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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support trapping at all.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I live in Gardiner and believe wolf killing of wolves near the Jardine road should be minimal to none.

Outfitters in this area have to step up to living next to a National Park, which had many sound reasons to bring back wolves.

I am much more understanding of ranchers needing to occasionally kill predators. But not people who choose to have livestock right next to YNP.

Please lower the quotas significantly in areas that are right next to Yellowstone...to all killing..hunting or trapping.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support furbearer seasons

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

please see my comments below.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a veterinarian with many concerns about wolf hunting practices in Montana. One is the sheer numbers of wolves allowed to be killed. The number needs to be greatly reduced to preserve the wolf population. Second, Come to my attention that many inhumane methods are used to kill wolves in Montana with one being snare traps which are extremely cruel and have also the capacity to catch non-target species. There needs to be a mandatory trap check every 24 hrs at least, plus no snare trapping on public lands or in the vicinity of our national parks (Yellowstone and Glacier). Baiting, night hunting with infrared lights, killing cubs in dens all need to stop. There is no justification to support killing wolves, environmentally or otherwise. Please place stricter regulations on wolf hunting methods and greatly reduce the number of permits issued to kill wolves.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The Quotas do Not account for decline that has already occurred which has been the most massive die off ever of yellowstone wolves.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Quota Should Be zero Wolves.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think a set date is a must. 10 wolves per trapper and 10 per hunter.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

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### Q3

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Other than wolves I think you have a wonderful trapping season.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Like all animals wolves need to be controlled. Trapping wolves is the best way to control the population. With so many food sources in Montana and no control they will quickly get out of hand.

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all furbearer seasons it is a must to have these season to keep all predators under control.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support Montana having a wolf trapping season as it is very important to reduce and keep this killing machine under control and reducing the populations in heavy populated areas. It is very important to get the season started no later then December 15th as any later will impact chances of having a succesful season .

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Zero. The quota should be zero.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota for 313 and 316 whether merged or no should be zero. Protect Yellowstone wolves.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping but do not like the quotas around the national parks

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support Montana Trapping Seasons and Quotas

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## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Unfortunately, the proposals are not based on science at all, but instead based on a small number of special interest groups who just want to kill for killings sake. The non-consumptive users, who make up the majority of Montanans and Americans, have never been given a say or a seat at the table.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The method to count Montana wolves (IPOM) is highly inaccurate, not based on any science, and comes solely from the hunting community so is quite biased.

There is no scientific, agricultural, ranching, or ethical reason to kill Yellowstone wolves. Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Yellowstone and all federal lands belong to all Americans. My tax dollars go to supporting Yellowstone and other federal lands, and I do not want wolves killed on these lands. Small, special interest, unethical hunting groups are the ones pushing for slaughtering Yellowstone and Montana wolves. Why do a minority of unethical organizations have the most say? Non-consumptive users, who make up the majority of those living in Montana and the US, have never, ever gotten a seat at the table. It is time to acknowledge our voices.

Do not consolidate the 17 WMUs into 7. There is absolutely no science or reason behind doing this. It is not done of any other species of animals that are hunted. The only reason for doing this is to make it more difficult to close an area when the kill quotas have been reached, resulting in units going well over the kill quota. Please return WMUs 313, 316, and 110 to a quota of 1 wolf killed. There is no science-based reason to have more wolves slaughtered in these units.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. It continues to be a valuable tool in the game management effort. Thank you.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas. Thank you.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no wolf trapping. Trapping in general is cruel. Wolves are trapped via foot-hold traps where they struggle and suffer for perhaps days. These leghold traps are huge and non-target animals get caught in them. Bears can get caught in them. Humans can step in them. Stop trapping of all species.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I live on the border of MT and WY near the NE entrance to Yellowstone. Although I do not live in MT., the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem of wolves affects both states. Yellowstone wolves are essential to Wyoming's count and breeding pairs. These wolves around the Park are human naive. Areas in WY adjacent to the Park, just like in Montana last year, have been targeted by outfitters and wolf hunters because these wolves are visible and easier to kill. Yellowstone border zones should be considered "science areas" with no hunting, especially areas that are public lands. These are wolves that are moving in and out of the Park, usually young which makes them even more naive as well as adapted to human presence. Montana used to have a stellar reputation when it came to wildlife management, unmatched in the Rockies. But within just two years, the MT Fish Wildlife and Parks has become a state agency ignoring their own science, an agency that devalues the wildlife they are supposed to be managing. Do the right thing and restore your previous quotas of one wolf.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, taxpayer, physician and land/ranch owner, I strongly support the use of trapping as an essential and ethical tool in wildlife management in Montana.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, taxpayer, physician, and land/ranch owner, I strongly support the use of hunting and trapping as essential and ethical tools in the management of the wolf population in Montana. Wolves and other predators need to be managed in the same fashion as prey animals. The lack of predator management would result in a serious ecologic imbalance in the state of Montana. Please continue to use common sense and science in determining wildlife management plans. Do not be dissuaded by a few overly vocal activists who only represent a minority of true Montana residents.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**Email Address:** wildcat.rm@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the responsible management of all fur bearers in the state of Montana. Like all wildlife they need to be managed responsibly to ensure they are around for future generations. Trapping is one of the best tools for managing fur bearers to prevent overpopulation which will ensure a healthy population for years to come.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the responsible harvest of wolves in Montana. Like all wildlife they need to be managed for future generations and the responsible harvest will ensure that they can thrive along with other wildlife without over populating and causing severe loss of other animals both wild and domestic. Without responsible management which includes harvesting wolves they will increase in numbers and cause long term affects to other wildlife and domestic animals that they prey on. If the wolves are allowed to increase in numbers unchecked all big game as well as the wolves will lose in the end . Trapping is a very effective management tool for wolves and should be included in the management plan.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is inhumane. It's not the 1800's. We're in 2022! There are lots of alternatives for fur. No need to be trapping. Especially if the animal is not eaten like wolf, martin, bobcat, fox. That's a waste and life taken for it's coat. To kill something for it's fur is just wrong plain and simple.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Last year many wolves were killed throughout your hunting season. Even some iconic wolves from Yellowstone. There should be no wolf trapping and hunting for 2022-2023.

