, extended wolf season which would kill pregnant wolves, the use of snares and foot holding traps which will kill non targeted species including pets and people.

Bridgar Hill Livingston , MT

347. **Jason Vinokur Surfside, FL**

348. Please consider not hunting these amazing creatures!

Jorge Beloso-Curiel Richmond, CA

349. I am appalled at the new hunting regulations for wolves. Simply put this is inhumane and horrific to push wolves to the brink of extinction as was done decades ago. Where is the reasoning for this persecution? No way is it science based. I advocate maintain the current quote of 2 wolves in wolf management units 313, and 2 wolves in unit 316 near Yellowstone NP. I have been traveling to Yellowstone since 2005 every year to see wolves. This income benefits the local and state economy. No way is killing 450 wolves a reasonable goal! Forget the emergency meetings to revise hunting. Support the regulations that exist. I oppose trapping and the use of snares, baiting and night hunting. The wolf season needs to be shorter, and management needs to be science based. Killing wolves does not increase elk or save cattle. Wildlife conservationists, wildlife watcher and wildlife research should be named stakeholders is the preservation of these animals. Manage wolves the way cougars are, and do not forget the importance of wolves on the landscape!

Douglass Smith Wilmington, NC

350. **Alicia keller New Westminster , IA**

351. It was only a few years ago that wolves were being re-introduced because they had been hunted to near extinction! Now you are wanting this destruction of nature all over again! I could understand hunting if we were back in the time when folks hunted for food, but now it is, sadly, for fun-and I can't imagine how killing an animal could be fun! In the name of heaven, stop the killing!

Marion Thomas Elyria , OH

352. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. What right do humans have to run around killing animals? Humans have NO right to do this.

nadia arodak Davie, FL

353. Animals are not ours.

Momo kim Berkeley, CA

354. Quite simply, the constant slaughter of wolves is beyond logic. The human need to conquer & destroy (in particular, the male of the human species) has brought us to the brink of environmental suicide for all living things. What does it take to wake you up?

Margo Clark Edmonds, WA

355. Snares are tortuous devices when a wolf is caught in them. It is cruel and unusual punishment for this beautiful animal. When wolves were almost made extinct the elk overran the vegetation. There were no plants left.

jennifer schultz buffalo, NY

356. Vote AGAINST any and all new wolf hunting regulations I won't waste my time or money visiting/staying in your state in the future if these regulations pass

CRYSTAL MARSHALL howland, OH

357. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident but have thought of coming there in the future for vacation however if this wolf hunting doesn't stop I'll surely never put a dime into that state.

Laura Desantis Metamora, MI

358. This is an outrageous attempted genocide of a species for political gain. When you speak of options where are all the alternatives which include protecting & preserving Montana's greatest asserts -it's magnificent wildlife. I came to see mountains and wolves. Not cattle. No more.

Sherry McCullough Trenton , MI

359. Hi, I would like to vote against wolf hunting and any kind of animal cruelty. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I'm not a Montana resident and won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Kind regards, Christine

Perla Suerte Los Angeles, CA

360. The wolf season options appear to be missing humane methods. I'd like to think that people are smarter and kinder than implicated in the killing rules. Do human beings actually enjoy perpetrating this king of heartless slaughter? Donna Berriman

Donna Berriman Falls Church, VA

361. Please dont hunt the wolves, they are a keystone species. Thank you

Tina Miller Los Angeles, CA

362. I protest snare trapping, night hunting as well as baits luring wolves into the hunter's shooting range. These animals are losing their habitat and are a very important part of the ecosystem. I strongly suspect the FWP is being pressured by those who have a vested interest in demolishing

as many of these animals as possible in order to protect their grazing areas as well as hunters, hunting clubs, guides, and hunting outfitters.

Gloria Navan Lawrenceville, GA

363. The Montana FWP Commissioner's and FWP Department needs to listen to their biologists when determining season dates and quotas for wolves, furbearers, and game species. Follow the science and don't let public opinion dictate your decisions. Remember, the out-of-stater's voices shouldn't be given too much weight, especially if they are a hired gun for a self proclaimed animal rights organization.....that guy Capra is only in it as a job and for the money. Having said that, Commission needs to: Increase the otter quotas in R1 & R2; Approve and implement the new wolf harvest tools and according to Legislative intent; I support the FWP Commission's actions implementing the new tools using Legislative intent. Chrissy Justice, Darby

Christine Justice Darby, MT

364. ***Becky Newman-Bickel San Mateo, CA***

365. Vote against new hunting regulations. Save the wolves! Gordon Cook Rexford N.Y., NY

366. I urge the individuals considering these changes to vote Against the amendments. The wolves are required to live free in the wild as their behaviour and way of living is necessary to help the ecosystem to work as nature intended.

Tina Harper Surrey, CA

367. Wolves should be protected again. They are sentient beings with families that should be allowed to live and thrive. Please return them to the protected species list as they once were. Thank you.

Isabel Herrera Hagar El Paso, TX

368. Please consider protecting the wolves from any future killing and hunting.

Myra Toth Ojai, CA

369. I support the house bills but not all of the FWP proposals. Stick to the intent of the legislature

Leo Anderson Kalispell, MT

370. I encourage the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission to reject all proposed changes to wolf hunting in Montana -- these changes are inhumane and regressive: night hunting, baiting, licensing, bag limits snaring -- all are absolutely out-of-sync with long range U.S. wolf recovery efforts and, even worse, not one change is needed. These changes are no more than bending to the will of ranching, a paranoia-inducing public relations blitz, and hunting interests who value profiting at the expense of wolves over the animal itself, as if profit is all that matters. Wolves pose no threat to humans as supported by a hundred years of data, promote healthy ecosystems in their role as apex predators, and engender tourism for states far-sighted enough to recognize that potential. As an out of state citizen, I will avoid visiting or supporting any state that shows so little respect for wildlife and a fundamental lack of humanity in dealing with

wildlife, a state that in fact seems to regard wildlife as nothing more than a means to make a buck on the one hand, and whose ranchers, on the other, even though compensated for the relatively low percentage of livestock taken by wolves, lack the imagination, energy and will to deploy no-kill strategies to protect their animals.

Henry Kimbell Rio Rancho, NM

371. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations!!!!

Edwin Pieterse Miami, FL

372. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations!!!!

Jacob Verheul Norfolk, VA

373. Absolutely cruel, inhumane and shameful proposal. Should not be even considered.

Mona Kargaran Quigley Arkansas , AR

374. I am a visitor from Illinois. I have made 29 trips to Montana over the past 15 years to enjoy your beautiful landscape, but mostly to enjoy the apex predators that reside in your state. The legislation Montana's state government has enacted to hunt and kill wolves has caused me to write this letter. I understand the pressure from ranchers and outfitters to remove wolves from the landscape, however, there are many reasons to allow wolves to prosper. Primary, among these reasons, is the ability of wolves (and other apex predators) to bring tourism to Montana. Visitors from other parts of the U.S. (and around the world) visit Montana to view these animals in the wild. Wild wolves are not easily viewed anywhere else in the world. Tourists spend many dollars (I know I have) in the gateway towns that border Yellowstone, and in the towns they visit to and from their journeys to the park. Yellowstone wolves are protected, however they evolved (through no fault of their own) to seek new territory and establish new packs, much the same as our own children who grow up to establish their own families. Sometimes these wolves end up outside the protected boundaries of the park and they pay the ultimate price. Drastically reducing their numbers removes possible mates for those wolves residing inside Yellowstone, eventually shrinking the gene pool and causing inbreeding and sickness. In fact, having healthy wolves in Montana keeps the elk and deer population healthy for outfitters to hunt by removing the old and sick animals from the population. In light of the above, please consider the following: -Please maintain the current quota of 2 wolves in WMU313 and 2 wolves in Unit 316 near Yellowstone, and the current quotas near Glacier NP. -Please reduce the proposed quota of 450 wolves for the hunting season. The plan would take 50% of the population, that number is not justified. -Please fix the regulations, instead of setting up a series of emergency meetings. -Trapping, baiting, use of snares, and night hunting are inhumane, please don't allow these methods of torture. If wolves have to be killed, at least make it a quick, clean shot. Thank you for your consideration.

Gayle Heinemann Roscoe, IL

375. As you know, wolf populations are historic lows in the lower 48 states. With a mere 6000 individuals in 10% of their traditional range. You propose to destroy 7.5% of an already nearly destroyed species in one year alone. The trapping and/or poisoning is simply cruel and indecent

as it causes even more pain than shooting. None of this can hide behind the guise of "sport". Moving the short-sighted destruction to private lands which are near public lands is a farce as animals don't have access to the property boundary determinations located in your planning offices. These animals are minimal risk to humans and cattle as you well know. Ranchers lose more cattle in a year to water shortages / disease than to the miniscule number of wolves in Montana. Please, I beg you, grow a pair and do the right thing for the planet.

Amy J Johannesen Brooklyn, NY

376. Please don't allow these vile regulations to be passed. These are beautiful animals whose existence play a huge role in the eco system. If these regulations are passed I have no interest in visiting your state

Lyn Cookson Scottsdale, AZ

377. No legitimate basis has been provided for why these proposals are even being considered. This is a culling which will effectively decimate the wolf population.

Emily Shaw Westbury, NY

378. Saving wolves is crucial for a healthy ecosystem.

Kayrita Mitchell Bend, OR

379. **Fran Lazzara Evergreen Pk, IL**

380. I was upset to hear about the proposed rules for wolf hunting in Montana, which would allow increased snare trapping, baiting, and hunting at night. Most people want to see wolf populations PRESERVED to maintain biological balance in our ecosystems. Please don't cave to the interests of a few wealthy lobbyists or hunter groups that only want to see elk or deer populations expand. They don't understand the larger implications of having a full, healthy wolf population in Montana! I've been concerned about this issue for a number of years, and as someone who travels fairly frequently, I don't put my travel dollars into states that knowingly decimate keystone species like wolves and other wildlife. I'd like to see Montana do the right thing by protecting wolf populations!

Michele Clark Rocky Mount, NC

381. **Isabell Biesterfeld Arvada, CO**

382. **T Stevenson Gravesend, AK**

383. STOP THE KILLING OF ALL WILD CREATURES, ESPECIALLY WOLVES WHO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMAL POPULATIONS IN BALANCE. STOP THE KILLING. LET NATURE TAKE ITS NATURAL COURSE. STOP THE KILLING !!!!!!!

Robert M Reed Hardyville, VA

384. Please do not allow this horrible event to occur! :

Christine Williams Pottstown, PA

385. Please don't allow snares. I understand some amount of hunting is necessary but let us be humane - hunters need to have skill and kill the animal without inflicting pain. Snares are unacceptable. Please preserve the wolf population. Decimating it to this degree is going to destroy years of conservation.

Stef Optiz Cody, WY

386. I oppose this bill in every way. I can't understand how we have got to this after what we have been through with the Wolf reintroduction. It has been a big success at every level. And now humans want to screw it up again just like before. If this bill is enacted history will show how devastating humans are to the Wolves. They are an asset. Let them continue to be.

Bart Humble Driggs, ID

387. I am a great admirer of the Wildlife and Beauty of your state. I visited your state back in 2016. I camped at Glacier National Park and enjoyed every minute I was there. But I will never step foot and spend another time in you state of you massacre Grey Wolves. OUR Grey Wolves are under attack. Grey Wolves do not kill for the thrill of it or because they deem another animal unnecessary. Why should people be allowed to get away with these atrocities. The time for inaction has passed. The rights of the ignorant and greedy few do NOT outweigh the rights of the many who deeply care about OUR Grey Wolves and OUR Environment. ENOUGH! STOP the hunting and do WHATEVER it takes against the poachers to save OUR Grey Wolves from harm!!!

Tracey Bonner Arlington, TX

388. Please stop wolf hunting trapping poor animals all living things has feelings horrible shame on the humans to do this to animals let a human be trapped see how they feel the pain

Sandy Chaverra Boynton Bch, FL

389. Please make it a priority to preserve wolf populations. Enact a hunting ban.

Samantha Orszulak Brooklyn, NY

390. As a wildlife photographer who travels to Montana once, or twice a year to photograph live Wolves, and Grizzly Bears. I oppose your proposes Wolf quota increases! Like many photographers, spending money in Montana throughout my stays! Most of my stays in Montana are for 3-4 weeks, minimum. As an avid bird hunter, I do oppose increasing the Wolf harvest quotas, and snaring on public lands! The Wolves are worth more to the people of Montana alive! What trophy hunter spends 3-4 weeks supporting your State?

Mark Lynch Inverness, FL

391. Leave these animals alone

Charlie Burns Norwalk, CT

392. ***chantal plante st-hippolyte, VT***

393. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Please vote against the new wolf hunting regulations. As a Michigander, I won't be visiting Montana on vacation if the new wolf hunting regulations are allowed to pass. Thank you

Denise Kirnberger Westland, MI

394. No reason to kill wolves. Protect the perimeter of Yellowstone. Traps are cruel. Trophy hunting is disgusting. This was the "last best place". Humans will find a way to destroy it.

Debi STYLES Billings, MT

395. Please stop hunting wolves, it is extremely cruel and unnecessary and myself and family and friends won't be visiting the state if this cruelty isn't stopped.

Tony Moore Bradford, AZ

396. Please stop hunting wolves, it is extremely cruel and unnecessary and myself and family and friends won't be visiting the state if this cruelty isn't stopped.

lynne stokes Bradford, AL

397. ***Tara Peluso Port Saint Lucie, FL***

398. There has to be a better way of reducing the wolf population than to have open murder season. Please have compassion and empathy for these animals.

Jennifer Beckman Redondo Beach, CA

399. ***Sharon Finch detroit, MI***

400. There is something inherently wrong with people who think killing and torturing these beautiful animals is acceptable. They have a right to live in peace and contribute to our eco systems more than the sick twisted individuals wishing to hunt them do.

Lori Billings Sneads Ferry, NC

401. The wolves have every right to exist without being trapped, poisoned, or shot. They are part of the eco system. The only reason people in the state governments are considering these changes is due to pressure from ranchers and hunting organizations. Ranchers lose a fraction of 1% of their livestock to wolves. Out of 4 million cows in Idaho, only 120 were killed by wildlife. Please stop this senseless slaughter.

Jesse Schwartz Tampa, FL

402. Please protect our natural resources and ecosystem by protecting our wildlife. Stop the proposed new bills that allow the slaughter of wolves and other animals that could get caught in traps and snares. Thank you. Rochelle Beaty

Rochelle Beaty Big Sky, MT

403. Dear All, Please, I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Thank You.

Marina Mooney Gouldsboro, ME

404. Killing wolves is an act of a bully. The BULLIES should be killed, instead!!!

Susan Taylor Dartmouth, ME

405. Stop this murder.

Barry King Durham, AK

406. I am voting against new wolf hunting regulations. They are barbaric and inhumane. We need wolves for our ecosystems. They are a vital part. I will be sure not to visit your state if these new regulations are passed.

karen maliszewski brooklyn, NY

407. Stop animal cruelty

Peta Berlin, CA

408. This should not even be allowed!! Please shut this down at once. It is cruel and unnecessary

Melanie Merriken Jarrettsville, MD

409. Stop this

Anne Elizabeth Ljung Norrköping, WY

410. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Kristin Arioli Shawnee, KS

411. ***Barbara Disney Waynesboro, PA***

412. FWP Commissioners: Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations as wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Furthermore, studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not visit Montana in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Soraya Walnut Creek, CA

413. Please urge vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I understand that you are

under pressure from wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters who apparently think that killing more wolves will cause the deer and elk populations to surge—animals whom these bloodthirsty hunters also want to kill! It's not the right thing to do, biodiversity is fragile and we must protect it not hdestroy it for fun.

Alice Desigaux Agoura Hills, CA

414. **Pamela Elsler Alton, IL**

415. Please do not hunt wolves, they have the right to live, they almost have no home anymore and are in danger. Be the protectors

Harmonie Bocquet Chantilly, AL

416. We urge Montana FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Wolves are beautiful and highly intelligent animals. Why Montana's FWP hates them so much?! Why would you allow hunters to kill them senselessly rather than protect them for our future generations? Sincerely Tim Miller and Bea Shemberg

Bea Shemberg Hollywood, FL

417. While not a Montana resident, I.am very concerned about the suggested changes for wolf hunting. They open the door to the most violent & cruel treatment of these beautiful animals. If these are enacted, I will have no choice but to avoid visiting Montana ever again.in the future. I will also advise family and friends to do the same.

Jennifer Gilbert Wheeling, IL

418. **Ettore Pilato Roma, CO**

419. Leave the wolves alone and stop this hunting of them

Tina Phillips Amelia, VA

420. This is Dispicable. Make leghold traps and snare traps illegal. They are inhumane abuse torture and killing. Totally should be illegal.

Sharon Slocum this Kingman, AZ

421. **Violeta Calzadilla Wellington, MI**

422. Please don't expand wolf hunting. Please have mercy on these animals. Why kill them just to kill cattle for people to eat? It is so hypocritical.

Pamela Leverett Easley, SC

423. FWP commissioners, please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Remind them that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant

species. If you're not a Montana resident, be sure to note that you won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Starla Morgan Bentonville, AR

424. please vote against new wolf hunting regulations

Stephanie Nunez Van Nuys, CA

425. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Nicole Marie Hoekstra Minneapolis, MN

426. Please vote against these new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Finally, I am NOT a Montana resident, and I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Lauren LeBlanc Oxford, CT

427. Dear FWP commissioners, I am contacting you to urge you to vote against this new wolf hunting regulation plan. There will be a destroyed ecosystem without wolves. No animal should be killed, they all have a right here on this planet. They are not the ones destroying the planet. Please vote on their behalf to save them. Thank you.

Paul Thompson Idaho Falls, ID

428. VOTE against the WOLF hunting!

ERNEST J SCHOLZ San Francisco, CA

429. **Leigh Ashman Savannah, GA**

430. The world is watching what you do.

K Snyder Beloit, KS

431. I do not live in Montana and will not visit your state as long as you continue this cruel way of doing away with your wolf population. This is a beautiful animal and should be left alone.

Mary_Margaret Vansickle Price, UT

432. Please cancel all proposed wolf murdering plans! You will never see my tourist money if they pass.

Rachael Lyon Beaumont, CA

433. I feel they should be left in peace don't hunt down these animals like they are of no importance

Donna Price Red Oak, TX

434. NO hunting wolves! Protect our precious iconic essential wildlife especially wolves at all costs
Trevor Jensen Billings, MT

435. Please defeat both proposals for new wolf season tools.
Barbara J Lewis Providence, RI

436. If these regulations pass I will NEVER visit your state - EVER
Jill Madsen Colorado Springs, CO

437. Please do not allow increase in barbaric killing of innocent animals. Relocate wolf packs if needed, but do not promote killing as sport or wildlife control. Thank you!
Maria Franzen Bristol, RI

438. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Montana wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive, and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.
Paul Friedley Denver, CO

439. **Michelle McWilliams Canal Fulton, OH**

440. Wolves are vital to the eco system and should be left alone.
Laura DeSantis Metamora, MI

441. **Lynne Olson Plymouth, MN**

442. It is cruel to hunt such a majestic animal. Wolves were previously an endangered species and if hunting them returns, we will be going backwards in progress.
Maggie M Li-Calis Madison, WI

443. Hunting is barbaric. How can you be so cruel and live with yourself?
Janet Miles Westboro, WI

444. **sonsire vale Clearwater, FL**

445. Wolves deserve full protection
Michelle bienick Grants pass, OR

446. Please do not allow any killing!
Hannah Sowter Highland Park, AL

447. Please be aware that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing

biodiversity in animal and plant species. I had been planning a visit to Montana, but cannot boost tourism should these regulations go ahead.

Brooke Johnson Los Angeles , CA

448. The only decent option is to leave wolves alone or capture and relocate

Teresa Young Bristol , VA

449. I will never visit your state if you allow the wildlife to be murdered!

Sandra Roberts TEMECULA, CA

450. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations.

Wayne Pauplis Cumberland, RI

451. vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Gratitude for attention Wagner

Wagner Culver, CA

452. Vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Gratitude for attention Wagner

Wagner Resende, CA

453. The wolf's are out of control killing elk ,deer, and livestock. We need to be able to start to trap and snare them earlier in the season, and if a wolf is an incidental catch , not targeted, in a coyote set, we trappers should be able to harvest that wolf. If a rancher found out a trapper turned a wolf loose on there ranch, the trapper would probably not be welcomed back.

Andrew fickes BELGRADE, MT

454. Protect the woolves

Loes Walsteijn Almere, MA

455. Sport? Really?

Audrey Franzetta Pittsburgh , PA

456. Please don't allow any hunting/trapping of wolves or any other animals. Thank you.

Norma Anthony Lakeville , MA

457. **Crystal Alanson , MI**

458. Wolves are beautiful and amazing creatures with feelings. Please do not subject these beautiful animals to inhumane killings. Please reject this inhumane proposal.

Vini Montague Oak park , CA

459. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Carrie Swank Reading, PA

460. Please stop killing wolves!

Jude Pasqualini Candler, NC

461. YOUR TERM "HARVEST" WOULD BE AMUSING IF IT WEREN'T SO EVIL. ONCE AGAIN MONTANANS EMBARRASS THEMSELVES WITH THEIR SENSELESSNESS. VERY SORRY TO SEE YOUR DESCENT INTO IMMORALITY.

Sherrill Futrell Davis, CA

462. Please stop barbaric cruelty on these wolves. They are important to the eco system as all other species.

Betty Petrov CALGARY, AL

463. The 2021 wolf hunting season is an absolute assault on wolves virtually using any means possible. Using snares indiscriminately kills many other animals such as pets. Baiting wolves ethically wrong in every sense. Of course the wolves will be lured to handouts only to be slaughtered. Killing wolves in their dens while pups are present is sick and wrong..Also , increasing the kill quota for 2021 is wrong. I don't believe Montana has an accurate count number of the wolves that live there or migrate in from other states. The hunts are reprehensible and the government in Montana is catering to cattle ranchers and hunters. They want to get rid of the wolves and other apex predators so there will be more deer, elk and moose to hunt and ranchers get to graze their cattle with less predators bothering them. We must learn to coexist with wildlife. The people in Montana must be considered have a say in the slaughter of wolves and predators in their state. The state government can't decide the will of the people !!! It's time to stop the brutal unethical slaughter of wolves. Your Governor and his legislature should NOT have the final decision on the wolf slaughter. Let the people decide !!!

Susan Morse Vancouver , WA

464. Leave them alone!

Paula Stec Alma, MI

465. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. They are one of, if not the most important apex predator. I am not from Montana but rest assured, I WILL NOT be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Eva M Kraemer Chicago, IL

466. Stop hunting and hurting them!!!

Nereyda Garcia Wellington, FL

467. please stop hunting wolves. instead of allowing cattle to roam let the wolves roam free. the wolves are the ones that need protecting

Denise Kastner Lowell, IN

468. They need to be looked over carefully to make sure that they protect these wolves fully.

Danny Jones Seward, NE

469. STOP RAPING THE LAND OF ITS WOLVES! THE WOLF IS A NATURAL PREDATOR, NOT MAN!
YOUR DOG IS A DESCENDANT OF THE WOLF!

joan silaco queens village, NY

470. Please dont do that horrible things please ban snare please banbaitin unfair cruel please ban hunt.

Karen Sanford, FL

471. Please ban baitin stations please ban snares please ban thes horrible barbaric atosities.Ban the hunt its cold blooded murder.Please we domt wznt our beautiful Montana wolves harned.We go to Montana for the wolves and the natural bezury and they are huge part of eco systemWe wont tolerate it.Thank you

Karen Sanford, FL

472. **Linnea Rosengren Gothenburg, WY**

473. I am against using these heinous tactics to kill wolves for population control. In this 21st century there are other options. Listen to the science not the ranchers or the hunters. Conservation should not be eliminating the species. This affects the natural balance if one species is eliminated. Scientific fact wolves do not kill that many livestock and what little they kill hunters are reimbursed. All wildlife is suffering due to the taking of habitat by farming and commercial development and industrializayion First it is wolves and then what animal is next!?. Wolves have a bad name like sharks but both are needed and they are saving sharks. Having the fish and wildlife commission allow the heinous and barbaric methods to trap and kill them is alarming when they are there to protect wildlife. This is not what the people want. They want wolves protected. Politicans should not be making decisions to kill endangered species.

Karen Drennen South Park, PA

474. Vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity. If these regulations pass you can be sure I will not be visiting Montana.

Carie Weil Santa Monica, CA

475. So cruel; how can you?

Diana Zelnio alb., NM

476. **Annette Raible Petaluma, CA**

477. Please do not hunt wolves. They are already endangered and should be allowed to live in peace.

Aitor New York, NY

478. STOP killing top predators! They are so needed for the ecosystem.

cynthia simpson gorham, ME

479. Please, please, please vote AGAINST the new wolf-hunting regulations. There is already so much pain in the world, please don't be the person/people who contribute to it needlessly, these are poor helpless innocent animals that feel fear and pain just like you and I, just like you and I, just like our innocent children and nieces/nephews do. You are actually in a position to do something about it, please take a step forward in making this world a better place to help stop the pain/suffering/killing of these beautiful creatures by voting against the proposed hunting regulations. Please remember that these innocent creatures have no voice... we are their voice! I'm speaking up for them.... What will you do? I am not a resident of Montana and will definitely never visit if these proposed changes are passed. Please do the right thing and protect the wolves. please!! begging.

Mia Gutierrez SACRAMENTO, CA

480. Please, don't kill wolves. We need them more than we think

Lucia NJ, NJ

481. I am absolutely against the proposed new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am appalled that pressure from private landowners and outfitters are a basis for this proposal. The majority of the public is adamantly opposed to the killing of wolves and trapping, snaring, baiting is cruel and barbaric. I am not a Montana resident but our friends and family spend summers there. If these regulations pass we will no longer visit or spend money in your state.

Carmel Parr Phoenix, AZ

482. I will never come to your beautiful state if this passes. Leave the wolves alone!!!

Juli Schaefer New City, NY

483. Please do not carry out this proposed killing of the wolves, especially using inhumane methods such as snares and traps. This is barbaric. Thank you

Alison Jones Anchorage, AK

484. I am not understanding the rationale behind this proposal. It is barbaric and ill-conceived. We are but living in the 1800's! Please, please reconsider with some better plan that protects wolves fir brutal annihilation!!

Susan Ash Flagstaff, AZ

485. Stop killing wolves!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Roger Cardillo Bayonne, NJ

486. Attn FWP commissioners: please vote against the proposed new wolf-hunting regulations.

Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am planning to vacation and spend money in Montana, but won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Rhonda J Fetzko Tallahassee, FL

487. All wolves and wild animal "trophy hunting" "game hunting" should be banned in Montana and USA. There is no need for Americans to hunt and kill wild animals, our species has evolved past that.

Lee Schondorf Missoula, MT

488. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Heather Schlichter Woodland Hills, CA

489. A full ban on hunting, trapping, baited hunting, and all other types of hunting of wolfs and all other wildlife needs to be put in place immediately! We should protect our beautiful nature and wildlife instead of pushing every species to the brink of extinction! Please!

Klementina Döme Anchorage, AK

490. PLEASE vote against these new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident and will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. I will refuse to spend my tourist dollars there!!!

Suzanne Marcella Camarillo Los Angeles, CA

491. PLEASE DONOT KILL WOLVES

Carolyn D Noel Baltimore, MD

492. I think the limited new tools is the best option and the wolves in the Greater Yellowstone region should be protected from hunting, trapping, and snaring.

Abby W Miles City, MT

493. PLEASE end this INSANE cruelty!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ashley Lawrence Little Rock, AR

494. Personally I am against all trapping and if culling is necessary than do humane thing and shoot for accuracy!

TERESA RUND Carrboro, NC

495. Please save the wolves

Audrey Cobrin West Swanton, VT

496. All Europe want from you to stop hunting wolves.

Stelios Brillakis Rethymno, AL

497. **Walter Johnson Galena, IL**

498. This culling is barbaric and unnecessary. Wolves play their part in balancing our environment. Please don't allow them to be cruelly slaughtered.

Moira Williams Denver, CO

499. This is so disturbing! Animals should not be "harvested". Leave nature to itself. Humans animals are destructive and ruin the earth by their selfish interventions!

Jeana Reid Poway, CA

500. Wolves in Montana need to be managed. I support the intermediate options for wolf harvest. I do not support the idea of hunting at night. FWP should provide instructions on how to set snares to reduce non target captures.

Zac Clearwater, FL

501. STOP THE THIS SLAUGHTER OF WOLVES NOW!!! Wolves are an ESSENTIAL part of the ecosystem that help to create balance so that our communities are not over run with rodents and deer. Being a wealthy landowner DOESN'T give you the right to play God!!! Stop the evil ways of destroying this planet NOW!

AnnMarie Sardineer Trafford, PA

502. I lived in Montana for several years and enjoyed any time I saw a wolf. I realize how vital they are to a healthy ecosystem and I know that it is typically untrue that they are the ones responsible for livestock loss. Please protect these much needed predators.

Stasia Vercos Colorado Springs, CO

503. Please reconsider hunting and trapping these beautiful creatures. They deserve to roam free and live a cruelty-free live. Think about all the pups that will lose their mothers and will starve to death. Think of all the pain imposed on these intelligent creatures. Is this the type of people we want to be. Destroy another specie for means of entertainment? We know better and we should not treat others without compassion and dignity. Thru God's eyes, we are all majestic and we deserve to live accordingly and do not have the right to impose pain and suffering to all walks of life.

Julissa Gomez Valencia, CA

504. PLEASE DON'T MURDER OUR WOLVES!!! DON'T DECLARE OPEN SEASON!

Bryna Wallach Troy, MT

505. One license, one wolf (I am rooting for the wolf btw). Bag limit, one wolf (again, rooting for the wolf). Trapping, no. Snaring, no. Night hunting, no. Baiting, no. Aerial shooting, hell no. Selective targeting/collaring of the pack alphas, again hell no. These are keystone predators who do a lot more for the MT ecosystem by being out there alive than by being trophy targets for the hunting culture/business or scapegoats for the ranchers and the beef industry. If you have read this far I thank you for your diligence. Do the right thing folks.

Lorraine Chambers Vashon, WA

506. ***Nicole Frezza, CT***

507. ***Tricia Wands Easton, PA***

508. Please listen to nature and science - wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Multiple studies have shown that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. My husband and I recently retired and moved to Washington State, and look forward to exploring this area, including Montana. But we won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Diane K Mitchell Lacey, WA

509. Please stop wolf hunting and trapping

Silvia Bertano Torino, NY

510. Please have a heart & vote against the new inhumane regulations for beautiful wolves. Thank you.

Gia Stewart Summerville, SC

511. I am against the slaughter of the wolves. This is very cruel and unnecessary. It has been done in the past and almost wiped out this species. I was thinking of buying a house in Montana but if this slaughter is allowed I will never set foot in the state again!

Debra Reekers Craigmont, ID

512. Ban wolf hunting. Let's evolve!

Susan Bender Albuquerque, NM

513. ***Mae Lisa Corley Union, SC***

514. INHUMANE! Animals have the right to co exists with good human! Shame on Montana's INHUMANE BEHAVIOR!!!!

Maritza Franco Lyndhurst, NJ

515. We shouldn't be trapping and hunting these precious animals AT ALL!!!! These are living, feeling, breathing, sentient beings--just like you, just like your dogs at home that are so beloved. Hunting wild dogs is a cruel, unjust, and ignorant double standard that should have NEVER been allowed. In the state of the world today, the state of our dying climate, and the millions of species we loose to extinction every singe day--by our own arrogant acts--should be a signal to anyone with a right mind, that selfish actions such as these are outdated, and underrecognized as the needless murders of innocent, helpless victims. These animals deserve protection on all fronts, not a spot, stripped to fur on your floor.

Caitlin Way Aurora, CO

516. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Will you, FWP commissioners, please vote against the new wolf-hunting regulations.

Cynthia L McHale Naperville, IL

517. Please realize that taking lives for entertainment is a total drag on your soul! We should all have been taught from birth that this is not only our earth to live on but the home of many many species. These wolves are barely hanging on in an area where they once were thriving. Figure out a much less barbaric way of entertainment for so called hunters. There is nothing resembling hunting in this proposal! It'll be like the cretins that boarded boats if all sizes and slaughtered every shark they found in the movie JAWS. This is despicable and should never have even been proposed. Killing shouldn't be looked forward to by vile humans. Killing should only ever be a last very last resort in saving your own life. Somehow we've become numb to the suffering of our innocents. How about we look at this proposal with the eyes of compassion and decency and respect.

Sue Costoff Elkhorn , WI

518. wolf hunting is absolutely cruel and inhumane. it is disgusting to hunt these highly intelligent, beautiful, and emotional creatures, for the sole purpose of making a buck on the fur. ending hundreds of thousands of innocent animals' lives just for money. disgusting. imagine if you were the wolf, being torn apart and brutally murdered for your skin, just because of the hunter's greed.

kim lee La Crescenta, CA

519. LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE!!!

john e kovacsiss massillon, OH

520. "Dear MTFWP Commissioners and Director Worsech: Wolf Management in Montana is broken. Montana has plummeted, from one of the best wolf-management plans in the western region, to the worst. For years now, we have needed to stop managing wolves as vermin, killing them when their pelts are worthless. But now we need to rein in destructive legal mandates from our legislators. The truth is wolves are valued by wildlife watchers and the public. The reality is tourism IS Montana's economy and we depend on healthy populations of wolves,

bears, and bison. Sadly, a reactionary legislature is trying to force MTFWP to obliterate Montana's longstanding hunting tradition, based on the North American Model of Wildlife Management for ethical and non-wasteful practices. Ironically, these new regulations will give Montana a black eye with tourists and with wolf trophy hunters. This proposal will destroy years of slowly-built, hard-won trust with Montanans, the majority of whom want wolves in the state. This plan will further alienate our local environmental community.

1. I strongly support maintaining the current quotas of 2 wolves in wolf management unit 313 and 2 wolves in unit 316 near Yellowstone National Park and the quotas near Glacier. In the Gardiner and Silver Gate, gateway communities, a healthy wolf population is the highest value, economically, for research, and because people want wild wolves in the ecosystem. Anything else is damaging to our values and the state's primary tourism economy. Where I live, in Gardiner, MT, I personally witnessed tourists boycott the town in 2012-13, when MT had no quotas and allowed a huge take of wolves. We really only felt heard by MTFWP Commissioners in 2019 and 2020, when they finally voted to keep the quotas low enough to make a difference.
2. I oppose the quota of 450 wolves for the hunting season, taking 50% of our wolf population. That is killing too many wolves. MTFWP is abandoning their own science-based cap of killing no more than 29% of the wolf population. This has been FWP's stated goal for years, based on a peer-reviewed paper, "Population Dynamics and Harvest Characteristics of Wolves in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska." At this rate, MT will deserve the federal re-listing of wolves under the ESA. This level of slaughter disrupts the natural social behavior of wolves.
- 3.

Instead of setting up a series of emergency meetings, fix the regulations. Please restrict hunting and trapping to the minimum the law allows, so that you do not need emergency meetings. SO MANY PROVISIONS FOR SO MANY KINDS OF EMERGENCY MEETINGS IS A RED FLAG that you are enacting regulations that you know seriously endanger and harass our wolf population, and endanger lynx, bear, and all kinds of other wildlife and domestic dogs.

- 4.

I oppose all trapping and the use of snares. Please, get more restrictive: allow snares on private land only where wolves have proved to depredate regularly and have evaded removal too successfully.

5. I oppose all baiting and night hunting. But Montana's wolf management has been broken for a long time. Here's what you are not looking at:

- We should manage wolves the way we manage cougars. MTFWP currently has one of the best cougar management plans in the West. Lions are managed in a way that has allowed the population to grow to 5000 cougars in MT. Cougars take four times the numbers of elk in the Bitterroot (see FWP data) and depredate as much as wolves. Why do we tolerate them better?
- Managing a wolf population eco-region by eco-region, with their denning seasons in mind, would protect wolves in high tourism areas like Gardiner and kill more wolves in areas where elk or deer may be stressed by other factors.
- We have record numbers of elk in the state. The problem with elk numbers is a problem with wolf numbers—too few wolves. Killing wolves to help elk populations is a joke, with no science to support it. If anything, ranchers in Paradise Valley in Park County, where wolf hunters essentially wiped out its wolf population in the last two years, now complain about overpopulation of elk.
- Wolves are the best managers of elk that we have. A puny predator, the wolf is not out for the big rack: in much of S/W Montana, elk counts show an imbalance between prime aged bull elk and cows. In Yellowstone, just over the border where there is no hunting, the bull-cow ratio is healthy. ("Northern Elk Herd Classification Report" from the past several years.) Also elk and wolves are

at equilibrium. (Yellowstone Wolf Project data.) • Wolf depredations of livestock are less than ¼ of 1%, averaging 60 per year. • MTFW has stubbornly stuck to Wolf Management Plan measurable objective #3, listing only hunters and livestock producers as named stakeholders. Wildlife watchers, conservationists, and wildlife researchers should be named stakeholders. The legislature has tied your hands, MTFWP. But you helped them do it. Quentin Kujula offered no science (like the 29% rule) or noted no public opinion when he spoke at the senate committee in the legislature. It is up to you Commissioners to do your best to fix an unholy mess. We live with the wolves here in the Gardiner area. Why is it that MTFWP and our legislature are constantly imposing higher wolf quotas than our community wants or needs? It feels like Big Government to me. Ilona Popper Gardiner, MT "

ILONA POPPER Gardiner, MT

521. Please put a stop to all wolf hunting. Everything will balance out, if we just leave nature and its inhabitants alone. Less human interference/meddling is always the answer.

roland d'amour new york, NY

522. Please ban this in humane practise

Ellie James Banbury, CO

523. Stop hunting them

Jane Ferguson Layton, KS

524. NO wolf or any wild animals killings, period. Please stop. All lives equal, no one kind of creature has more privileges to live than another kind. Be compassionate, it goes a long way and give you good karma

sonya chan Placentia , CA

525. Please stop the hunting of Wolves and all animals. They all were created by God. They feel pain, and deserve to live and feel safe, not be hunted and killed. We would not want to be hunted and killed.

Nalini Persad Charlotte, NC

526. Please try to promote humane measures in managing animal populations.

Mary Jane Jane Liddy-Moore Detroit, MI

527. I was appalled to learn that you will be implementing a wolf hunting season. I beg of you, please vote against these new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Not to mention the cruelty involved of this potential massacre. They have every right to live there as we all do. If this plan is implemented, I won't be visiting your state in the future if these regulations pass.

Robin Buckley Clinton, CT

528. Save the wolves

Joshua Beltz Virginia Beach, VA

529. Wolves should be left alone. They have families. They have just as much right to exist and live in peace as every other animal and person on this planet has. God made people, God made wolves. Put your guns down and stop the selfish killing of innocent creatures.

Janice Marcus North Babylon, NY

530. absolutely revolting, people have no right to kill wolves off in their natural habitat. it's not like we're living in the Middle Ages. and it's absurd that the only argument here should be that 'they'll get overpopulated soon' because that's just ridiculous and frankly kind of impossible. Not to mention that PEOPLE are literally overpopulated by billions. What kind of a person do you have to be to enjoy KILLING as a free time activity. what does that even say about you? that you're a murderer? a sadist? people who hunt animals for sport are literally sick in the head and the state should not encourage them in this disgusting behaviour.

sarah Hartford, CT

531. I understand that if this bill is passed, it would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices committed against these animals: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. The number of wolves allowed to be slaughtered could also be increased if commissioners pass this measure. Despite widespread public opposition to the proposed changes, it is also reported that FWP officials are under pressure from wealthy landowners and large hunting outfitters who apparently think that killing more wolves will cause the deer and elk populations to surge—animals whom these bloodthirsty hunters also want to kill! Additionally, wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Please don't give in to bloodthirsty homo sapiens, this is not the way to ensure biodiversity, and as a FL resident, I certainly will not visit Montana if these types of hideous and laws from the Dark Ages are passed. It's unfortunate, MT is a beautiful state.

Michaela Fazecas Orlando, FL

532. This absolutely makes me sick, wolves are pack animals that live within their family for life, to slaughter them in this manner and this manner is horrifying to me

Lisa Heloskie Collegeville, PA

533. Please do not approve any new measures that will increase the death of wolves in your state. We were planning to visit the PNW and Montana this fall but will be excluding Montana from our tourist dollars if this cruel, despicable killing of wolves continues. Thank you for your time.