The WMU 13 quota should be zero. Science based facts should be used to evaluate the wolves in Montana. And, Wolves bring in a ton of money for your state. Millions!!!

Lastly, traps and snares should not be used at all. They are cruel and inhumane. Many other animals get caught up in those traps and snares. They are just wrong.

Wolves do a lot of good for the enviroment. They are a key species that will help eliminate chronic wasting disease.

I myself will not visit Montana for vacation because of your policies. I just can't spend my money in a place that does not respect wildlife. I'm sure many others feel the same.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and Snares are an incredibly cruel and non species specific. They cause immense suffering and indiscriminately kill. Please consider more frequent checking of all traps and the phasing out of the use of traps entirely.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident I ask you to please reject the proposal for 450 wolves being killed during the 2022 hunting season. This proposal is not based in science nor in what's best for our economy. Additionally the use of cruel and barbaric methods to hunt these animals is nothing short of torture and should not be allowed. Thank you

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name: **David Siegel**  
City/Town: **Poughkeepsie**  
State/Province: **NY**  
Email Address: **david.siegel@avon.com**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No Comment on this.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop persecuting Wolves. The average mortality rate will happen without them being trapped and shot. I am not in favor of this and I don't believe the justification holds up.

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### Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Michael Tvardzik  
**City/Town:** Anaconda  
**State/Province:** MT

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the changes to 2022 furbearer seasons and quotas.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a resident of Montana who owns a home, works and pays taxes in this state I am for the elimination of WMUs to use the typical trapping districts for all furbearers. I support trapping of wolves and sound predator management. Hunting is an important means of income for many people in the state and managing wolves only makes sense. The more wolves there are the more wolf on wolf predation for competition. I don't ever want to see a time where there are zero wolves in the state. I just believe they should be managed properly. Thank you.

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Melissa Bahleda**  
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State/Province: **NC**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I travel to MT regularly to participate in predator studies. I am VERY concerned about the dwindling number of target species and respectfully ask that you significantly limit the quota until we can get a true picture of what is happening to the target species at this moment in time.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my comments above. Plus I respectfully ask that you consider the following:

Ban snaring on public lands;  
Ban ram power snares;  
Restrict snared wolves to 1 per trapper;  
Require full disclosure & signage for trapping & snaring on private land management units;  
No trapping near public roads;  
Eliminate all unfair chase methods;  
Set the season from Jan 2-Feb 28;  
Set quota near parks at 1 per unit;  
MANDATE 24 HOUR TRAP CHECKS.

Thanks for your time & for considering my legitimate concerns.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Region 1 bobcat quota should be larger.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping for wolves. The season should start December 15 at the very latest.

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce season length & quotas

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You will get more public support by improving the quality of habitat for the prey species than catering to the cattle industry

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Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hardly anyone is getting there limit on wolves, we need help from Fish&Game.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We have way to many wolves, we need a long season, we're not getting enough!

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is no longer a need for fur as the clothing industry has moved to other materials due to the strongly voiced concern of consumers.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The method used to determine Montana wolf populations is not peer reviewed and is inaccurate.

Yellowstone & Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Yellow and Federal lands belong to all Americans.

The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by MYFWP.

Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

MYFWP should not change from wolf management units to regional units. This will inhibit the monitoring of mismanagement of Montana & Yellowstone wolves making it more difficult to close a region if a quota isn't met on the macro level.