Chris Wagner Dover, DE

534. This is cruel, inhumane, and just so men/women can kill innocent wolves, which were on brink of extinction....and for them to suffer in pain and agony until final death. ...it is sickening beyond comprehension! !!!!!!! I'm ashamed to know people in MT and to live in US

Lyndell Pritchett Three Rivers, CA

535. This is nothing short of barbaric in case you hadn't realised we have moved on from the middle ages

David Bell Ramsey, AK

536. Leave them alone!

Heidi H Ewbank Pittsburgh, PA

537. Please don't do this. Aren't we better than this.

Beth Pape Hartland, WI

538. Please do not allow the hunting of wolves. They will control their own population

ron stillman west springfield, MA

539. I strongly urge you to vote NO to allowing new wolf-hunting regulations in Montana. Time to end to the ridiculous notion that wolf hunting should be allowed in Montana. The thought of it is barbaric. People need to learn to live with wildlife for the sake of wildlife and themselves. Wolves are a keystone species; ecosystems are dependent on them for survival. Proven studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Don't allow wolf hunting to take place. I'll never visit Montana again if you do this, and will urge others to act accordingly.

David Ashton Montville, NJ

540. I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. The proposed actions cause suffering to wolves. They are inhumane and uncivilised and unworthy of any state in 2021. I will certainly not be visiting the state of Montana or doing business with actors there in the future if these regulations are passed.

Dr Lisa Forsberg New York, NY

541. **Paige Murchison Colleyville, TX**

542. Wolves shouldn't be killed. Mass slaughter is horrific and also bad for nature's ecosystem. They are needed and share this planet.

Glenna Okeefe New York, NY

543. Please stop this cruelty. I am against hunting.

Rosemary Theroux Mashpee, MA

544. **patricia barnes Tucson, az, AZ**

545. Please just stop the unusually cruel and barbaric assault on Montana's wildlife!

Susan Welsford Norton Shores, MI

546. Oppose to all hunting options on all wild life.

Kyvan Luu Fanwood , NJ

547. Please do not slaughter these innocent animals.

Victor Alvarez-tapia Miami, FL

548. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against the new wolf hunting & trapping regulations. As a potential tourist, I will avoid visiting Montana if its regulations bring additional misery and cruelty to innocent, sentient wildlife.

Jean Carlton Sterling, VA

549. In favor of changes. About time.

Devin Dahl Garrison, MT

550. NO traps, no bait, no snares.

Douglas Rivalsi Fayetteville, GA

551. People throughout the country are urging you to stop any proposal from continuing to hunt and trap wolves. This is unacceptable and must end.

Monique Balaba Rochester Hills, MI

552. ***Debra Hayes Baltimore, MD***

553. ***Robert Shashaty Vero Beach, FL***

554. ***Karen Stammeyer Onondaga, MI***

555. ***Skrd boise, AL***

556. ***Nene BC, WY***

557. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. May I remind you that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Be assured that I won't be visiting your state in the future if these regulations pass.

Giles Hook LA, CA

558. I would kindly ask that you not allow wolf hunting/trapping. The methods are cruel and wolves are an integral part of the ecosystem. I am disappointed that this would be considered and will avoid vacationing in your state if this is carried forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie Rader Leawood, KS

559. Please ban wolf hunting!

Juby George Stawell, AR

560. The only option is NOT to hunt these beautiful animals at all. Snares and Traps are disgusting and inherently cruel. I urge you to reconsider this practice and withdraw all hunting licenses. Thank you very much! Best regards Yvonne

Yvonne Daniels Parsippany, NJ

561. No Hunting of wolves!!!

Seb Villani Chula Vista, CA

562. Man's ignorance and cruelty know no bounds. Makes me ashamed to be part of the human species at times. You think the wolf population is the problem, look at your own species, that is the big issue and its ignorance toward the natural world and all other species.

Ann Marie Daly Cobh Co Cork, AK

563. Hi. Please stop the abominable wolf hunts that are happening at the moment across the US. These wolves are being driven to the brink by cruel and greedy American hunters. Wolves do so much for the ecosystem and all other beings including us. They are also deeply loving, affectionate parents and sentient beings who love and feel as deeply as we humans do. We can't let these barbaric killings go unpunished. America will have lost her soul if she allows such atrocities to carry on. Please save the wolf and stop all wolf hunting. Be compassionate, loving, respectful and kind to wolves and all other beings please. Thank you. Most sincerely, Andrew Brightman from Zimbabwe.

Andrew Brightman Seattle, WA

564. The hunting methods being proposed is barbaric these animals have just come back from near Extinction and need to be left alone. stop being hunted, baited and hunted at night and with dogs. These animals are a keystone species and help keep ecosystems balanced and healthy. Although I am not a resident of Montana I have made trips there in the past but will no longer do so because of the hunting of these beautiful animals that you are allowing. I will spend my money in another state that values our wildlife and doesn't exterminate it

Christina M Paxton Phoenix, AZ

565. PLEASE, no wolf-hunting

Gil Peate Leeds, AL

566. Wolves are a keystone species without whom this ecosystem cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. The use of snares, baits and night hunting is not humane. I won't be visiting Montana in the future if these cruel regulations pass.

E Lavery Sudbury, MA

567. The options are cruel and worse than barbaric. Leave the wolves alone!!

Lynn Meyers Casa Grande, AZ

568. Please reconsider this. At a time when American wildlife is being decimated, this cannot be the right answer

David Chapman Windsor, CT

569. let animals live in peace, concentrate your actions on bad humans !

Patrick BOOT Dallas, TX

570. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not visit Montana if this goes through.

Doug Galloway, NJ

571. Leave the wolves

David dalby Edinburgh, AL

572. I think it's horrible they are beautiful God's creatures please spare them they live in packs like families I feel this is very sad they deserve to live just like we do please rethink killing them

Darla Hertzog Ellwood City, PA

573. This is barbaric and will wipe out the population, make change now!

glenn mccusker Knocklyon, AZ

574. It's sickens me that humanity wants to destroy the balance of life.

Silvina Parkin Dover, ID

575. I will NOT be visiting MT if this happens!!

Tammy Knoll Sioux City, IA

576. GET OUT OF THE RANCHERS' POCKETS!!!!

ANKE MICHELE STOBRAVA SAN ANTONIO, TX

577. No more inhumane hunts, please.

Sharon Wolfsohn Hartland, WI

578. won't be visiting the state in the future if these cruel regulations pass.

ATHINA XANTHI Los Angeles, CA

579. How can you even consider that!!!

Jana Aschgan Morgan Hill, CA

580. **Evelyn M Parker Rhome, TX**

581. ***gumus Ozkok*** ***Crownsville, MD***

582. How can you even consider that!!!

Jana Aschgan ***Morgan Hill, CA***

583. FWP commissioners , please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident, but I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Thank you!

Alice Chien ***Long Beach, CA***

584. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Doreen Bellmore ***Lexington, KY***

585. Please be kind to wolves

Erica Ponce ***Moorpark, CA***

586. This is an outright cruel massacre of a social species that is vital to the ecosystem. It needs to be stopped

Christine D Smith ***Martinsville, IL***

587. Please help these wolves. They deserve to live free and not be hunted. If you wouldn't do to a human...you should not even think of treating an animal the same. I dont want to see these beautiful creatures go extinct because we recklessly hunted them to death.

Melissa Simmons ***BETHEL PARK, PA***

588. ***Shannon Ostrowski*** ***Scottsdale, AZ***

589. Please do not hunt or trap wolves in Montana or any other state! Wolves are part of the ecosystem and keep balance in nature. It is senseless and unnecessary to kill wolves for sport or any other exaggerated excuse to kill them! Throughout the past few decades wolves have been hunted to near extinction. Why?

Gaetane Gonzales ***Albuquerque, NM***

590. Vote against 2021-2022 wolf hunting and trapping regulations proposal, due to barbaric, inhumane, egotistical, exploitive killing methods!!!!!!

P. Meuler ***Two Rivers, WI***

591. Please stop the assault on wolves. Snares are inhumane and cruel. Wolves are essential apex predators and necessary for a balanced ecosystem

Joyce dannheim Greenwood lake, NY

592. Please vote against these new options and retain the 2020 options. Wolves are a vital part of our ecosystem and need protection, not devastation.

J Rogers mesa, AZ

593. **Leah Montgomery College Station , TX**

594. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Watch this video - <https://youtu.be/ysa5OBhXz-Q>. If this passes, I won't be visiting Montana.

Jessica Fishman Edwards, CO

595. Please do not pass this, it is not right, humane or necessary. Leave GOD'S creatures live in peace.

William & Janet Nuss Ormond Beach, FL

596. I am extremely disappointed at this bill. Wolves are an essential part of our ecosystem and this brutal and heinous act of killing them is intolerable. I do not support this in the least. I will not be visiting your state and bringing in vital revenue if this passes. Please reconsider

Madhavi Madhurapantula Frisco , TX

597. Wolves are living, breathing beings; They feel pain, love and protect their children and only kill for food. Hunting is for sport. All methods of hunting are cruel and inhumane. I don't know which method is worse-snaring, baiting, trapping or night hunting. Does hunting make you feel like a REAL man? Then I feel sorry for you. Please stop all forms of hunting and let the wolves live in peace.

Fran Jacobsohn Woodbury, NY

598. wolves are precious and I feel should be treated that way. wolves fit into our ecosystem. please spare and treat wolves with respect. thank you

susan falls enumclaw, WA

599. Please do what you can to protect wolves in your state. Don't bow to the wishes of those who do not care about the wildlife in your state. If you show little disregard for your natural resources, I know I wouldn't want to visit your state - as well as many others. Wolves are a key species, and help keep an ecological balance. Please protect them. Thank you.

Denise Mayosky San Jose, CA

600. **Marge Maloney Tonawanda, NY**

601. This is a true American atrocity, to call for murder, of magnificent, majestic, and highly intelligent wolves. Are the politicians, who implemented this slaughter, receiving monetary funds, from the cattle ranchers, or lobbyists, representing them ? Most American citizens, and tax payers, do not agree, with the elimination of wolves, by cruel methods of murder Bio-diversity is important among wildlife in America This is pure evil, to enact such an insane plan, to cull most all wolves, thereby causing extinction, of the species Ban leg iron traps, baiting, snares, night hunting, murder in wolf dens, and ban trophy hunting Hunting for food only should be implemented immediately To murder wolves, for no reason other than sport, is despicable, to say the least. These wonderful animals deserve to live I have been to a wolf sanctuary. These animals are so very smart and want to live with their groups, or families Wolves have emotions, just like humans, and feel love, sadness, among happiness, and other traits humans have. This is more than wrong, just horrific Shoot them with a camera, not a rifle
Nancy Telese Palm Beach, FL

602. I will NOT ever be visiting your state if this passes
Christine Wordlaw Dallas, TX

603. **Jeff gabler Valencia , CA**

604. I am 100% these regulations. Wolves are a keystone species. If we continue to kill and remove them we will be without this keystone species or they will be so reduced in numbers that they cannot thrive and do the job of keeping the area in balance. Studies show that Wolves provide a trickle down affect for food as many many species feed off of their kill. They also help keep the biodiversity of an area in balance. With out them This will be lost. I am not a resident of Montana but I will not visit in the future, which I frequently do as I love Yellowstone and am a member of the Yellowstone association. Thank you for reading and considering my comments.
Leslie Andrews Santa Cruz, CA

605. STOP!!!
Melanie Brockington Frisco, TX

606. As your neighbor to the West I would strongly encourage Montana to use all the tools necessary to keep the wolf numbers in a more sustainable level for all wildlife! Foothold traps, nightvision and snares! Idaho has around 1,500 wolves and that's about 1,200 more than what was agreed upon during the wolf reintroduction and since cattlemen sheep ranchers and the wild life have suffered great loss! I don't hate wolves and feel they should be a strong part of the ecosystem but they need to be at a sustainable level that works for all wildlife!
Brendon Ash Grangeville , ID

607. In my opinion wolves doesn't have to be hunted because it affects the biodiversity , and can cause a serius affectation in the natural regulation of the ecosystems. Thank you.
Galia Rossi Godoy Cruz, AZ

608. Do not kill wolves...period!! Educate not eradicate!! Teach ranchers/farmers how to protect their stock by preventative no-kill means. As human beings we have an obligation to protect all wildlife. Murdering innocent animals who are just trying to survive is inhumane and cruel!! Our government agencies need to step up to the plate and perform their duties in a humane and pro wildlife way, not choose to enable and wrongly favor a group of citizens known as ranchers or hunters. Killing animals is murder!! Killing the grizzly bear on July 9th was a senseless and cruel act. A government for and by the people has no right to take on that killing of innocent animals, again just doing what nature intended them to do..survive! If some bicyclists chose to be stupid and keep food in their tent in well known bear country that's on them!!

Lyn Clements Weiser , ID

609. Please stop the assault on these majestic and vital animals. Humans need to control their greed because their gain is the rest of the worlds loss and it's not right.

Julie L. Loveland San Antonio, TX

610. You idiots need to stop listening to the so called trappers who do nothing but rape and pillage OUR wildlife!! This wildlife doesn't belong to the people of Montana or the trappers, the wild animals belong to everyone!! Stop the killing of wolves, for they are the salvation of the world as well as grizzly bears and river otters. STOP THIS SENSELESS SLAUGHTER RIGHT NOW, IT STARTS IN MONTANA. And one other thing, that SOB Paul Fielder needs to be impeached NOW for even thinking that his laws are the will of the people. We count too and we bring billions of dollars to the Montana economy. STOP THE SLAUGHTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Summer Shanaman Baton Rouge, LA

611. Stop the insane cruelty, maiming & killing of wolves. Please VOTE NO on this proposed item-our whole ecosystem & humanity depends on their survival. Thank you for humanely voting no.

Kat Ridenour Kenner, LA

612. STOP killing wolves and any other animal!

Stacey McRae Fallbrook, CA

613. No hunting, trapping, poisoning or other harmful, cruel imposition on wolves.

Dan Dunn Cherry Hill, NJ

614. this is ridiculous-hope you have the fortitude to VOTE NO on such tripe. Montana will not be such a cool place if this is passed

David Smith Charlotte, NC

615. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. why do you insist on such cruelty, inhumanity? Always wanted family to vacation in Montana, until now.

Kathy Simpson Charlotte, NC

616. Please do not kill off the wolves. Wildlife is important to many of us.

cathi soule buckeye, AZ

617. ***Philip Patino Pico Rivera, CA***

618. ***Dri pineallus county, FL***

619. ***Cornelia Ingeborg Schwadtmann San pedro, CA***

620. ***Dennis Elizabeth , PA***

621. You should stop messing with the natural ecosystem n stop killing all these wolves. It's time for humanity to stop messing up mother nature's natural ecosystem. These hillbilly hunters should be shot, trapped and hunted themselves alongside with all these clown ass politicians that keep screwing up every thing in America and now it's the ecosystem! Let's assault politicians!

David Burgenmeyer Magna Utah , UT

622. It's a start. But the quota needs to be higher if your going to make a difference in my opinion.

Steve Perkins Thompson falls , MT

623. I urge you to please stop killing wolves they are endangered and an essential part of the ecosystem on which we all depend. Please spare them

Andrea Shea Lompoc, CA

624. Given that the 2020 level of harvest resulted in a reduction in the wolf population, the minimal tools seem like the best of three options, if you indeed want to reduce the population size. It is not clear from the online documents, if something less than the limited option can be considered. For example, why does the limited option not prohibit snaring? Keeping the 2020 harvest limits is also an option? Not clear how the 2020 limits differed from 2019, which maintained relatively static population levels. Maintaining the current population level would better meet the goals of recognizing wolves as an important component of the ecosystem and supporting wolf viewing in support of the tourism, likely an important component of Montana's economy. A harvest limit of 450 wolves is excessive. A much lower harvest of 328 in 2020 resulted in a reduced population. Reducing the population too much or too quickly, will ultimately result in reduced opportunity for hunters and trappers, and seems short-sighted. Maintaining a higher wolf population would be better for long term opportunity and sustained yield. Also provide a better hunting experience, as the number of people participating would be lower. This would also better meet the MFWP commitment to maintaining tri-state wolf population at numbers sufficient to preclude reclassification of threatened or endangered. The harvest limit should be set annually, based on harvest the previous season and population levels. Maintaining the population at the minimum of 15 packs per the recovery plan would not be sufficient to allow for interstate dispersion. Nor provide a sufficient buffer in the case of habitat loss or disease. One wolf per hunting license should be maintained. The hunting bag limit should be retained at one since it appears there is not much demand for a higher bag limit.

Don't increase it five-fold. Per the Montana Wolf Management plan, MFWP intends to honor the diverse perspectives and interests of our citizens and the national public. The national public clearly cares about wolves and would like to see them restored to historic habitat in sufficient numbers to support minimum viable populations and to offset habitat loss, disease, or other issues. Night hunting is a safety issue and should not be authorized. Low light levels make it more difficult to determine what you are shooting at and to hit your target. Night hunting will increase the amount of unintentional take of other species and wounded animals. It will also facilitate poaching and make enforcement more difficult. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jeanie Cole Fairbanks, AK

625. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I'm not a Montana resident, but we won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Amanda Snyder Whitmore Lake, MI

626. ***pete j mandeville Spokane, WA***

627. Who gives anyone the right to determine how many is too many so the ones that have to die are brutalized, left in traps in pain for god knows how long! Maybe they should do that to the people who let this shit happen

Eric Henry Windsor, PA

628. Please do not permit the barbaric practice of killing innocent wolves to begin.

Francesca Anne Rago Pleasant Hill, CA

629. It's barbaric! Please stop this.

Rosemary Kristof Dartmouth, AR

630. ***Christina Vigil Colorado Springs, CO***

631. Please stop these inhumane hunting practices. Wolves are an important part of the eco system and deserve better treatment

Laura Stam Rochester, NY

632. I have always wanted to visit Montana. I have been told it is the most beautiful state in the US. I had NO idea this was actually legal here. I am mortified. It's no wonder animals go extinct. I seriously doubt anyone is eating the wolf so I assume you people enjoy killing for sport?

Alexandra Hamel San Diego, CA

633. Protect wolves!!

Judith Hansell Napa, CA

634. So much I don't understand. A great wolf bill was passed. And the commission is considering not following the bill that was passed. The people have spoken. 80% of the wolves in Montana are in region 1-3 and the FWP is leaving that area out of the new proposal. I'm a trapper in region 1. My trapline stretches 150 miles and I have 7 breeding pairs on my line. The season must open December 1st in order for us to reduce the numbers. I see they have a concern for Lynx for not opening on that date. If that's the case why do we even have a wolf season. It's obvious what the FWP is trying to do. I seen it my first year trapping here. The regs are set up for wolf trappers to fail. Grizzly is another concern. Let's look at Idaho. They start in sept and no issues. I would refuse all the fwps proposals and tell them to bring one that resembles the bill that was passed! To all the commissioners and governor the sportsman that voted are watching your choices. Are you for the sportsman and rancher? Or are you catering to footloose. Help us out here in wolf country please

Paul antczak Marion, MT

635. Montana already has aggressive hunting and trapping seasons for wolves — and its wolf population is already decreasing. The state doesn't need to expand the seasons or approve new tools for killing wolves. For example, I oppose rules allowing baiting wolves and killing wolves at night because they violate fair-chase ethics and increase the risk of killing other wildlife and even family dogs. I also oppose increasing the bag limit for wolves — a single hunter shouldn't be able to wipe out an entire pack of wolves. And hunters should be required to obtain one license for each wolf killed. I don't support any form of snaring, and I ask you to ban snaring on public lands and limit snaring elsewhere as much as possible. These common-sense measures will help save the lives of grizzly bears, Canada lynx and other wildlife, as well as companion animals. Thank you for considering my comment.

Debra L Wills Oakland, CA

636. Please stop hunting for wolves! Please stop the cruelty!

Lisa Maloney Henderson , NV

637. Please adopt the 2020-2021 trapping regulations as proposed

S. Ortiz Olathe , KS

638. Stop killing the wolves. This is their land. They were here before we started building. Destroying a species effects all of us. We all depend on each other in the circle of life.

Sharie Meyer newhall, CA

639. Oh, please have some wisdom.

Cynthia Cerciello Kihei, HI

640. FWP commissioners please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I'm not a Montana resident, be sure to note that I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Maryetta Pinn Bealeton, VA

641. Montana is a breathtakingly beautiful state, and Montanans are fortunate enough to have a magnificent array of iconic wildlife. And yet, just now, there is a horrendous wolf killing fever taking place in your state. What's more, it is being driven by people who haven't any ethical understructure to the way they look at wildlife and eco-systems. These outrageous actions that are being proposed will usher in a wholesale slaughter of this much maligned species, something not seen since the 19th century when wolves were the object of reckless and brutal attempts to drive them from the landscape. The protections of the Endangered Species Act (1974) allowed gray wolves to recover in some parts of the country. They are still recovering. Indeed, my family and I want to see the gray wolf reenlisted on the Endangered Species Act. Wolves are a critical component of a healthy thriving ecosystem in many parts of America, as ecosystem guardians. We must ensure that we don't lose them. On the other hand, what is being proposed in Montana is not science based wildlife management as it contradicts the advice of ecologists and biologists in peer reviewed studies: Cattle deprivation is low and compensated for; Elk populations are over objective in most areas in Montana- wolves are not killing all the elk; Trapping and snaring is as torture; It is highly unethical to hunt and kill pregnant animals. Wolves are magnificent iconic apex predators and we are morally obligated to use the power that we have over them thoughtfully and conscientiously. Political ethicist Mahatma Gandhi said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Human beings are the only species on this planet having the capacity to destroy so much- but what of our caretaker responsibilities? Is all of this around us here solely to be exploited and ravaged? Were you to fully understand your caretaker responsibilities, you'd be appalled by this viciousness. Most definitely, tourism will suffer because of such vicious anti-wolf actions. My family and I live on the East coast and have a great love for our country's wild places and for the native wild animals that live here. Montana inspires wonder in us but we are heartbroken by the insensitivity and wanton callousness displayed too often in the state of Montana when it comes to wildlife issues. It seems as if we value what you have more than you do. My family and I will not be returning to states that display such callousness when it comes to wildlife issues. Pure and simple.

Julia Kampelman-Stevenson Washington, DC

642. Hunting wolves is wrong and should never be permitted.

Kevin Bradley Warren, MI

643. Pls in the name of God stop the killing of this beautiful wolfs

Alma Morrissette Norwalk, CT

644. I am in support of all wolf hunting and trapping regulations

Joe Cantrell St. Regis, MT

645. Do not allow trapping of wolves or other animals by snares or foothold traps which are barbaric and inhumane. Have we not evolved as a species beyond such cruelty? Please do not inflict suffering.

S. Reardon Delray Beach, FL

646. Wolf Hunting should be Band everywhere year round. This is a senseless and cruel act.

Kevin Bradley Warren, MI

647. Wolves should not be hunted or trapped in any way. Please have compassion for our fellow creatures living on this earth.

Leyza Yardley San Francisco, CA

648. **Rose Barton Cape Coral, FL**

649. STOP THESE INSANE REGULATIONS

MICHAEL BAVARO AURORA, IL

650. **nancy kurtz Winnipeg, ND**

651. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against the new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. As an out of state resident, one of the reasons I would potentially visit Montana would be the possibility of seeing wolves; I saw a pack as a kid on a family trip to Glacier National Park and it left a lifelong impression on me. However, I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Susan E Peters Dewitt, MI

652. Hunting helpless animals is disgusting. Trapping is inhumane and we need to make a change.

Melissa Cline Phoenix, AZ

653. Please vote against the new hunting regulations in your state which will institute cruel and inhumane methods of extermination. If these regulations pass, I will never visit Montana, again.

Patricia Vaticano Williamsburg, VA

654. I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am a visitor won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Elizabeth Enright Scottsdale, AZ

655. **Luis Cuellar Kingsport, TN**

656. Please institute regulation that protects wolves from hunting and trapping. Thank you.
holly r annapolis, MD

657. Killing wolves is unnecessary if you have a decent wildlife agency to monitor the interactions .
Ranchers can be compensated for any wolf kills Stop the cruelty! Your state it is ridiculous!
Susan E Uhl Durango, CO

658. No kind of thought or action against animals is ever acceptable!!!!
Cheryl Olitzki Jhb, NY

659. **Cornelia Robertson Steamboat Springs, CO**

660. To Whom it May Concern, I am writing to express my significant concern about these new wolf-hunting options. I strongly urge "FWP" to vote AGAINST them! Many of these hunting methods are vile and inhumane, causing unnecessary suffering to sentient animals. Furthermore, globally we are experiencing a significant decrease in biodiversity due to human activity, including hunting. Actively seeking to kill more wild animals is counter-productive to maintaining the integrity of our natural world and ecosystems. For these reasons, please do NOT support these cruel and unnecessary proposals. Thank you, Brigitte Roy
Brigitte Roy Butte, MT

661. Please help the wolves! Stop using those horrible snare traps.
Brenda J Roy Manchester, NH

662. **Diane Rostyak New York , NY**

663. **Evelyn M Parker Rhome, TX**

664. Dear FWP Commisioners, We respectfully ask that you please not allow this to go on in Montana! Science has proven that wolves are a keystone species, top of the food chain, which allow ecosystems to thrive! Many studies have proven this i.e. in the African Serengeti, in coral reefs, and many other places on our planet. Nature can take care of itself and doesn't need snares, bait and trap and other barbaric mechanisms getting in the way. We love visiting Montana and my husband travels their often for work. People have always been hospital and the landscape is breathtaking, but if you pass this proposal to hunt wolves, then we refuse to visit your state on vacation. I can't support the tourism in your state if you can't support a beautiful animal that is essential for your wilderness ecosystem. Thanks for your consideration
John and Eve Herron
John and Eve Herron Pensacola , FL

665. would like to see the 2021 regulations maximized as purposed

Richard Mead Whitehall, MT

666. ***cameron j mansfield Casselberry, FL***

667. Director and Commissioners, The legislative intent of SB314, was that a single wolf hunting license or trapping license called for unlimited number of wolves. There was no intent to do anything less. I support the house bill not the FWP proposal.

TOM FIEBER Polson, MT

668. I ask the FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Thank you for your attention.

Susan Babbitt Philadelphia, PA

669. Please act to protect the wolf population. It's vital for the balance of nature in their areas.

Rebecca Walker Wright Huddleston, VA

670. Stop killing these beautiful animals, They have a right to live just as humans do!

Dan Wong Tucson, AZ

671. Stop hunting wolves. We and the Earth need them. They're part of the balance of this planet and innocent animals ... living beings ... the same as you.

Nancy Pearlmutter Miami, FL

672. Please do not allow the wholesale killing of Montana's wolves. They deserve your protection.

Thank you

Richard Lemer Elmira, OR

673. Please vote against new wolf hunting regulations. Wolves play an important part of our ecosystem and will contribute to it's longevity. If these regulations pass, I don't plan on visiting Montana any time in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Angela Fazzari portland, OR

674. If this inhumane change is allowed to take place, we will never return to the state of Montana. We understand wealthy land owners are behind this request for the inhumane slaughter of wolves. Tourist dollars better be considered in the equation also. A national boycott of Montana could very well be the result. Why in heavens name does Montana want to become the South Africa of the US where the slaughter of animals happens daily.

John Clark Blue Springs, MO

675. ***Shipra Singh Rao Cape Town, AK***

676. STOP HUNTING WOLVES

Angeline Sieb Merrillville, IN

677. Please vote against new wolf hunting regulations including bating and trapping wolves. They are a necessary part of the eco system and deserve the right to be left alone. I often vacation in Montana for skiing and outdoor activities and will consider not coming back if your state has such backwards wildlife practices. Thank you for your attention!

Eva laneva North Smithfield, RI

678. Time and time again, studies have shown that without wolves, ecosystems do not thrive and will lead to serious implications for humans in the future. For once, listen to science, and the majority of the residents of and tourists to Montana and stop this unnecessary killing of wolves just to appease the livestock and sport hunting industries and embarrassment of a governor who cannot abide by Montana state laws. It is a fact that wolves kill a fraction of a percentage of livestock while poor animal husbandry and bad weather kill over 20% annually. Tax and tourist dollars would be better spent providing training to ranchers who provide subpar management of their livestock. Furthermore, there have been only 2 verified human deaths caused by wolves since 2005. Wolves harm no one and again, the killing of them is completely without reason. This is the first year in the past 8 that I have cancelled our road trips north through Idaho and Montana because of the persecution of a species that is not warranted or wanted. I will not return as long as wolf hunting is allowed. Thank you for allowing my input.

Tina Overgaard Coalville, UT

679. There are humane options available to control the wolf population. Please stop the cruel and torturous remedies used.

Dana Jackson Austin, TX

680. STOP KILLING WOLVES.

Roseann Santangelo Chino Valley, AZ

681. ***Donna Juriga colesville, NY***

682. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I also can't in good conscience step foot in your state or spend any money there should you pass this. Why should anyone with a soul reward evil behavior.

Robin Bressler Sioux City, IA

683. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Giuliana Belousow Augsburg, AL

684. I sincerely urge you to vote against proposed wolf hunting regulations. Countless studies show the importance of apex predators to overall ecosystem health. Wolves have exquisite social structures; such creatures deserve protection, not repugnant hunting intentions. Please read, please learn about the natural world. Even children now know these facts about wolves. Your state could earn widespread admiration for protecting wolves.

Auste Stone MPH Fort Collins, CO

685. Trapping and baiting are particularly cruel and have no place in civilized society. Shame on Montana for considering these options. There really should be no legal wolf hunting in our country. However, if humans feel they must kill for fun, there are other species for them to murder.

Desiree Mitchell San Francisco, CA

686. Please Vote Against The new Wolf Hunting Regulations.

Jennifer Riso Indian Wells, CA

687. I urge Montana FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. As you are aware, wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies, especially from Yellowstone NP show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not visit Montana in the future if these regulations pass.

Bob Tintle Pacific Grove, CA

688. Um, ya, you shouldn't be killing wolves at all . . . not sure why you think you have the right to play God, but, nature belongs to everybody. I will never visit Montana as long as the inhabitants continue to crush mother nature under their boots. What a shame . . .

Andrew U Tucson, AZ

689. this is completely appalling, that ANY of this is even being considered.

Christina Chappell Atlanta, GA

690. All the new regulations were designed with hatred and extermination in mind. Neck snares, unlimited quotas, baiting, expanded season and night hunting...what happened to fair hunting practices? Science and good management has been thrown out the window and replaced by biased and cruelty. We need to get back to being good stewards of the land for all the creatures that live here

Patricia & Ronald Peebles Bigfork, MT

691. Sadly this is just another example of an excuse to allow hunters to exercise the need to kill over and over and as ever, showing off who's more of an alpha buffoon between one another, it's disgraceful. There are better ways to manage the environment and make a profit without all the needless and sadistic killing of innocent animals. Please rethink this approach, there are better ways and more intelligent ways to have fun and exist in this world. Please make money in a better more ethical fashion, you will be seen respectfully this way.

Caye UK, AL

692. I am ardently opposed to the 2021 Wolf Season Options. Coming from a ranching family in New Mexico and Chihuahua, I cannot accept the premises that are leading to this proposal. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If Montana is to implement these cruel laws, I will not visit. I love the state and love visiting, but cannot financially support a state with laws such as these.

Carolina Caballero El Paso, TX

693. Please stop hunting wolves. They are needed for the earth & all of us who depend on the earth. (not to mention they are God's creatures too). We were better at one time. Through the years, everything has been done quicker, easier, cheaper, at the cost of the environment. We need to think of ways to reverse this trend, & help the earth & thus everyone else in the long run. Don't forget about cutting back our carbon footprint. (and all that entails, including reduce, refuse, reuse, recycle, compost—when you can safely, & living as simply as possible, cutting back on excess, downsizing, etc . . .). I'm trying, but I think we could do more to encourage others around the world. Including setting a good example ourselves. I'm not sure Trump did the wrong thing. I was not in favor of the Paris Agreement for my own reasons, and I am a tree hugger. I also love this planet & all in it. but the nuclear option could blow it for all of us. (making it worse than it could ever get—because nuclear energy is very dangerous) I sometimes wonder about people who are pushing for the nuclear option. Do they just not know the past mishaps? do they have too much trust in humanity? do they not think of terrorism or other such deeds? Not to mention natural disasters?, etc . . . I think that was a mistake. It, nuclear energy, should not have been included in the answer to our problems. & I worry that this is buried in this Green New Deal as well. Re a Climate Emergency, another problem is that Haste Makes Waste & many times in our urgency to do good we move too fast for our own good & the good of others. Someone may suffer as a result & there may be no quick remedies before much suffering by many. So we need to take it slow by testing small areas first & then progressing, realizing that some things will not show up right away. But the first steps above could start earlier. And what about hybrids? Solar/Electric regular/electric, etc . . . ? They are a great way to start transitioning. Not to mention we all need to cut down on our energy consumption. Where is Carter? Can anyone help out in that matter? But in any case we need to realize that we may need to make changes for the best of all. This is the best time to realize that all people, animals, beings/creatures, spirits, etc . . . dwell in the same space: Earth. We are the past, present, & future. We are all above, below, on and or in the earth. It is the home of us all & we all need each other whether we know it or not. We should make all plans keeping the future of all in mind. We are all connected, so what we do in one part of the world will

eventually get to another. & I hope you will join me in praying for the president & that he & his team will realize our wishes & understand they are for his benefit as well as the benefit for everyone else in the long run. If you'd like, you could pass on my wishes to him as well. I share a variety of perspectives. no matter who we are or where we came from, we can thank God that we are here & that we do have a lot to be thankful for. Maybe not as much as some. But a lot more than others. yes, there are times when I feel worse than others, that happens to all of us, no matter who we are. But thank God we are here. We can also agree to disagree on many issues. That's life. The whole point is that we are all here, thank God, & we all have life, & we all are together. Happy Summer! I hope you had a Happy Fourth of July Weekend! Stay safe & Take care & God Bless All . . .

tara wheeler Oakton, VA

694. Please vote no. Wolves are a keystone species. Without them ecosystems cannot thrive. They increase biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not consider visiting this state if these inhumane laws are passed.

Christi E Dillon Mooresville, NC

695. We oppose the cruel killing of America's precious wildlife. We oppose hunting, trapping, snaring, shooting of wolves and all wildlife. Protect America's majestic wild animals.

Pat Lord Davis, CA

696. Without endangered species protections, it is easier for people to shoot, poison, or kill wolves across the country. You may have seen the news earlier this year where 216 wolves were astonishingly shot and killed by people in just a three-day period in Wisconsin. This barbaric, unnecessary killing frenzy horrified animal lovers and further proves why Endangered Species Act protections are so essential for the future health and viability of wolves in the wild. If wolves were to disappear from the wild, we would lose an important part of what makes the American West such a special place. We need wildness, we need wild creatures, we need to hear a deep howl piercing the cold night air and raising the hair on our forearms.

Tina DeCarla Telford, PA

697. Vote NO on the proposed 2021 changes to wolf hunting regulations. You have a beautiful state and wildlife that roams it. Do not cave to a few misguided people who believe wiping out the wolves will increase their hunting opportunities. It will not. If this law passes, I could not in all good conscience visit Montana.

Shirley Christensen Tucson, AZ

698. ***Cindi Bouvier Carlsbad, AK***

699. ***Dinia Santos Houston, TX***

700. Animals have a right to live and be treated humanely and people need to protect animals because they can't protect themselves and animals have feelings. Please someone in authority put a stop to this horrendous murdering.

Lyn Thompson Plainfield, NJ

701. PLEASE STOP BLAMING THE ANIMALS AND MURDERING THEM. ITS A PEOPLE PROBLEM
MURDERING ANIMALS IS NOT THE ANSWER. STOP

Glynis Simmons Meriden, CT

702. I urge the FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not be visiting Montana in the future if these regulations pass, and I will inform my family and friends to not visit as well.

Sara Stepnicka Phoenix, AZ

703. As the pandemic has hopefully taught us, we share the planet with other living beings that feel pain and suffer. Let us share our planet mindfully and avoid torturing wolves.

SR Philadelphia, PA

704. I think it is appalling that wolves are hunted, therefore I believe in abolishing this hunt. Wolves are magnificent, and those who hunt them should be ashamed of themselves. Most Americans, and all ethical hunters, agree with me.

Julia Stevenson Washington, DC

705. ***Tonia Nitta Pasadena, TX***

706. Please cancel these inhumane hunting and trapping laws. They are barbaric and unnecessary.

Paula Hooser Kent, WA

707. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Jamie L Polczynski Chicago, IL

708. I am so weary of reminding FWS of the importance of biodiversity. Our government agencies should be responsive to science, and citizens' values and desires, rather than the selfish desires of a small minority of wealthy landowners, hunters, and hunting outfitters. The wolf is a unique and cherished species for the vast majority of Americans. The proposed changes for wolf hunting are UNACCEPTABLE! if passed, would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into sunlights. The number of wolves allowed to be slaughtered could also be increased if commissioners pass this measure. Please vote against the new wolf-hunting regulations!

Although I do not live in Wyoming my family and I do travel and observing wildlife and the biodiversity of a state like Wyoming is of extreme importance to us in choosing a camping and hiking destination for vacations. We will simply not support a state that has zero respect and provides no protection for, our national wildlife legacy.

Lisa Haut Bridgeport, CT

709. Please protect wolves!

Candice Stern Hoboken, NJ

710. Please stop the proposed 2021 Wolf hunting season. Unfair hunting tactics are inhumane, and therefore harmful to all. Thank you.

Jordan Gold Pacific Palisades, CA

711. Do not allow mass hunting of wolves!! End the cruelty NOW.

Cody Luster Mountain Home, ID

712. 2021 Wolf Proposed Season options. Do not allow over killing of the Wildlife who have a right to live and raise their families. It's important that the methods being allowed to kill Wolves, or any other Wildlife, should be humane. Poisoning, Inhumane traps they not only lead to a slow, long horrible death but they kill other creatures as well. I for one believe that you only kill what you will eat, don't destroy to the point of extinction !!!

Susan Maranda Webster, NY

713. Your proposal for wolf season is cruel, irresponsible, and completely unnecessary. Wolves are part of the ecosystem and belong as part of a top predator to maintain balance. Using traps and snares as well as night hunting and shooting wolves is a free for all for hunters, poachers, and unethical hunters. These are cruel practices and have no place in a civilized, thinking society in 2021. You need to reconsider your decision and policies toward wolves and leave them alone to flourish. No trapping and snares which allows animals to suffer, linger, and wait to die if and when someone returns to finish them off. Stop the wolf hunt! Generate money by asking people like myself to donate money or take eco tours to see wolves from a distance in their natural habitat. I'll buy tags to save wolves. Let them live and stop the carnage!

Gina Otis Orchards, WA

714. Will not be visiting Montana if this goes through

Valerie Lussier La, CA

715. **L F Rh, FL**

716. I urge the FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive and also studies have shown that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Melissa Felix San Diego, CA

717. Stop all hunting

John Thompson Sarasota, FL

718. What is the purpose, other than torture, to trap or snare wolves (and any other fur-bearing animal)? Beside their innate value as a living being meant to thrive on Earth, wolves are magnificent apex predators that help keep their natural habitat's in balance; and it's a delicate balance. Many who are killed or tortured are caring for young and/or are important members of their pack. And why should regulations be relaxed on private lands when the wolf population belongs to all of us? We, as humans, must find a way to coexist with the creatures that are sharing our world with us. Please, please stop the killing and torturing.

Nancy J Hemberger Reading, PA

719. This is totally inhumane and will cost any recovery of the wolves that have been gained so far. There is plenty of room for them and hunters are a dying breed so they do not need another species to obliterate for sport!!!

linda farmer eugene, OR

720. STOP HUNTING ALL ANIMALS!

Lisa Tichenor Sarasota, FL

721. Please vote against these new regulations; wolves are such a necessary part of the ecosystem and once they are gone, they are gone. And please eliminate the use of snares, they unnecessarily cruel.

Jennifer Munsell Plano, TX

722. Gentlemen and ladies, I am against the proposed changes in wolf season, it appears to be an attempt to circumvent the legislation that was passed. Thank you for your consideration Rick Johnson

Rick johnson Brockway, MT

723. Please stop the hunting of wolves

Pamela Douglas Fredericksburg, VA

724. Hunting animals is just a sport for humans but causes so much pain for the animals being hunted. Why do ppl think that's fair?! Animals have families too. And yes, animals do recognize the cry of one of their own. They mourn just as we would when a family member is gone. Hunting should be banned.