MTFWP should re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMNs 313, 316 and 110. WMU 110 that borders Glacier national Park should stay in place.

MTFWP should keep the 12-hour emergency closure window intact for WMUs 313, 316, & 110. A 24-hour emergency closure window makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

I may live in Minnesota but I advocate for wolves in every state with the goal of returning them to their entire natural habitat. Wolves play an important part in a healthy ecosystem, cattle does not.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower the quota for fur bearing animals, they are more valuable alive where they can be 1) part of the ecosystem and 2) admired by the many who come to see them.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider the toll the hunting of wolves has for the community of people who enjoy watching and looking for these creatures. The wolf is the main thing that many people travel to this region to see, is it not bad publicity to kill them? I ask you to consider protecting these animals and reducing the number allowed to be killed.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, I ask you to reject the proposed threshold of 450 wolves in the upcoming hunting and trapping season, and I urge you to reverse your past approval of unethical tactics like night hunting, baiting, and snaring. I also urge you to end all killing of wolves in the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park. As a scientifically and economically invaluable population, these wolves deserve to be protected. The current proposal is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. I urge you to use this opportunity to restore the public trust in this commission and renew science-based management of wolves

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quota system is more accurate than the threshold system. For example, the killing of wolves can be closed more quickly than the vague threshold, prompting the Commission to determine whether the killing in a particular region should be closed or continue.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

First, wolves do not present a threat to livestock. Montana has 2.7 million cattle and sheep. Wolves killed 90 in 2019, or 0.003% of livestock; a small fraction is not even a statistic. Montana and the federal government reimburse ranchers 300 percent. Furthermore, wolves are not a threat to elk. FWP is currently being sued for mismanagement of elk that has led to 50,000 more elk than objective. In northwest Montana, elk have never been abundant; the habitat does not support them. Also, FWP should not use wolves as a profit-maker. Montana FWP profits from selling hunting and trapping licenses. In 2021-20222, FWP sold 20,828 wolf licenses for nearly \$340,000 from killing 273 wolves. This is nothing more than the commercialization of wildlife. Finally, trapping is indiscriminate and cruel. Traps and snares kill many non-target animals and threaten other species, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

(see below)

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are valuable to the local economics in MT.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the state wolf population.

There is no scientific rational for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU313

A low quota of two wolves worked for a decade,

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## #30

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please suspend wolf hunting and trapping. These important predators help maintain ecological balance in our world, and currently we do not have accurate data about their numbers in Montana. Wolves should not be killed for recreation. To do so would imperil the health of the wild lands and other game animals that are so economically and culturally important to Montanans. Wolves are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move, which prevents erosion and the cutdown of creeks and streams, which in turn provides habitat for beavers and plant and animal species. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is especially hazardous and cruel. Traps and snares kills an unknown number of non-target animals, and threaten other species as well, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting

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## #32

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Leave them alone.....period!! Wolves are an essential part of maintaining our ecosystems and if the wolf numbers go down then the other numbers of wildlife go way up and the vitality & balance of the ecosystems is put in jeopardy. Wolves do not hunt for the sport of it & they only hunt or kill what they need. (Unlike humans).....no one needs wolf fur.....ever. Unless we are all living back in times(which we are not in 2022) where having things like that is a necessity to stay alive.....leave them alone!!!

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Leave them alone!!!!!! People need to learn about the vital importance of wolves & maintaining our precious ecosystems. Without the vital role wolves play in maintaining the balance of our ecosystems they all suffer. Wolves maintain that balance by rooting out the weaker or diseased that way the other wildlife doesn't get out of control & the natural vegetation can thrive along with the other wildlife. And as far as the ranchers etc.....if a wolf happens to kill one of the live stock....they are more than compensated for it. Plus if these so called ra chess would keep their animals on their own land instead of letting them roam & feed outside of it.....then they wouldn't have any issues as well. And believe that they are more than compensated. We as humans live in the wolves territory & home and the more we keep invading it or decimating it....we all suffer. Wolves keep to themselves and don't bother anyone....they are more skittish of humans. Wolves do not sit around and come up with a game plan on how to kill humans or any other living creature.....they live their lives how they have done for thousands if years (until man kind & the warped sense of things came along).....and quit placating to those who think wolves are hurting things. Have a backbone & grow a set. ALL WOLVES NEED FEDERAL PROTECTION!!!!!! People need to learn & understand wolves and stop believing the stories or fairytale that wolves are some sort of bad creature.....they are not. Wolves by far are more highly intelligent and resourceful than other being (besides humans). We should learn from the wolves on how to maintain our precious ecosystems & the balance of life. Look to nature and we could all learn from the wolf on how to sustain it.....leave all wolves alone!!!!