Robyn Lagnado BROOKLYN, NY

725. I live in northern wisconsin where the wolves have wiped out our deer herd. Reintroduced with a goal of 350 wolves in Wisconsin they quickly multiplied and now we have around 2000 wolves and no deer or rabbits. Most people who love wolves do not have to live with them and

probably only see them on tv. They are smart, ruthless killers that need to be reduced in number.

Jeff Miller Montreal, WI

726. Wolves are endangered. Do not hunt.

Mary-Margaret O'Connell Olympia, WA

727. I am very concerned about these proposed changes in wolf management. I strongly oppose increasing wolf take numbers and increasing wolf hunting opportunities in the state. Wolves are good for tourism and very important for the overall health of ecosystems. This species deserves more protection, not less. Please don't allow these proposed changes to proceed. Thank you for your consideration.

JC Missoula, MT

728. As top predators, wolves are needed to maintain the balance of nature. This has been demonstrated in my home state of Michigan.

Carol Fletcher Ann Arbor, MI

729. As a regular summer visitor of Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area that brings my consumer dollars as well as those of my family and friends, I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting the state in the near future if these regulations pass. Montana do everything possible to adequately balance healthy ecosystems using the best available scientific data and not cower to only livestock and political whim interests.

James R Monroe Concord, CA

730. please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Jennifer Valentine Massapequa Park, NY

731. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Reject these inhumane, environmentally harmful regulations. Thank you.

Kathryn L Jacobs Chelan, WA

732. Please stop killing the wolves.

Stephen Erickson Eagle Lake, MN

733. I am adamantly opposed to wolf season anywhere - and I hope you won't allow it to take place in Montana. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. As you are aware, wolves are

a keystone species, and without them ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. If these misguided, cruel and unnecessary regulations pass, we will not be visiting Montana!! Please make the right choice and don't harm or kill wolves.

Debra Ashton Montville, NJ

734. I support the maximum new tools option, except HB224 did not limit snaring to private land so I do not believe the commission should either

Rick Hawk Kalispell, MT

735. ***Christina McKeon Aurora, CO***

736. Stop this mascara! Stop the hunting of the wolf all together! Traps and snare should be outlawed.

Sharon Bell Payson, AZ

737. leave them alone

L.L. Dored Los Angeles, CA

738. ***Michael Quinn Shipley, AZ***

739. Please stop the proposed 2021 Wolf hunting season. Unfair hunting tactics are inhumane, and therefore harmful to all. Thank you.

Jordan Gold Pacific Palisades, CA

740. Please stop killing and torturing these animals--they have the right to survive, just as the other animals and humans that reside on this earth!

merryl osdoby Syosset, NY

741. Please vote against the new wolf hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species with which ecosystems could not survive. I am not a Montana resident and have always wanted to visit the place but I will take my tourism money elsewhere if these regulations pass. Thank you.

Mel B Venice, CA

742. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Art Shervs Brooklyn, NY

743. ***Mary Harkin Derry, VA***

744. Save them

Jessica Blasingame Berkeley, IL

745. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. If passed, these regulations would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. That's awful. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I'm not a Montana resident, and I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Mel West palm beach, FL

746. Dear Madam or Sir, Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. The proposed regulations are cruel and unnecessary. They only serve the purpose of proving how vile the humans can be toward other species with whom they share this planet. Therefore I regret to hear about these new regulations, and I hope they will never pass. I'm not a Montana resident, but I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you, Cerag Pince

Cerag Pince Chicago, IL

747. Please don't kill anymore innocent animals

Christopher John rector Temecula, CA

748. **Maya vergani Vancouver, AR**

749. PLEASE leave the wolves alone. DO NOT allow entrapment and hunting of the wolves! DO NOT allow a "hunting season" to occur! This is cruel and unnecessary!

Melodi Gulsen Fullerton, CA

750. To Whom it May Concern, Follow the legislative intent of the Montana Legislature and conform your management strategies to that legislation. Don't be swayed by public opinion in formulating your management strategies. Increase the otter quotas in R1 & R2; Approve and implement the new wolf harvest tools and according to Legislative intent; I support the FWP Commission's actions implementing the new tools using Legislative intent.

Scott Rader Toledo, OH

751. Vote AGAINST new cruel wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting your state in the future if these regulations pass.

Jennifer Wheeling, IL

752. Please stop the proposed 2021 Wolf hunting plan. Allowing unfair advantages is inhumane, and being inhumane is good for no one. Thank you.

Jordan Gold Pacific Palisades, CA

753. All hunting should cease forthwith, it is barbaric and inhumane, US is supposed to be a civilised country !

Carol Clempson Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, CA

754. Protect our wolves

Donna Oliver Gastonia, NC

755. It is an utter disgrace that you are even considering issuing licences for killing wolves. None of these 'options' should even be on the table for n the first place. You should be protecting them not killing them. You are simply allowing these disturbed individuals to carry out these sick & immensely cruel actions upon these completely innocent & defenceless beings. It is not a huge jump from this cruelty towards non-human animals to these individuals wanting more & turning to harming human animals too! Are you ready to have that on your conscience? These wolves are sentient beings just like humans & they have just as much right to live in this country as we do (if not more) so it is absolutely disgusting that you allow for this to be carried out year upon year. When will it stop....when you've wiped out every non-human being on the planet? You literally have no right to issue such licenses. The majority of the population are heavily against this, however you continue to bend over for these redneck minority so called 'hunters'. There is no need for this, so why is it still happening? You have the power to say no & give these animals a chance at survival...please don't just bow down & watch them too disappear through extinction. Haven't we done enough damage already. Times are changing, these behaviours are no longer seen as acceptable by the masses. Be on the right side of it & say no to all types of licences to kill, trap, bag, snare any wolf, before we lose them forever.

Alex Edwards High Peak, AK

756. No killing of wolves!!!!

Nancy McGlothlin Orange Park, FL

757. Wolves are needed for an ecological balance in the environment. Killing these wolves such inhumane ways is pure cruelty ! Please stop the killing! Thank you.

Brad Krestakos Wyoming, MI

758. ***MR A Dickson Stroud, IN***

759. You are currently considering proposed changes to the state's wolf-hunting regulations that, if passed, would expand some of the cruelest and most vile practices: snare trapping, night hunting, and use of baits to lure unsuspecting victims into gunsights. The number of wolves allowed to be slaughtered could also be increased if this measure passes. There has been widespread public opposition to the proposed changes. I urge you to please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive, and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you.

Debra Wontor Lords Valley, PA

760. I'm urging you to vote against the new wolf-hunting regulations!

George Neste High Point, NC

761. please stop this

Peggy E Foster Troy, NY, NY

762. **Lee Berry, KY**

763. Please do not allow the cruelty of wolf hunting and trapping to continue!

Anne Buderus Highlands Ranch, CO

764. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I will never visit Montana as long as barbaric wolf killing laws remain in force.

Robin M Hero Jackson, MS

765. Stop killing wolves! There is a place for them in nature.

Gabriele Ansay Port Washington, WI

766. I oppose all wolf hunting in Montana. Trapping and snaring is particularly inhumane.

Carolyn Ryan St. Louis, MO

767. **Sarah Behrens Streamwood, IL**

768. Commissioners, The Legislature has given us an opportunity to reduce the wolf population in Montana and help the ungulate population which has been so severely impacted in many areas of Montana. Please support the most liberal option (3) and include snares on public land and early opening dates across all of Montana, especially regions 1 and 2. Many people from all over the country have voiced concern for the wolf population but unfortunately they do not live in Montana or perhaps the real world and have not seen the devastation firsthand. It sounds wonderful to think about a Disney world where everything is wonderful but they are not considering a young cow elk with her stomach ripped open and the fetus ripped out and devoured by a pack of wolves. Many of us have witnessed the decline of Moose, Deer and Elk in Montana. Please don't listen to the out of state, out of touch who would elevate wolves to some sort of idealist symbol of the wilderness. Let's not miss this opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration Larry Rattray 49168 Lake Mary Ronan Road Proctor, Montana 59929 rattpak@centurytel.net

Larry D Rattray Proctor, MT

769. It's disgusting, these are beautiful animals that should be protected not hunted.

Sally Ives Beaconsfield, CA

770. FWP commissioners please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. If these regulations pass, I will not be visiting your state. Thank you.

Randa Bitar Miami, FL

771. FWP commissioners please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. If these regulations pass, I will not be visiting your state. Thank you.

Randa Nahra Miami, FL

772. No trapping, nothing against any animal. Just trap the hunters and fuck them to death !!

Bertrand CAMUS Bozel, AL

773. I support NO snares of any type and I think our public lands should NOT allow hunting.

Diane Johnson Naples, FL

774. **Lisa Ruthman Burtonsville, MD**

775. To have that many wolves killed in a hunting season is too many! Instead of increasing the number that can be killed, the number of wolves that can be killed should be decreased!!

Mark Jeter El Dorado, AR

776. The wolf hunting & trapping regulations need to select the ' Limited New Tools ' proposal, this proposal is however inadequate and still requires further limiting to prevent and minimize unnecessary suffering of Wolves and other non-target animals

Paul A Norwich, OK

777. As we plan our summer vacation, we will not be able to consider Montana if these new wolf hunting proposals are allowed. My family will choose to vacation in a more animal friendly area.

Felina Brown San Ramon, CA

778. I oppose the wounding and killing of 450 more wolves this year (where already 550 wolves were brutally hunted, trapped, snared, baited, wounded and killed in 2020!) Other wildlife will be in danger of undergoing the same fate as well, when will this horrendous massacre of our precious wildlife stop! Sadistic invaders can do anything they like to do to our sentient wildlife and their pups, it is horrendous! The emotional state of mind of all those who oppose this kind of cruelty has to be considered as well. Please stop this brutality, stop hunting, trapping, snaring and all other killing plans! Wolves never recovered from these extermination plans in the past! They are needed badly to manage the environment to keep it healthy.

Andrea Sreiber Schenectady, NY

779. I'm urging FWP commissioners to vote against the new wolf hunting regulations!

Lisa Neste HIGH POINT, NC

780. STOP this cruelty to the wolf kingdom and stop this carnage NOW

Darius Pourshasb Laguna Niguel, CA

781. As long as Montana is waging a war on wolves, I will not visit your State. Please, listen to the majority, not the minority rich and wealthy. End this war on wolves.

Caroline Kipling Georgetown, MA

782. No changes to should be allowed - this will decimate the wolf population in the most cruel and inhumane way! Wolves keep the populations of all species healthy! No!

Susan Vogt Fairbanks, AK

783. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Just take a look at this inspiring video showing the positive effects wolves can have...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q> Many thanks.

Gary Knott Tonisvorst, NY

784. Snares, traps, horrible. No humanity in that.

Amy Hall Kinmundy, IL

785. Exterminating wolves is short-sighted. They are needed to sustain the balance of nature, which is grossly out of sync, and a big cause is ranching. The cattle and sheep emit gases shown to contribute to global warming. It isn't fair to enable ranching interests to win access to more ranching. This is not the way into a livable future. So my comment on 2021 Wolf Season options is this: NO OPTION IS SUITABLE FOR SUSTAINING LIFE ON THIS PLANET. MONTANA WILL BE NO DESTINATION FOR ME IF YOU MURDER WOLVES.

Rebecca Richardson Tucson, AZ

786. Please preserve the eco system and stop wolf hunting.

Minakshi Mukherjee Palo Alto, CA

787. Please do not allow this to happen.

david lindberg milwaukee, WI

788. I am writing to urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I have long wished to visit Montana, mainly to see its wild spaces and their plant and animal inhabitants, but will not be coming to the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Susan Briggs Santa Rosa, CA

789. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant

species. These proposed regulations would expand some of the cruelest practices for killing them! I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Tracey Mangus Ford City, PA

790. I will not be visiting Montana if these new, cruel hunting policies are put in place.

Raina Dale Kamuela, HI

791. ***Erica Lefebvre Braintree, MA***

792. ***Lorraine Elliott Crookstown, AR***

793. ***Jasmine 94568, CA***

794. Your proposal to "harvest" living beings is shameful. Wolves are amazing creatures and your proposed slaughter is a disgrace. You can lie to yourself that these proposed killings are part of managing nature, but the truth is collectively as a population you are murdering and you have no right to slaughter these wolves.

Jennifer Nielsen San Tan Valley, AZ

795. Please vote AGAINST new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I surely will not be visiting Montana in the future if these regulations pass.

Pamela J Zeger ELLICOTT CITY, MD

796. Killing is NEVER good for us to do. It breeds a cruel, savage and dangerous individual, incapable of being truly useful in society. And a terrible conscience to wrangle upon our own deaths, and in the afterlife.

T McCarthy Dublin, WY

797. ***Victoria Stimmel Tewksbury, MA***

798. ***Rosana Trevisan santa maria, AL***

799. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Also, I won't be visiting the state in the future, if these regulations pass.

John Rhoades Dallas, TX

800. Please vote against the new wolf hunting regulations. Wolves are a precious species and bring benefits to other species, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. They need protection not persecution. Please do not hunt down these sentient and wonderful animals. Montana must show itself to be a humane and ethical state and show that it cares about animal

welfare. Otherwise the world will be appalled at what you are doing. I would love to visit your state one day but will certainly not do so if these proposals are adopted. Thank you for your consideration. Best wishes

Julie Dallow Malvern, FL

801. protection

carmely Guatemala, HI

802. Please stop the killing!!

Christina M Stone New Haven, IN

803. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. I would like to remind you that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Dr Earl Jordan Palm Bch Gdns, FL

804. ***Anjanette Corso San Diego, CA***

805. ***Patricia Dickman-Nordberg New Braintree, MA***

806. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Without wolves ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves have a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Michelle Santa Barbara, CA

807. Trapping should not be allowed at all!

Boel Stridbeck Philadelphia, PA

808. Montana should ignore the politics of ignorance, mostly unscientific fear mongering from vested ranching and hunting interests and instead embrace sound wildlife management practices. Wolf populations in the state, if properly promoted, could provide a tourism windfall. Killing off all the state's wolves may appease some politically-connected kingpins, but I very much doubt it's supported by Montana's average citizens and voters. States have a responsibility to protect species when federal ESA protection is removed. Montana's idea of oversight appears to be to embark on a killing spree.

David Fiedler Bensalem, PA

809. Leave nature alone. How cruel. Inhumane, rotten. All animals are God's gifts to us. Wolves do not deserve to be tortured.

Judy B Parker Taylorsville, UT

810. Please do not allow killing of these animals.

Sara Winslow San Francisco, CA

811. Stop the cruel wolf hunting regulations. It upsets nature's ecological balance.

Marilyn Walta Enid, OK

812. Killing and/or trapping wolves will never solve a problem. Protect the wolves and find other ways to let steam off. Killing and/or trapping innocent animals such as wolves is wrong and should be stopped immediately. The wolves have done nothing wrong so stop hurting and killing them. Thank you.

Veda Joy Leavenworth, KS

813. Please vote against new wolf hunting regulations! Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I'm not a Montana resident, but I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Cliff Larson, ID

814. Wolves are important predators, necessary to manage the population of deer and other animals. Hunting them throws off the balance of other game & the rest of the ecosystem. Proposed amendments are cruel and unnecessary. I am strongly against proposed changes. Prohibit the hunting of ANY wolves.

Amy Mozzocchi Carnegie, PA

815. ***sara sang los angeles, CA***

816. NO WAY !!!

Joerg Franzen Philadelphia, PA

817. Dear Administrators, Humanity has lost its sense of compassion to God's creatures. Cruelty is not the answer. Is there anyway that wolves can be relocated to another location? Wolves can be tranquilized and rehomed. Wolves are sentient beings. They help keep nature in balance by keeping other species like deer from overpopulating. When we disturb the natural ecosystem, we affect the sustainability of the whole balance of nature. Please connect with your consciousness to do what is right. Better solutions can be provided that does not harm anyone or anything. Thank you for your time.

Daisy Borrás Westminster, CO

818. I feel disappointed that you think it ok to kill wolves but to increase the number of killings using the most barbaric and cruel equipment and techniques appals me. Hunting at night on unsuspecting animals, using traps and snares to name a few is revolting and you make the excuse that it will give other animals such as deer and Elk a chance to thrive when hunters kill these also...RUBBISH.....shame on you!

Julie Deacon Broken Arrow, OK

819. Hello - As a resident of Montana, I am writing to urge you to vote against these proposed changes to expand wolf hunting, particularly snare trapping, which leaves the animals in excruciating pain. Wolves are a beautiful and vital part of our natural ecosystem here in Montana and shouldn't be slaughtered just to make way for more development and more sport hunting. Even if you decide to expanding hunting (which I hope you won't), I hope you'll at least choose the most compassionate means to do so, meaning no snare trapping. Thank you for your consideration. Valerie Gleaton Missoula, MT

Valerie Gleaton Missoula, MT

820. Please stop the slaughter of this essential and beautiful apex predator. Killing off wolves throws the entire ecosystem out of balance. Trapping and shooting wolves is cruel and morally repugnant. Wolves cause no danger to people and have complex social structures and families. Please, please don't allow this hunting and trapping.

Laura Long Chicago, IL

821. The cruel slaughter of wolves is widely unsupported by the public. Furthermore, wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive. Studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. While I am not a Montana resident, I can say for sure that I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Amylark Lorwood Boston, MA

822. Why do people think it is necessary to kill. Killing is a sport? That is disgusting. Why not try not killing for sport. The animals don't have guns, so you are not proving what a brave person you are.

Donna Meyers Lancaster, CA

823. These animals should not be hunted!!!!

margaret Chapman Sierra Vista, AZ

824. Please leave all wildlife alone we have already devastated over 80% of the population of animals on the planet. Please don't do this

Christina A Owens FORT THOMAS, AZ

825. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Destroying them is reckless and ignorant! You must not pass this stupid law!

Joe Billings, MT

826. Please stop all hunting of these animals. They are still endangered and need support.

Kimo Cochran Guerneville, CA

827. Please do not kill the wolves. The wolf is just finally recovering from previous decimation. I consider it cruel and inhumane. We are all God's creation. In my opinion the human is the worst of all, the animals are more humane. Thank You.

Cheryl K Pagan Makanda, IL

828. Killing beautiful, thinking, feeling creatures is surely a sin of huge magnitude . The Universe will surely respond

Carol Pierce Wolcott, CT

829. FWP, you are an government organisation, do not pass the proposed changes, because your first job is to protect animals and plants and it is proven that the wolves are having a tricle down effect on the biodiversity of animals and plants. I do not believe it is your job to listen to rich landowners, wanting to play hunters. My advice to people like that is to buy an computer to play hunting games.

Martina Tetenburg Zürich, Switzerland, NY

830. I implore you to not make any changes to the current wolf hunting and trapping regulations.

Rebecca McArthur Freeport, FL

831. Please protect our wolves and stop them from being hunted and killed

Sharon Cagey SHERMAN OAKS, CA

832. I'm sick of ugly bastards who ENJOY killing and make EXCUSES for it!!!

Harley Armentrout Chino Valley, AZ

833. I find the proposed actions sickening and very sad. I love all animals and believe they have just as much right, if not more, than we people do. Please don't interfere in the lives of these valuable animals-do the kind thing!

Ruth Thieryung Floresville, TX

834. ***Peter Kelsick Miami, FL***

835. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. My family will not vacation in Montana state again if these regulations pass.

Elizabeth Scherbak Venice, FL

836. Please stop the killing of wolves.

jean marie lадnier GULFPORТ, MS

837. I am contacting you to urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I am not a Montana resident, and I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Kathryn Dalenberg VALLEY HEAD, AL, AL

838. **Caroline Benedetti Knoxville, TN**

839. Killing these beautiful beings is wrong! End of! It's just an excuse to kill animals for fun! And fur!! Stop the killing! The world says no!

Donna Webb Bridgend, FL

840. Please vote against the new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I do not live in Montana, but I won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you.

Neal Steiner Los Angeles, CA

841. These cruel and inhumane methods of killing wolves are torturous. Not only for wolves but for other animals that are listed on the endangered species act. There are other methods that ranchers can use to protect their cattle.

Oakley Taylor Bend, OR

842. **Rita Everist Haslet, TX**

843. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I'm not a Montana resident, but I will be sure not to visit the state in the future if these regulations pass.

Brenda Eckberg Pekin, IL

844. Please show compassion - these creatures can't speak for themselves . . .

Rupert Bayer NYC, NY

845. If you don't control numbers of wolves you will have the same problem MN has. The northern one third of MN deer and moose populations are so low that they are endangered to the point that DNR should close season. What a waist of state natural resources! Just to satisfy some people against hunting. The people that try to justify the timber wolf have never spent a minute up north. The restaurants and bars are closing because theirs no wildlife to harvest or view. Why would anyone go up north. At least Wisconsin had a season this spring. Hard to believe they could harvest one third of the reported wolves in 72 hours. Why do game managers fudge numbers to make it look like they're less animals than than actual populations. If you don't reduce wolf numbers you will have the same problems! Good luck on getting out of State hunter's to spend their hard earned money.

Keith Asfeld Cokato, MN

846. I feel that hunting should be done as humanely as possible with as little pain as possible. The proposed 2021 Wolf Season options are only going to increase suffering to the wolf population.

Hunters need to respect the prey and treat them with some dignity and as humanely as possible. Thank you so much. Mandy Van Horn

Mandy J Van Horn Spring, TX

847. Please no new wolf hunting laws. We are cruel enough as it is!

Carla Byfield, MA

848. This is disgusting and archaic. Just helping some psychos make money. What is harvesting? Euphemism much? Is this 2021 or 1821?

Subhajit matilal Montana, NE

849. ***Michael Morisoli Austin, TX***

850. ***Mary Maksymchok Beltsville, MD***

851. ***Preethi Thomas Calgary, AL***

852. There should be no hunting licenses issued for hunting wolves. No individual should be allowed to kill 5 wolves. There should be no snaring allowed on private or public lands. There should be no night hunting allowed. There should be no use of baits allowed for hunting or trapping. Commissioners should be required to demonstrate a knowledge of the interaction a diverse species of animals, including wolves. Wolves exist because they fill an indispensable niche in the web of animal and plant life. People who live in unspoiled natural surroundings should learn to respect the nature that gives them their health and well-being.

Peter Hudiburg South Plymouth, NY

853. I do not support wolf hunts. I support the protection of animals. All animals - including wolves - are part of a delicate ecosystem which must be maintained.

Margaret Meinert Lexington, SC

854. ***L Lewis Brooklyn, NY***

855. ***Brigitte Holiday DURANGO, CO***

856. ***Carrie Chaffin LHC, AZ***

857. All living beings have the right to live and be free. Humans aren't the owners of the world and for sure can't live alone without all other beings in this planet. We Humans need to start to respect life or one day we will be hunting and eating ourselves. Please live and let live! Respect life so you can be respected!!!

Devi Mar New York, NY

858. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. i won't be visiting the state in the future if these regulations pass!!

Marina Valley Stream, NY

859. Snaring of wolves on public land should be allowed as a management tool. Road/snare setbacks can be used to minimize land use conflict with non trappers. Snares are more affordable than traps. Snares are much lighter for packing long distances from roads. Adding all the different snare restrictions is just making it more difficult for trappers to comply with these proposed snare regulations and making our equipment less effective. It is time to admit, we have way too many wolves. The wolves have been very poorly managed and have had a devastating effect on our ungulate herds. Region 1 moose are nearly gone, whitetails are heavily impacted, elk are heavily impacted, bighorn sheep are heavily impacted. In short, our natural resources have been squandered and it the duty of the commission to correct the situation and get the Fish Wildlife and Parks into a corrective mode on predator management.

James Vastbinder Kalispell, MT

860. Please stop this craziness

Martha F Alexandria , VA

861. when are you going to give it a break.. on the war on wolves.. and how they are needed in the system of nature.. and the killing is enjoyable to these animal killers that hate wolves.. you think they were at combat at war in the middleast and or domestic terrorist's .. these are wolves part of the last frontier and needed in the system of nature. the gruesome painful agony suffering ways that these animal killers want to kill the WOLF OFF, OFF THE EARTH THAT IS THERE GOAL.. TO ELIMINATE THE WOLF... DON'T DO IT !! LET THE WOLF LIVE ON.. DON'T DO IT..

Joanne Mainiero braintree, MA

862. I urge FWP commissioners to vote AGAINST new wolf-hunting regulations. PEOPLE NEED TO FIND BETTER THINGS TO DO WITH THEIR TIME THAN TO KILL ANIMALS. IF A HUMAN BEING HAS SUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS THEY COULD MAYBE VOLUNTEER FOR HUMAN WELFARE ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN ANIMAL KILLING ABUSIVE MASSACRE! Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. IMAGINE THIS ENTIRE PROPOSAL WAS TO KILL A HUMAN BEING! HOW ABSURD WOULD THAT SOUND! WELL, NO MORE ABSURD AND TIME WASTING AND MONEY WASTING THAN IT IS FOR AN ANIMAL TO BE KILLED! I am not a Montana resident, and I am opposed to the same exact type of animal killing behavior that may be ongoing in Texas! Human beings absolutely need to find something better to do with their time! If This state is going to promote killing animals why don't you turn your programs into the promotion of me ntal health for a human being and for humans to stop killing other humans! I won't be visiting the state in the future if these animal abusing animal killing that leads to human being killings regulations pass.

Danielle Vinson Montgomery, TX

863. Please can I urge the commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. Can I remind you you that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Kind Regards Kevin

Kevin Hargreaves Buffalo, NY

864. From Chilliwack, BC, Canada Please stop this brutal practice no animal deserves this 😞

Rebecca Berberich Chilliwack, AL

865. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. Please vote against new wolf-hunting regulations

Mary Caputi Mt Prospect, IL

866. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Daniel Aubert Damico Barueri, AR

867. Please stop the cruel wolf trapping. You have the power to say no to torture. Stand up and do the right thing. Thank you.

Barbara Chambers Barnhart, MO

868. **Ronald Mitchell Pensacola, FL**

869. Protect these wolves. We will not be returning to vacation in your state if this law passes.

The Carpenter Family Little River, SC

870. This is insane! These are God's creatures NOT yours! You want to destroy a species to help another species that has money!

Dr. Bob Walling Omaha, NE

871. Dear FWP Commissioners, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. We the people oppose your plans to kill these wolves. These plans are morally wrong and unimaginable to majority of people. We do not want any wolves killed at all. We live the wolves, they have a right to live. No human should be the one who decides if they should live or not. Unless they are injured, sick to the point where they are suffering than they should ne humanely euthanized. These plans are some of the cruelest and most vile practices: using snare traps, night hunting, and use of baits to lure innocent animals into a death trap. Please cancel these plans, they are beautiful animals and do not bother anyone, they are doing what wplves do. Thank you

Diane Davis Billings, MT

872. **Barbara Garris Colorado Springs, CO**

873. Please oppose wolf hunting
Pat Rose Skokie, IL

874. I humbly ask you To vote against the current proposed massacre (hunting season) Of wolves. I understand that you are up against lobbyists and voices that speak out for ranchers . I am fully aware that they consider wolves the enemy because they lose they lose calves to them . I would actually like to propose a solution. Cattle ranchers pay big money in taxes. Why don't you start a state run fund To subsidize rancher's fencing needs. This would make the ranchers happy and those of us who are worried about species becoming endangered or extinct . It's a win win. I'm sure you understand the long term repercussions to the land when the ecosystem is disrupted. Please refer to 2 very important videos... One is called how wolves change rivers And the other is called wolves save Yellowstone. The videos Will only take about 15 minutes out of your life and may give you a different perspective on how essential wolves are in the preservation of your beautiful state. Thank you for your consideration on this matter
Sincerely, Ilyse Bell
Ilyse Bell Salem, AR

875. Please, urging you to please stop this animal abuse
Maureen Howell Lincoln Park (Morris), NJ

876. protect the wildlfe
Stephanie Carpenter little river, SC

877. I urge you to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations. As you know wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.
G. Paxton New York, NY

878. The time is come to end barbaric wolf killing. Hunting is bad enough but trapping? Are we living in 1750? I think we can all use common sense and agree we wouldn't want to trap ourselves our our domestic pets, wild animals should be no different.
Joe Sidor New Hudson, MI

879. What is the matter with you people?! Do you know the damage you are proposing will disrupt the balance of Nature?!!! Wolves are an Apex predator that keeps their prey herds in check ie:weeding out the sick and injured. This keeps the herds of various species healthy. They are an asset to the ecosystem. For reference please check out Yellowstone, where it has been proven without a shadow of a doubt that Wolves are beneficial to rivers, plants, and trees as well as to their prey herds. How dare you play God with the lives of these beautiful, intelligent, and family orientated animals. Trapping is cruel, barbaric, and outdated. It should be scrapped immediately and confined to the History books. Trappers are cruel, and have no compassion for the unfortunate animals that are caught in their traps. They take a sadistic pleasure in killing the animal. I know this having had several run ins with these people. What you are proposing

should be scrapped immediately. You are pandering to the Big Money People, ie:Cattle people. What they want, they get! Predation on livestock is below minimal. Everyone knows this. Wolves are not vegetarians! The predation figures are exaggerated to make it look like a massacre carried out by Wolves, and you go along with this just to appease these Money People. Absolutely disgusting and spineless. Wolves NEED to be placed back on the Endangered Species List immediately, before it is too late!!!

Steve Hughes Ash Flat, AZ

880. **SANDRA MILLER Mechanicsburg, PA**

881. With today's technology and resources I am shocked to hear that these beautiful wild animals will be murdered or what you call harvested. We as people need to change and allow space for nature and all living things for it is exactly that which we as humans will preserve. Wolves are such social animals and to randomly murder any of them may cause critical imbalance to the packs which will create difficulties for the rest to survive. This idea along with so many similar in history have proven to back fire and cause more damage than good. Please think of the consequences and devastation that is inevitable in the long run! I think mankind can do better, don't you?

Patches Howell Bend, OR

882. STOP the Barbaric treatment of wolves !!!

m kincer utica, MI

883. Stop killing these poor Animals, God made them , man has no right to kill them. Cruel abuse abuse of our Animal Kingdom!!!!

Jackie Aikin Hawthorn Woods, IL

884. Wolves deserve to live cruelty free

Krizzia Mariles Houston, TX

885. I am against all of the recent draconian measures taken by the Montana State Legislature to further exterminate wolves in Montana. I am against snares as they could trap dogs and other animals and I am against the inhumane methods of trapping and also killing wolves in their dens.

Gloria Phillip Missoula, MT

886. Please vote against new wolf hunting proposals. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Tami Hillman mi Cocoa Beach, FL

887. Hello, please consider voting against new wolf-hunting regulations. Wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—studies show that the presence of wolves has

a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I won't be visiting Montana in the future if these regulations pass. Thank you.

jess pallansch new hope, MN

888. Do not authorized this blatantly myopic proposal, for its enactment would promptly eradicate the wolves from the state environment. This would be the wrong step in the totally wrong direction.

David A Addison Staunton VA, VA

889. Please stop the brutality. Slaughter is a base, and cruel practice.

Carol Lanigan Brook park, OH

890. Please stop allowing the killing of our wolves we are loosing wildlife at an alarming rate.

Stephanie Levinson Copperas cove, TX

891. ***Dixie Fihaley Independence, MO***

892. Please cancel the wolf hunting season.

Jonathan McVey White Plains, NY

893. wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. I urge FWP commissioners to vote against new wolf-hunting regulations.

Varun Bangalore, CT

894. ***From: Frédéric Jaubert <jaubert-f@hotmail.fr>***

Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 12:29 PM

To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>; FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>

Cc: Anna Br-An <annekea1@hotmail.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] New wolf-hunting regulations

FWP commissioners,

I take the opportunity to express myself on the proposed changes to the state regulations on wolf hunting.

As mentioned on the FWP website, and approved by the Commission, I oppose the wounding and killing of 450 mores wolves this year (where already 550 wolves were brually hunted, trapped, snared, baited, wounded and killed in 2020 !)

Other wildlife will be in danger of undergoing the same fate as well, when will this horrendous massacre of our precious wildlife stop !!

Sadistic invaders can do anything they like to do to our sentient wildlife and their pups, it is horrendous!

The emotional state of mind of all those who oppose this kind of cruelty has to be considered as well.

Please stop this brutality, stop hunting, trapping, snaring and all other killing plans !

Wolves never recovered from these extermination plans in the past!

They are needed badly to manage the environment to keep it healthy.

I remind you that wolves are a keystone species without whom ecosystems cannot thrive—and that studies show that the presence of wolves has a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species.

Although I'm not a resident of Montana, be sure I will not be visiting the state in the future if these regulations are passed.

Sincerely,

Frédéric Jaubert

**895. From: Julia K. Stevenson <jks.ei@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 6:06 PM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>; FWP Parks <fwpprk@mt.gov>; FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop killing Yellowstone and Montana wolves!**

To whom it may concern,

Montana is a breathtakingly beautiful state, and Montanans are fortunate enough to have a magnificent array of iconic wildlife. And yet, just now, there is a horrendous wolf killing fever taking place in your state. What's more, it is being driven by people who haven't any ethical understructure to the way they look at wildlife and eco-systems.

These outrageous actions that are being proposed will usher in a wholesale slaughter of this much maligned species, something not seen since the 19th century when wolves were the object of reckless and brutal attempts to drive them from the landscape.

The protections of the Endangered Species Act (1974) allowed gray wolves to recover in some parts of the country. They are still recovering. Indeed, my family and I want to see the gray wolf reenlisted on the Endangered Species Act. Wolves are a critical component of a healthy thriving ecosystem in many parts of America, as ecosystem guardians. We must ensure that we don't lose them.

On the other hand, what is being proposed in Montana is not science based wildlife management as it contradicts the advice of ecologists and biologists in peer reviewed studies:

Cattle deprivation is low and compensated for;

Elk populations are over objective in most areas in Montana- wolves are not killing all the elk;

Trapping and snaring is as torture;

It is highly unethical to hunt and kill pregnant animals.

Wolves are magnificent iconic apex predators and we are morally obligated to use the power that we have over them thoughtfully and conscientiously.

Political ethicist Mahatma Gandhi said "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Human beings are the only species on this planet having the capacity to destroy so much- but what of our caretaker responsibilities? Is all of this around us here solely to be exploited and ravaged? Were you to fully understand your caretaker responsibilities, you'd be appalled by this viciousness.

Most definitely, tourism will suffer because of such vicious anti-wolf actions. My family and I live on the East coast and have a great love for our country's wild places and for the native wild animals that live here. Montana inspires wonder in us but we are heartbroken by the insensitivity and wanton callousness displayed too often in the state of Montana when it comes to wildlife issues. It seems as if we value what you have more than you do.

My family and I will not be returning to states that display such callousness when it comes to wildlife issues. Pure and simple.

Thank you for your time,

Julia K. Stevenson

896. From: Thesmophoros <thesmophoros@yahoo.de>

Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 10:22 PM

To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>; FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana's new wolf killing plans

I oppose the wounding and killing of 450 more wolves this year (where already 550 wolves were brutally hunted, trapped, snared, baited, wounded and killed in 2020 !) Other wildlife will be in danger of undergoing the same fate as well, when will this horrendous massacre of our

precious wildlife stop!! Sadistic invaders can do anything they like to do to our sentient wildlife and their pups, it is horrendous! The emotional state of mind of all those who oppose this kind of cruelty has to be considered as well. Please stop this brutality, stop hunting, trapping, snaring and all other killing plans! Wolves never recovered from these extermination plans in the past! They are needed badly to manage the environment to keep it healthy.

Sincerely:

Maria Schneider

897. From: elisabeth.bechmann@kstp.at <elisabeth.bechmann@kstp.at>
Sent: Saturday, July 10, 2021 1:57 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwd@mt.gov>; FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana's new wolf killing plans

I oppose the wounding and killing of 450 more wolves this year (where already 550 wolves were brutally hunted, trapped, snared, baited, wounded and killed in 2020 !) Other wildlife will be in danger of undergoing the same fate as well, when will this horrendous massacre of our precious wildlife stop!! Sadistic invaders can do anything they like to do to our sentient wildlife and their pups, it is horrendous! The emotional state of mind of all those who oppose this kind of cruelty has to be considered as well. Please stop this brutality, stop hunting, trapping, snaring and all other killing plans! Wolves never recovered from these extermination plans in the past! They are needed badly to manage the environment to keep it healthy.

Sincerely:

Dr. Elisabeth Bechmann

Austria

898. From: Eileen Deutsch <shepherdlass@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 2:14 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwd@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] change in wolf slaughter regulations

I am a resident of Washington state who many times has been bedazzled by Montana's beauty. But ramping up aggressive slaughter towards a key wild species has me very disturbed.

Wolves are integral to the healthy functioning of ecosystems. Studies show that the presence of wolves have a trickle-down effect, increasing biodiversity in animal and plant species. We also know they are a highly sentient and intelligent mammal. Unfortunately understanding private property boundaries is not in their purview. It's my understanding that losses to ranchers is under 1% from wolves, grizzlies and mountain lions, and there are compensation programs to offset them.

Are we so pig headed that we cannot tolerate other iconic species to exist? Particularly when we are at a moment in time when extinctions in the wild are rampant? How can we not recognize the importance of preserving wild ecosystems by this point in time?

I urge you to not pass these cruel and thoughtless new attacks on wolves. If you do, I certainly won't be visiting Montana in the future and will spend my tourist dollars elsewhere.

Eileen Deutsch

Port Townsend, WA

Sent from [Mail \[go.microsoft.com\]](mailto:go.microsoft.com) for Windows 10

899. From: annemariejason@everyactioncustom.com
<annemariejason@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, July 9, 2021 6:31 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Inhumane acts

Dear Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I do not support new Montana legislation that would allow unethical and inhumane methods of dealing with wolf populations. The state already has aggressive hunting and trapping seasons for wolves — and its wolf population is already decreasing. Montana doesn't need to expand the seasons or approve new tools for killing wolves.

Baiting wolves and killing them at night violate fair-chase ethics and increase the risk of killing other wildlife, such as bears and lynx and even family dogs. The inhumane practice of snaring should be banned altogether. Wolves are sentient creatures and the suffering that snaring creates for them is unconscionable.

The bag limit for wolves should not be increased. There is not a good reason why a single hunter should be able to wipe out an entire pack of wolves. Hunters should be required to obtain one license for each wolf killed.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Annemarie Jason
Buffalo, NY 14222
annemariejason@rocketmail.com

**900. From: teachpeace@everyactioncustom.com <teachpeace@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:25 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf Hunting must end**

Dear Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

Wolves are still Endangered. They were removed too soon from the Endangered Species list. They have never fully recovered from their previous range. Killing them must stop. You have already decreased their populations too low as it is. You must end wolf hunting. Do not allow snares, baits, or trapping. These harm other animals including people and their pets.

If you do not want wolves in your state work with Wildlife managers in other states to relocate them to wilderness areas in states where there are none that had them in the past.

I have never seen a wolf in the wild. I would love to see them in the wild. Lots of people would. This is a much better answer for States with wolves. Wildlife viewing via camera safaris and wildlife cameras posted in the wild for viewing and study is a better practice than hunting wildlife to extinction.

Wolves belong in the wild. They are part of a balanced ecosystem. They keep prey animal populations, such as deer and elk, in a healthy condition by hunting the sick animals. Hunters kill indiscriminately, usually killing the healthiest, thus the animals can not maintain healthy populations. Follow Ecological and biological science. Stop killing wolves.

Sincerely,
Lisa Modola
Melrose, FL 32666
teachpeace@windstream.net

**901. From: wolfie19@everyactioncustom.com <wolfie19@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 2:29 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolves are necessary to a healthy ecosystem. Stop the cruel hunts and trapping**

Dear Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission,

I remember working at Yellowstone back in the 80's and how excited I was that there was talk of reintroducing wolves to the ecosystem. A healthy ecosystem needs predators...and there are ways of compensating ranchers for loss without butchering the wolf population.

Montana already has aggressive hunting and trapping seasons for wolves — and its wolf population is already decreasing. The state doesn't need to expand the seasons or approve new tools for killing wolves.

For example, I oppose rules allowing baiting wolves and killing wolves at night because they violate fair-chase ethics and increase the risk of killing other wildlife and even family dogs.

I also oppose increasing the bag limit for wolves — a single hunter shouldn't be able to wipe out an entire pack of wolves. And hunters should be required to obtain one license for each wolf killed.

I don't support any form of snaring, and I ask you to ban snaring on public lands and limit snaring elsewhere as much as possible.

These common-sense measures will help save the lives of grizzly bears, Canada lynx and other wildlife, as well as companion animals.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Lang
Fargo, ND 58103
wolfie19@mindspring.com

902. From: Jessica Leigh <jlbrightleaf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 7:25 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf Hunting & Trapping Opportunities Comment

To Whom it may concern;

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Wolves are apex predators, as are we. Nature is held in a delicate balance and humans seek to maintain control, whereas we could embrace other apex predators as a force that nature intended.

Wolves have been hunted and killed for the last two hundred years in this country without a second thought for what that does to the natural balance they provide.

Dogs are man's best friend, and wolves are their ancestors. They live in familial, complex units that deserve respect and the chance to grow and become what they once were - harmonious, like-minded beings that can survive harsh climates and situations with grace.

I urge you to reconsider the hunting of wolves and their family units in an attempt to return our landscape with the order that once ruled our world. If wolves come onto your property, then certainly there is the argument to protect your livestock, but to proactively cull them is misguided and short sighted. We can do better.

Look to the wolf to show personality and human characteristics of family and hierarchy, look to them as an indication and remnant of a wildness that once called humans to the west. Allow that to exist and co-exist with our current way of life to protect what makes America, America.

They are beautiful, complex beings - not to be thoughtlessly removed from the landscape.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jessica

702-343-4081

**903. From: Alan Solomon <asolomon777@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 11:49 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]**

I OPPOSE hunting licenses to kill Wolves. I OPPOSE trapping, snaring, night hunting and baiting Wolves for hunting and trapping today and long into the future. Wolves and other Wildlife were here way before man. You and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks have no right to provide negative licensing to snare, trap, bait or hunt and kill innocent wolves in the Wild. If ranchers have problems with cattle or sheep being taken then, they should not be ranchers in the first place. Ranchers land is Wildlife habitat first off. If ranchers cannot get along with existing Wildlife then they are fools and they ranch incorrectly. Ranchers can use dogs, lights and electric fences to scare off Wild Wolves. It is the incoming ranchers, Montana or state officials, politicians and any other ignorant administration that needs to conform and be friendly to the existing environment and its long time inhabitants. Snaring, trapping, baiting, hunting and killing innocent wolves is not correct and not the way to handle a problem with hungry Wildlife ever. I Completely OPPOSE snaring, trapping, baiting, hunting and killing innocent Wolves and other Wildlife in Montana and throughout the U.S.A. today and long into the future. STOP the killing Today.

Sent from Mail [gomicrosoft.com] for Windows 10

904. From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 9:51 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwd@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please protect wolves from traps

Jul 13, 2021

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dear Wildlife Commission,

I don't agree with the following added tools which include night hunting, lethal traps, foot holding traps, unlimited wolf kills under one tag, bounties that pay hunters to kill wolves, using spotting scopes, using atvs, snowmobiles and helicopters to chase down wolves, extended wolf season which would kill pregnant wolves, the use of snares and foot holding traps which will kill non targeted species including pets and also could harm people.

Sincerely,

Bridgar Hill

1124 W Park St Apt 10

Livingston, MT 59047-2956

bridgarlogan@gmail.com

905. From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 5:21 AM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwd@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Truncated view of wolf policy

Jul 14, 2021

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dear Wildlife Commission,

Tourism is worth far more to Montana's economy than catering to hunting interests. Most of the nation including myself find Montana's treatment of wolves just so there is more big game for hunters to kill barbaric.

I urge the Commission to use its authority to follow science and stop slaughtering what remains of wolf populations.

Sincerely,

James Atkinson, PhD

PO Box 457

Norman, OK 73070-0457

luvthewild@protonmail.com

906. From: Bridgar Hill
To: FWP Commission
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolf Hunting Season
Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 4:11:34 PM

Dear Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Bridgar Hill

1124 West Park Street #10

Livingston, Montana 59047

2021 July 11

406-868-5076

907. **From:** Sarah Stewart

To: FWP Commission; FWPDistrict1@gmail.com; fwpdistrict2@gmail.com;
FWPDistrict3@gmail.com;
FWPDistrict4@gmail.com; FWPDistrict5@gmail.com

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Below are Public Comment to Fish and Wildlife Commission- No More Trapping or increased wolf killings in Montana.

Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:24:21 PM

Our overall opinion as residents of Montana is that we are strongly opposed to using our wildlife as a commodity and moreover as though they were not capable of feeling pain and suffering as they are very most certainly are.

In addition, we have the following set of opinions and would like them taken in, with above statement, as public comments to the Fish and Wildlife Commission:

- There shouldn't be any increase of the wolf trapping and snaring season, both because it is a bad way to kill any animal and it will kill any animal many,

many non-target animals. In addition, trapping is dangerous for people as well and their pets and should not be increased or be on public lands at all. Many people, pets, domestic and wild animals are on public lands. Snares and traps are dangerous and cruel to everyone. Snaring shouldn't even be allowed at all. It is cruel. I think that the dangers to innocent people and pets with trapping should make it obvious that it shouldn't take place on our public lands.

- Elk and Deer numbers are at very high levels and went up after wolves were reintroduced and revitalized the land. This is a recorded fact - In 1995 when wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone, there were 109,500 elk in Montana. In 2020 there were 136,000 elk, 25 percent over objective. The elk and deer population is fine with wolves around as they are and have been for the last number of years, clearly!

- Night hunting is a dangerous practice and is dangerous to everyone, human and animals. It shouldn't be allowed.

- Another fact is that wolves kill less than 1% of livestock and people can be paid for that damage and this can be managed without these trapping expansions.

- Wolves are loved by many in Montana and the United States as a whole and are a national treasure which causes high tourism for viewing.

- Baiting wolves encourages them onto property where we don't want them and is dangerous and unsportsmanlike.

It just seems like that there is a drive to hunt, trap and destroy wolves that isn't based on science, rational clear factual reasons and seems like a vendetta rather than common sense. We don't really understand this goal of wolf killing and studies bear out that the vast majority of both Montanans and people elsewhere really enjoy live wolves and that wolves

have not hurt the overall ecosystem and where they do (1%) damage livestock there are sensible ways to address this. Wolves have been overall good for the land and other wildlife and ecosystem and for tourist money to Montana. Please let us stop this emotional war on wolves and proceed with thoughtfulness and caution for human and animal safety and care.

- In addition, we are opposed to raising trapping quotas for other animals besides wolves. In particular river otters which breed slowly, are a much needed and "sensitive species" (US Forest Service), listed generally as endangered, and do not even bring in money to the trapper to cover the costs of trapping. We don't understand raising the quota on these animals. Why and what is the rational not based on self-interested circular reason? Could more thoughtful actual, factual evidence be produced before increasing trapping of otters, please?

Thank you for your attention to our comments.

Sincerely, The Stewart Family, PO Box 143, Gardiner, Montana, 59030

**908. From: Eliot Thompson (eletbriar@outlook.com) Sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>**

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:55 AM

To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on 2021/2022 Wolf Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I am commenting today to urge the Commission to use your discretion and authority to restore the public's trust in Montana's wildlife management, and to take a measured and prudent approach with the state's 2021/2022 wolf hunting and trapping regulations proposal. Grey Wolves are a native keystone species; they play an important ecological role in balancing natural systems and reducing the spread of fatal wildlife diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease by culling sick animals from herds. Additionally wolves in the Northern Rockies are key to re-establishing wolf populations in the Pacific Northwest. Millions of people come every year to the Rockies for the chance to see a wolf in the wild.

We urge you to preserve Montana's historically reasoned and science-based approach to wildlife management, which unfortunately regressed back to the 1800s with a host of extreme bills targeted at wolves and other species in the recent legislative session. As members of the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, you have the opportunity and responsibility to restore public trust and to continue a rational, science-based approach to wolf management.

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Sincerely,

Eliot Thompson
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<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 8:19 AM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on 2021/2022 Wolf Hunting and Trapping Regulations

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910. From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 7:37 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwd@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Stop the immoral wolf slaughter

Jul 15, 2021

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dear Wildlife Commission,

I'm writing as a hunter who visits Montana to express my utter distain for the new legislation targeting wolves in your state. These decisions should be made by wildlife biologists using the best available science guided by the principles of fair chase and hunting traditions and ethics.

Wolves are important apex predators, not vermin to be thinned using any means available. Please use your authority to protect as many wolves as possible from these new and senseless laws. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan Binnie

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Tucson, AZ 85739-9017

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**912. From: L. Olson (olsongraphix@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:14 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on 2021/2022 Wolf Hunting and Trapping Regulations**

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission,

Dear Fish and Wildlife Commission,

This needs to stop NOW!

Trapping should be banned and this so called hunter should be in jail for animal cruelty. (I wasn't able to insert this photo).

These Wolf trappers make all hunters look bad. There is no fair chase here...only animal cruelty. This violates sportsmens ethics.

How many wolves are tormented, tortured and photographed while still suffering in a leg hold trap by some sick person. These are highly intelligent animals...our dogs are direct descendants of wolves.

Stop trapping now...these hand picked commissioners do not represent the majority of Montana residents. Shame on you.

Sincerely,

L. Olson

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913. From: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 5:07 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Protect the wolves

Jul 15, 2021

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

Dear Wildlife Commission,

It is cruel and inhumane to make it easier to hunt wolves. Even hunters think the laws are too lax.

This is not Wolf management. Montana has experienced 30 years of Wolf recovery. Trying to appease the agriculture groups is unethical and wrong. You should not be trying to drive the Wolf population down to just a few.

Please try to protect as many wolves as possible.

1. A longer hunting season isn't necessary 2. Limiting Wolf killings by hunters 3. Banning snares on public lands.

Wolves are an important native wildlife species in Montana and wolves are an important part of healthy ecosystems. We need the biodiversity.

Sincerely,

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914. From: Isabela Abreu <isabela.ladeabreu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 9:34 PM
To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Regarding Wolf Regulations Proposal

Good evening Montana FWP,

I am sending you this email because my comment form does not seem to be working properly. I am from New York, NY. Without any further ado, here is my comment on the 2021 wolf regulations proposal:

To all commissioners: vote AGAINST new wolf-hunting regulations. By changing the state's wolf-hunting regulations, the state would not even bat an eyelash to some of the cruelest and most unthinkable practices. Do NOT allow wealth and human greed to win this battle, independent of how much pressure you are under. If modifications to these regulations are given a green light, this will only propel more modifications to be made in regard to hunting in general. Wolves are a key piece to a biodiverse ecosystem - without them, a domino effect would spread and could strongly contribute to the downfall of our planet. Moreover, since I am not a resident of Montana, I refuse to step foot in the state if these regulations pass. I do not support human greed and cruelty, and you should do the same. Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

Isabela Abreu

915. **From:** CJ ROLPHE <cjrolphe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 7:40 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] END TRAPPING NOW

YOU ARE HERE TO PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE....NOT TO DESTROY! DO NOT ALLOW THE DECIMATION OF OUR WILDLIFE...LEAVE THE WOLVES AND ALL WILDLIFE TO LIVE!!!!

From: Delaney Stacy <djstacy2009@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:41 AM
To: FWP General <fwpgen@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] IMPORTANT ISSUES-Killing wolves...Please read. Your making ME cry

WHAT THE FRICK IS WRONG WITH YOU? STOP HURTING HOLVES. THIS IS WHY I HATE THE MIDWEST... I would be nicer in this email but I can't because I have been crying the past week..... I am NEVER visiting the Midwest. STOP THIS CRUELTY

Sincerly
DJ
CEO of ARF
(Animal rights foundation)

916. **From:** Connie Poten <rchair@highwire.stanford.edu>

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:31 PM

To: FWP Wildlife <fwpwld@mt.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Connie Poten has forwarded a page to you from bioRxiv



bioRxiv

THE PREPRINT SERVER FOR BIOLOGY

[bioRxiv \[biorxiv.org\]](https://www.biorxiv.org)

Connie Poten(rattlefarm@gmail.com) has sent this article to you from bioRxiv

Message from sender

Dear Ken McDonald and Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

This article is very important in helping decision-making about expanding wolf trapping season in Montana.

Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Respectfully,
Connie Poten
Footloose Montana

[Grizzly bear toe amputation due to seasonal overlap with
furbearer trapping in southeast British Columbia
\[biorxiv.org\]](https://www.biorxiv.org)

I thought you might be interested in the article I found in the preprint server: bioRxiv

917. *From: Glenn Schenavar <glennmontana@gmail.com>
Date: July 9, 2021 at 12:13:12 PM MDT
To: fwpdistrict3@gmail.com
Subject: My name is Glenn Schenavar.docx*

Thanks for your time.
Glenn

Sent from my iPhone

July8,2021

My name is Glenn Schenavar,

I'm an avid sportsman and represent sportsmen from Montana; I am also chairman for The Sanders County Chapter of F4WM. F4WM has 4,423 members in 38 states.

I know this is a highly political issue so I have decided to stick with the facts.

There has been a lot of negative impact on ungulates in region 1, 2 and 3.

Montana has been above the threshold of 15 breeding pairs of wolves since 2005. Wolf numbers have been 6 to 8 times above that threshold since 2009 to the present.

Region 1 holds about 45% of the wolf numbers with 80 packs and 500 wolves.

Region 2 holds 25% with 50 packs and 300 wolves.

Region 3 has 20% with 35 packs and 215 wolves.

In Region 1 alone according to FWP biologists, each wolf kills 20 Elk per year. Take 500 wolves times 20 and that is 10,000 elk per year.

Region 1 has taken the brunt of that out of control wolf population that has left the backcountry of western Montana null and void of ungulate populations.

We need to get predator numbers down in regions 1, 2 and 3. The Legislation that passed gives sportsmen the tools to reduce predation and let the ungulate population recover in areas negatively impacted by wolves.

FWP proposed recommendations eliminate regions 1,2and 3 from the new legislation because of Grizzly bear and lynx protection zones. This is not sound management.

Idaho has been trapping and snaring in grizzly and lynx protective zones for 11 years and has 0 incidents with grizzly or lynx caught in traps or snares. So this is a false narrative which I believe was concocted to limit wolf harvest.

Montana wolf management plan calls for maintaining a population of a numerical estimate of 282 wolves. We have over 1,000 in the state. Our Montana State Constitution guarantees that FWP has to manage ALL WILDLIFE and that includes wolves.

I feel they have neglected their duty to reduce wolf numbers to let the ungulates recover in regions negatively impacted by wolves.

Glenn Schenavar

Sportsman and Chairman of Sander's County chapter of F4WM

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glennmontana@gmail.com

918. From: Lesley Robinson
To: Pieske, Shawna
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Wolf hunting
Date: Monday, July 12, 2021 7:54:31 AM

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From: David Reddell <akingslodge@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 9, 2021 at 8:19 AM

Subject: Wolf hunting

To: <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>

The proposals that was presented by the fwp did not meet the intent of the bill.

Wolves are out of control in region 1. There's 5 times the number of wolves then yellow stone. Deer and elk numbers are dropping.

I support a longer wolf season use of snares and hunting over bait.

Sent from my iPhone

919. From: Lesley Robinson
To: Pieske, Shawna
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: wolf regulations
Date: Monday, July 12, 2021 7:48:46 AM

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From: PAUL ROSSIGNOL <fshnwalli@msn.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 11, 2021 at 3:55 PM

Subject: wolf regulations

To: fwpdistrict4@gmail.com <fwpdistrict4@gmail.com>

Dear Commissioner Robinson

My comments are regarding the proposed wolf regulations that MTFWP put forward. My comments are based on my status which I would consider as a major stakeholder. As I am landowner and sportsman in region 2. My ranch that I lease out for summer pasture is near the Idaho border and since the wolves have been on the landscape it has had a major impact on cattle grazing. Also, the good elk hunting and excellent whitetail hunting has dwindled. This wolf activity on my ranch demanded action and I began trapping wolves when it became legal. After many years and lots of study I have become fairly efficient at wolf trapping, therefore I feel I can comment on that subject with experience and knowledge.

First of all, as I look at the proposed regulations even at the maximum new tools, I do not believe that MTFWP are following the intent of the laws that the legislature passed this past session. Here in western Montana, we need maximum pressure on wolves to bring back hunting to a level that is even 75% of what it was before wolves. I also know that I or anyone in the future will not see the abundance of wild game that I witnessed before the Canadian Gray Wolf introduction.

I am only going to comment on maximum new tools as I consider those are at the very least, we should look at for regulations.

Wolf licenses bag limit of 10 with one license. Fine will allow the very few who are expert trappers to do the work that most others cannot accomplish. I trap all of the present season with 2 dozen wolf traps and I believe my best year was 3 wolves.

Seasons definitely need to be expanded to Dec. 1 to March 15th. As far as the Lynx restriction goes that should not even be considered. A properly adjusted wolf trap has a pan tension set to 10lbs as per regulation will amply protect and animal the weight of a lynx. A snare set to 24 inches above the ground will also protect lynx. The proposed height of 18 inches should be raised. The existing season was set to reduce wolf trapping success by a short season in the worse possible conditions. Bears are not out the first 2 weeks of December and could be extended to March 15th without any by catch.

I do consider that snaring should be considered only on private land as inexperienced trappers will have by-catch not to protect the public. The only problem with private land only as it would set a precedent that may cause a problem later when expansion of wolves in some public lands and that

tool could not be used to protect wildlife resources.

Use of baits statewide as it is used all over to hunt a variety of predators.

Eliminate Quotas desperately needed as that is where hunting of big game has been devastated.

No need to have any kind of panic if 450 wolves are killed as there are many more wolves out there than is estimated. MTFWP always says that their estimate is a minimum and there is 15% more than that. I would say 30% more than MTFWP wolf population estimates.

Could be adjusted to game animals if I catch a coyote not going to bother reporting.

Discuss it if you wish but a foothold trap will not hold a mature grizzly, I talked to several serious trappers in Canada that trap among grizzlies all the time. One of them held a yearling one time. An important note here to me would in most instances that you not use a drag for your trap but have it secured with a ground anchor or chained to a tree. I have had numerous deer, elk and moose set my traps off and they pull right out when anchored securely. A bear especially a grizzly wouldn't even be bothered by the temporary bracelet. If a small bear is caught release it with the help of a FWP employee who can dart it get any information you want, collar it and add to your data base.

Expanded wolf seasons explained sufficiently in previous statements above.

Wolf snaring on private land explained sufficiently above.

Wolf snaring required equipment. All good except I would consider a change of minimum height of bottom of loop at 24 inches.

Yes, wolf trapping seasons should be reviewed annually.

In closing Idaho has more liberal regulations by far than I am suggesting and their wolf population is still well above the minimum required wolf population set by their agreement with the federal plan.

I am willing to answer any questions you may have or clarifications at any time.

Thank You

Paul Rossignol

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Thanks

Paul Rossignol

920. From: Lesley Robinson
To: Pieske, Shawna
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Wolf regulations
Date: Monday, July 12, 2021 7:46:44 AM

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From: Jon Way <jw9802@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 12, 2021 at 6:26 AM

Subject: Wolf regulations

To: FWPDistrict1@gmail.com <FWPDistrict1@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict2@gmail.com <FWPDistrict2@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict3@gmail.com <FWPDistrict3@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict4@gmail.com <FWPDistrict4@gmail.com>, FWPDistrict5@gmail.com <FWPDistrict5@gmail.com>

I am totally aghast with how extreme the state of Montana has become. I was in the state for 9 days around Christmas, 9 days in mid April and I will be there for 14 days late July into August. Montana is truly my second home. These proposals to literally slaughter a social, intelligent and ecologically important animal is asinine. So, accordingly, please:

1. Maintain the current quotas of 2 wolves in wolf management units 313 and 2 wolves in unit 316 near Yellowstone NP and the current quotas near Glacier. In the Gardiner and Silver Gate gateway communities, a healthy wolf populations is the highest value, economically, for research, and because people want wild wolves in the ecosystem. I stay in this area and contribute to the local economy
2. Support fixing the regulations instead of setting up a series of emergency meetings.

Don't allow any trapping at all in areas where there are lynx and grizzly bears, and restrict all other trapping with snares.

I oppose the quota of 450 wolves for the hunting season. This is killing too many wolves.

This plan would take 50% of the population. That is not wildlife management. That is slaughtering to appease special interests. I also oppose trapping and the use of snares. They are cruel and banned in many areas. Lastly, I oppose all baiting and night hunting.

Simply killing wolves does not increase elk or save cattle. Elk populations in the state exceed FWP's goals in nearly every region, AND depredations are low, averaging a measly 60 domestic animals per year, including cattle.

Wolves should be managed the way cougars are: the FWP new plan for cougars has allowed the population to grow to 5,000 in MT. Managing wolves this way would protect wolves in high tourism areas like Gardiner and kill more wolves in areas where elk or deer may be stressed by many factors. (climate change drought; habitat loss; multiple predators in one area —humans, wolves, cougars, bears).

The wolf season needs to be shorter. MTFWP has been managing wolves as vermin, and this is abandoning the North American Model of Wildlife Management. MTFWP allows killing of wolves Sept-Nov, when the pelts are useless. It is considered wasteful and unethical.

MTFWP is abandoning its own science-based cap of killing no more than 29% of the wolf population. This was FWP's stated goal, based on a peer-reviewed paper, "Population Dynamics and Harvest Characteristics of Wolves in the Central Brooks Range, Alaska."

MTFWP's Wolf Management Measurable Objective #3 is to maintain relationships "with hunters and livestock producers and other stakeholders." Wildlife conservationists, wildlife watchers, and wildlife research should be named stakeholders. MTFWP should manage wildlife for all Montanans. Many environmentalists, wildlife guides, and wildlife watchers (including myself) feel unheard.

BTW – Why isn't there anything about wildlife watching or non-consumptive uses on your website. You so freely and clearly advertise for hunting and fishing. Why don't you also accommodate to the vast majority of citizens who don't hunt?

Jonathan Way, Ph.D.

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(and 3-4 week/year resident of southern Montana)

921. From: Nick Gevock

To: FWP Commission

Subject: [EXTERNAL] MWF comments on wolf hunting season proposals

Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 2:53:36 PM

**Attachments: MWF comments on wolf season proposals.pdf
2020 Montana elk population chart (8).pdf**

Please accept the attached comments from the Montana Wildlife Federation on the wolf hunting season proposals for 2021-22.

Sincerely,

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July 13, 2021

Lesley Robinson, Chair
Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission
1420 E. Sixth Ave.
Helena, MT 59624

RE: Wolf hunting season proposals

Dear Chair Robinson and Commissioners,

The Montana Wildlife Federation supports fair chase, science-based, sustainable, and ethical hunting and trapping of gray wolves. However, the wolf season proposals in front of the Commission generated by politicians in the legislature are not ethical, science-based, or sustainable and violate Montana standards of fair chase. On top of all this, these wolf hunts are not needed given current robust herds of deer and elk across Montana.

The Commission only needs to look at the data provided by biologists within Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to see that there is no need for extreme, anti-wolf hunting seasons to be implemented. Montana's existing wolf season is working, with a strong harvest of wolves throughout the six-month season that has reduced and now stabilized Montana's wolf population. The current hunting and trapping regulations are meeting our big game management needs, have reduced depredations on livestock, and have stabilized wolf numbers while ensuring that the wolf population remains healthy and recovered.

MWF helped write the 2011 delisting rider that restored state management of wolves. We did that on the assumption that Montana FWP, through the Commission, would use science-based facts to manage wolves, maintain sustainable and ethical hunting and trapping of wolves, and look out for the best interest of Montana's wildlife resources. These legislative proposals do none of those things. The legislative direction on wolves is based on misinformation, nonsense, and anti-predator hysteria and amounts to an all-out war on wolves at a time when Montana is aiming to reduce elk numbers.

The elk data speaks for itself, despite the fact that FWP did not take a stance on the numerous bills that are driving this. Much of the debate around wolves and elk numbers was driven by Region 1, in northwestern Montana. Yet the elk herds there are largely within the objective called for in the statewide Elk Management Plan. See the attached chart from FWP of elk counts by hunting districts.

The elk herd in the Clark Fork River Valley, around Thompson Falls, is within the objective. Hunting District 121 has an objective of 1,355 elk, with a range of 1,084 to 1,626. The most recent count, from 2019, was 1,418 elk. And the three districts in Region 1 listed as below objective for elk, HDs 100, 104, and 109/110, haven't had elk counted in over a decade.

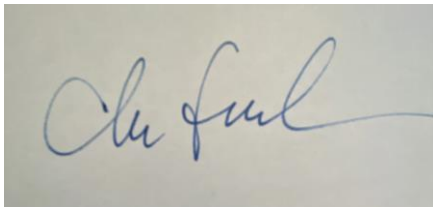
In the six hunting districts in the Thompson Falls area including districts 104, 121, 123, 124, 200 and 201, the 2019 total elk objective for these six districts was 2,975 elk. The most recent count by FWP for these six districts was 3,210 elk, or 107 percent of the elk objective. There is no documented problem with low elk numbers and no information that indicates that wolves are threatening healthy elk numbers in western Montana.

This legislative session saw extreme rhetoric that claimed that wolves are dramatically reducing elk numbers. Yet FWPs own data shows the opposite, and the agency failed to show up and counter that anti-predator hysteria with facts derived from its own professional staff.

We urge this Commission to use its discretion to implement a reasonable wolf hunting package that allows for ethical hunting of the species while allowing wolves to play their important role in functioning, healthy ecosystems. Pursuing the nonsensical direction from the Legislature to drive wolf populations to the edge of extinction in Montana using unethical and extreme measures is likely to result in the loss of state authority to manage wolves. Please don't let that happen.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Chris Servheen".

Chris Servheen
Vice President for Issues

Montana 2020 Elk Counts

Elk are counted in winter or spring by aircraft. It is not possible to count all elk in a hunting district and elk plan objectives are based on "Observed Elk", which may be elk observed on trend areas in some cases. Counting elk is an inexact exercise subject to a multitude of weather and timing variables and elk movements between hunting districts. Therefore, counts in some years may not accurately reflect elk numbers and better counts from previous years are reported. In 2020, several scheduled surveys were unable to be completed due to constraints from the COVID-19 virus.

Hunting District(s)	Elk Management Unit (EMU)	Elk Plan Objective	Objective Range	Most Recent Elk Count	Year of Count	Status - Over, At or Below Objective
100	PURCELL	300	240-360	138	2009	Below
101	SALISH	No stated objective, no wintering elk or no survey flown.				
102	SALISH	No stated objective, no wintering elk or no survey flown.				
103	SALISH	260	208-312	230	2017	At
104	LOWER CLARK FORK	225	180-270	128	2008	Below
109, 110	WHITEFISH	600	480-720	452	2005	Below
120	SALISH	110	88-132	125	2010	At
121	LOWER CLARK FORK	1,355	1,084-1,626	1,418	2019	At
122	SALISH	No stated objective, no wintering elk or no survey flown.				
123	LOWER CLARK FORK	365	292-438	428	2019	At
124	LOWER CLARK FORK	130	104-156	138	2008	At
132, 170	NORTH SWAN	No numerical objective. The Elk Plan objective is "a small elk population"				
130, 140, 141	BOB MARSHALL	150-320	150-320	102	2019	Below
150, 151	BOB MARSHALL	310-500	310-500	198	2019	Below
Region 1 Total		3,805-4,165	3,136-4,834	3,357		At
200	LOWER CLARK FORK	300	240-360	266	2019	At
201	NINEMILE	600	480-720	832	2019	Over
N Portion of 202	LOWER CLARK FORK	350	280-420	291	2019	At
203	NINEMILE	950	760-1,140	853	2019	At
204	ROCK CREEK	600	480-720	891	2019	Over
210, 211	ROCK CREEK & SAPPHIRE CREEK	1,450	1,160-1,740	2,311	2020	Over
212	FLINT CK	400	320-480	1,200	2019	Over
213	FLINT CK	750	600-900	661	2019	At
214	SAPPHIRE	450	360-540	331	2017	Below
215	DEER LODGE	1,400	1,120-1,680	2,476	2020	Over
216	ROCK CREEK	325	260-390	557	2020	Over
217	FLINT CK	600	480-720	688	2020	At
240	BITTERROOT	1,000	800-1,200	1,010	2019	At
250	WEST FORK	1,400	1,120-1,680	901	2019	Below
260	BITTERROOT	50	40-60	123	2019	Over
261, 262	ROCK CREEK	700	560-840	857	2019	Over
270	SAPPHIRE	3,800	3,040-4,560	4,069	2019	At
280	BOB MARSHALL	No wintering elk				
281	BOB MARSHALL	500-700	500-700	370	2019	Below
W 283 (N. Hills/Evaro)	GARNET	300	240-360	146	2019	Below
Central 283 (Jumbo)	GARNET	90	72-108	89	2019	At
E 283 (Gold-Belmont)	GARNET	300	240-360	119	2019	Below
282, 285	BOB MARSHALL	900-1,100	900-1,100	643	2020	Under
291	GARNET	600	480-720	762	2020	Over
292	GARNET	800	640-960	691	2019	At
284, 293	GRANITE BUTTE	750	600-900	542	2020	Below
290, 298	GARNET	600	480-720	865	2019	Over
Region 2 Total		19,965-20,362	16,252-24,078	22,544		At
300	TENDOY	800	700-900	1,112	2019	Over

301, 309	GALLATIN/MADISON	500	400-600	495	2020	At
302	TENDOY	625	550-700	1,295	2019	Over
310	GALLATIN/MADISON	1,500	1,200-1,800	636	2019	Below
311	GALLATIN/MADISON	2,500	2,000-3,000	2,219	2020	At
312	BRIDGER	600	480-720	1,574	2020	Over
313	NORTHERN YELLOWSTONE	4,000	3,000-5,000	5,738	2018	Over
314	GALLATIN/MADISON	3,000	2,400-3,600	3,704	2019	Over
315	CRAZY MOUNTAINS	1,000	800-1,200	1,085	2018	At
316	NORTHERN YELLOWSTONE	No wintering elk				
317	ABSAROKA	900	720-1,080	1,414	2019	Over
318	DEER LODGE	500	400-600	562	2019	At
319	FLEECER	955	812-1,100	1,048	2020	At
320, 333	TOBACCO ROOT	1,000	800-1,200	1,427	2020	Over
321	SAPPHIRE	No wintering elk				
322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 330	GRAVELLY	8,000	6,400-9,600	10,600	2020	Over
328	TENDOY	625	550-700	796	2019	Over
329	PIONEER	830	760-900	1,112	2019	Over
331	PIONEER	1,290	1,180-1,400	753	2019	Below
332	PIONEER	830	760-900	742	2019	Below
334	SAPPHIRE	No wintering elk				
335	DEER LODGE	600	480-720	780	2018	Over
339, 343	GRANITE BUTTE	1,400	1,120-1,680	1,957	2020	Over
340	HIGHLAND	1,000	850-1,150	1,224	2019	Over
350, 370	HIGHLAND	600	510-690	799	2019	Over
341	FLEECER	525	438-600	444	2020	At
N 360	GALLATIN-MADISON	1,200	960-1,440	1,524	2020	Over
S 360, 362	GALLATIN-MADISON	3,500	2,800-4,200	4,449	2020	Over
361	GALLATIN-MADISON	No stated objective.				
380	ELKHORN	2,000	1,700-2,300	2,416	2020	Over
388	GRANITE BUTTE	No stated objective, no wintering elk or no survey flown.				
390	BRIDGER	900	720-1,080	1,803	2019	Over
391	BRIDGER	975	780-1,170	1,539	2018	Over
392	WEST BIG BELT	400	320-480	289	2018	Below
393	BRIDGER	1,500	1,200-1,800	3,038	2018	Over
Region 3 Total		44,055	35,940-52,390	56,574		Over
400, 403, 404, 405, 406, 419, 444, 471	GOLDEN TRIANGLE	No stated objective, no wintering elk or no survey flown.				
401	SWEETGRASS HILLS	350	280-420	515	2020	Over
410	MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS	2,000-2,300	2,000-2,300	3,253	2020	Over
W 411, 511	SNOWY	400	320-480	762	2020	Over
E 411, 530	SNOWY	400	320-480	6,624	2019	Over
412	SNOWY	300	240-360	617	2020	Over
413	LITTLE BELT	500	400-600	438	2020	At
415	BOB MARSHALL	200	160-240	247	2020	Over
416	LITTLE BELT	475	380-570	1,549	2020	Over
417	MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS	375	350-400	1,970	2019	Over
418	LITTLE BELT	150	120-180	295	2020	Over
420, 448	LITTLE BELT	1,200	960-1,440	1,001	2020	At
421, 423	BIRDTAIL	500	400-600	698	2020	Over
422	BOB MARSHALL	500	450-550	1,088	2020	Over
424, 425, 442	BOB MARSHALL	2,500	2,250-2,750	2,278	2020	At
426	MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS	75	75-75	367	2020	Over
432	LITTLE BELT	325	260-390	540	2020	Over

441	BOB MARSHALL	500	400-600	602	2020	Over
445, 455	DEVIL'S KITCHEN	2,500	2,000-3,000	4,032	2020	Over
446	EAST BIG BELT	950	760-1,140	2,182	2020	Over
447	HIGHWOOD	700	560-840	1,321	2020	Over
449, 452	CASTLE MOUNTAIN	600	480-720	1,151	2020	Over
450	TETON	87	75-100	513	2020	Over
451	BRIDGER	275	220-330	469	2020	Over
454	LITTLE BELT	250	200-300	180	2020	Below
Region 4 Total		16,263	13,660-18,865	32,692		Over
500	MID-YELLOWSTONE	60	48-72	270	2018	Over
502, 510	MID-YELLOWSTONE	60	48-72	164	2019	Over
511	SNOWY	Counted with W 411 - see above				
520	ABSAROKA	1,050	840-1,260	879	2020	At
530	SNOWY	Counted with E 411 - see above				
540	LITTLE BELT	600	480-720	1,950	2020	Over
560	ABSAROKA	700	560-840	1,872	2019	Over
570	MID-YELLOWSTONE	100	80-120	690	2020	Over
575	MID-YELLOWSTONE	225	180-270	1,185	2020	Over
580	CRAZY MOUNTAINS	975	780-1,170	4,649	2020	Over
590 Bull Mtns	BULL MOUNTAINS	750	600-900	2,690	2019	Over
590 Pine Ridge	BULL MOUNTAINS	300	240-360	353	2018	At
Region 5 Total		4,820	3,856-5,784	14,702		Over
600, 611, 640, 641, 650, 651, 652, 670	HI LINE	Elk Plan Objective is "As low as possible"		No surveys are flown		
620, 621, 622	MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS	1,400-1,650	1,400-1,650	1,662	2018	Over
630, 631, 632	MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS	300-350	300-350	632	2018	Over
680, 690	BEARS PAW	250	225-275	647	2018	Over
Region 6 Total		1,950-2,500	1,925-2,275	2,941		Over
700, 701	MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS	200-300	200-300	1,237	2020	Over
702, 704, 705	CUSTER FOREST	500	400-600	2,104	2020	Over
703	HI LINE	No stated objective, no wintering elk or no survey flown.				
Region 7 Total		700-800	600-900	3,341		Over
STATE TOTAL		92,138		136,151		Over

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

TO THE MTFWP;

I'M WRITING TO YOU TO EXPRESS MY DEEP DISDAIN AND OPPOSITION TO THE SENSELESS SLAUGHTER OF OUR ANIMAL RELATIVES (INCLUDING WOLVES, BUFFALO, AND GRIZZLY BEARS), THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE (INCLUDING THE INDIGENOUS NATIONS) ON THIS PLANET REVERE AS CREATOR'S SACRED WONDERS.

WOLVES, BUFFALO, AND BEARS HAVE BEEN ON THIS EARTH LONG BEFORE HUMANS EXISTED AND THEY WERE PUT HERE ON THIS PLANET FOR A REASON, NOT TO BE HUNTED DOWN AND SHOT AND TRAPPED IN COLD BLOOD JUST TO STROKE THE BLOATED EGGS OF A HANDFUL OF RUTHLESS, REDNECK, WHITE SUPREMACIST SAVAGES!!

IN ADDITION, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE (INCLUDING MYSELF) FIND IT DISGRACEFUL AND DISGUSTING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE THE GALL TO LET GIANFORTE (OR, GIANFRAUDTE) OFF THE HOOK WITH A MERE SLAP-ON-THE-WRIST FOR POACHING A COLLARED WOLF THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LEFT ALONE FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDY AND RESEARCH! AND THEN ADDING INSULT TO INJURY, THAT CHROME-DOME CARPETBAGGING CREEP FROM NEW JERSEY AND SO-CALLED "GOVERNOR" OF MONTANA WOULD HAVE SOME NERVE TO PUT A SUGAR-COATED SPIN ON IT IN THE NEWS, AS A "SLIGHT MIS-STEP"!! "SLIGHT MIS-STEP" MY BLOOMIN' ARSE!! HE POACHED A WILD ANIMAL AND HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, NOT LET OFF WITH A MERE WRITTEN WARNING!

AND YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE AGAINST POACHING -
YOU HYPOCRITES!!!!

IF YOU'RE AGAINST POACHING, THEN WHY ARE YOU
PANDERING TO A POACHER, YOU KNOW AS
GOV. GIANFORTE, A FASCIST, WHITE SUPREMACIST,
TRUMP-WORSHIPING INSURRECTIONIST,
AND TRAITOR TO OUR NATION AND THE SACRED
VALUES WE HOLD NEAR AND DEAR TO OUR HEARTS?
BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU (AND THE STATE OF MONTANA)
SHALL FOREVER BE HAUNTED AND CURSED WITH SHAME
ON ACCOUNT OF YOUR CORRUPTION!

TROPHY HUNTING, TRAPPING, SNARING, AND
GASSING OF OUR WOLVES AND OTHER WILDLIFE
IS **NOT** CONSERVATION!

IT'S ANIMAL CRUELTY, PLAIN AND SIMPLE,
AND DON'T TRY TO PUT A ROSY SPIN ON IT EITHER
AS IT WOULD MAKE ME (AND MY LIKE-MINDED BRETHREN)
MORE FURIOUS!!!

AND BECAUSE OF YOUR OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT, YOU ARE
WITHOUT HONOR AND INTEGRITY, AND UNLESS
YOU REPENT, CHANGE YOUR WAYS, AND OUTLAW
TROPHY HUNTING AND TRAPPING OF OUR WILDLIFE,

~~PLEASE~~ LISTEN TO MODERN SCIENCE AND NOT RELY
ON OUTDATED FINDINGS, BASED ON MYTHS
FROM GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES AND SO-CALLED
"TRADITIONS" FROM THE BARBARIC 19TH CENTURY;

I SHALL NO LONGER RECOGNIZE MONTANA AS THE 41ST STATE.
 IF YOU'RE SIMPLY "GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS" TO
 MANIPULATE AND MISLEAD THE PUBLIC BY HOLDING
 THESE "MEETINGS" THAT ARE SLANTED TO APPEASE
 THE SPECIAL INTEREST MINORITY, THEN YOU HAVE
 BECOME A DISGRACE TO YOURSELVES, YOUR FAMILIES,
 YOUR COMMUNITIES, THE STATE, THE NATION,
 AND THE FATHER OF CREATION, GREAT SPIRIT.

FOR AS LONG AS I'M HERE ON EARTH,
 NOBODY IS ABOVE THE LAW!
 I DON'T CARE IF BIANFORTE IS GOVERNOR,
 CONGRESSMAN, SENATOR, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
 OR THE PHARAOH OF EGYPT, HE IS A POACHER AND
 HE MUST BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE, PROSECUTED,
 AND PENALIZED FOR HIS CRIMES AGAINST NATURE!
 AMONG OTHER THINGS, JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE
 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DOES NOT GIVE YOU THE
 POWER TO "CHERRY-PICK" ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS
 TO SUIT YOUR OWN PERSONAL AND POLITICAL DOGMA!
 YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW THE RULES LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE
 AND RESPECT NATURE AS CREATOR INTENDED,
 OR FACE THE ULTIMATE CONSEQUENCES IN THE COURT
 OF LAW, AND/OR IN GREAT SPIRIT'S JUDGMENT
 WHEN YOUR EARTHLY DAYS ARE DONE!

AND WHERE I COME FROM ORIGINALLY, IS NOT OF THIS EARTH.
 CREATOR SENT ME HERE TO GIVE YOU THIS MESSAGE:
 LEAVE THE WOLVES, BUFFALO, GRIZZLY BEARS,
 AND OUR OTHER FOUR-LEGGED, WINGED, AND
 SWIMMING RELATIVES ALONE AND STOP PANDERING
 TO EXTREMISTS WHO HAVE NO REGARDS TO THE SANCTITY
 OF LIFE AND NATURE! Billy "The Wizard" Angus

Comment on New wolf

923.

Regulations:

Item:

Against increasing bag limits

Against expanded trapping
seasons

Against allowing night
hunting

Against allowing snare
traps

FWP favors trappers
over recreationalists.

Quit allowing traps on
public lands *Shulee Blade*