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# #33

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Susan Waters  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and hunting furbearers is cruel, destructive and unnecessary. Why is so much bloodshed being allowed for only a few people's benefit? Haven't humans evolved beyond killing for thrill or a few dollars? Solid science and conservation doesn't support this type of "management." Stop hunting and trapping furbearers.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Why all the cruelty and hatred toward wolves, when their numbers are so few? Trapping and hunting is cruel and vindictive. Why are so many rules and practices for the benefit of only a few ranchers and blood thirsty trophy hunters? Leave the wolves alone!

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# #34

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop hunting wolves

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop hunting wolves

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## #35

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Visiting Yellowstone National Park was one of the highlights of my life. This park -- along with its animal inhabitants -- is a national treasure, and belongs to all Americans. The wolves are part of it. They are helpful, not harmful, to the ecosystem.

When I visited Montana, I spent money on hotels, restaurants, shops, and transport. Visitors who come to enjoy Yellowstone are positive for Montana's economy, providing over \$82 million. We come to celebrate real nature, not to support a place which traps and shoots its natural heritage out of existence.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas should be set at a minimal amount.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

hunting of wolves should be limited to no more that 2-the survival of this species is critical to the environment and to the millions of tourist dollars that flow in due to wolves.

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# #37

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

\*\*The killing of Yellowstone and Montana wolves is part of the push to commercialize Montana wildlife and needs to stop.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

\*\*With quota's re-established in WMUs 313 and 316 and 110 there is no biological or social reason to move towards regional management. \*\*When MtFWP discuss wolf hunting, trapping and snaring mortality in future Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks wolf management proposal they include Wildlife Services control actions, SB 200 mortality and poaching activity numbers.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All seasons and quotas should be set by the biologists managing the species. It should be based on science.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think wolf trapping is a necessary tool in the management of the wolf . They are very nocturnal and elusive. we need to manage them and trapping is a very useful tool. I think that there should be no season or quota and they should be treated like coyotes.

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# #39

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and predator management in Montana.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and trapping as a predator management tool.

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# #40

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To the members of the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks commission,

The proposed increases in the number of wolves that can be hunted are overkill and illegal. They would push the wolf population below sustainable levels.

There is no scientific, biological, economic, or social reason that justifies any wolf hunting. Wolves are essential to maintaining balanced ecosystems. The Yellowstone wolf packs are a significant attractor of tourists and their dollars.

The bloodthirst behind these laws is revealed in their stark cruelty. Baiting, snaring, and trapping all risk killing non-wolves as well, all in a cruel and inhumane manner. Snares and traps pose risks to families --- with children and pets --- recreating on the public lands that belong to all Montanans, not just the hunters.

Sportsmanlike hunting or hunting for food does not require snares or traps. People should not be able to endanger the wolf population and the safety of hikers and wildlife for their personal economic gain or to satisfy their enjoyment of torturing animals.

Please reject proposed changes that would make it easier for more wolves and pups to be gunned down, suffer in traps before they are shot, and strangled in snares.

Respectfully,  
Pamela Hogle  
Missoula, MT

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Missoula, MT

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Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Public comment reserved for Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello,

Thank you for considering my public comment regarding the 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Reject changing smaller management units into regional districts.

It is acknowledged that altering the wolf management units bordering Yellowstone National park in last year's hunt lead to a disproportionate take in the area and that those units would be reinstated in order to more evenly distributed the take. Based on this observation, it seems reasonable to predict that expanding the smaller management units across the state into larger, regional districts would result in a similar pattern of disproportionate take in certain areas. So, in order to spread the hunt out, I ask that this measure not be adopted for 2022 or in the future.

2. Lower the overall Wolf take quota

The FWP 2020 estimation of 170,000 elk in Montana is well over the 92,138 objective, not only making hunters' desires to lower wolf populations in order to have more successful hunts less valid but also raising the importance of not removing predators from the landscape to help keep a natural balance. The annual Montana Report also notes that wolf depredation is down, lowering concern from ranching/cattle parties. The fact that the Montana wolf population surveys are not peer reviewed from a scientific standpoint also point to a need to reconsider removing so many wolves from an ecosystem that kept itself in balance long before humans ventured west.

As a frequent visitor to Montana, customer of lodging, restaurants, and shops, friend to business owners in Park County, and United States citizen with a vested interest in Yellowstone National Park, I hope that fact, science, and majority opinion will lead the future of all hunting, trapping, and care for fragile ecosystems rather than minority interests and emotion.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Lauren Bunker

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## #42

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping seasons

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping seasons

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# #43

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Killing wolves (an essential member of the biodiversity that keeps us all alive and keeps our economy healthy) is a short-sighted and unsustainable "management method." We should be securing more land for them and allowing them to live and make their natural contributions to our environments. Livestock owners have the responsibility of protecting their own animals from nature. Reaching livestock operations farther into wild lands or shrinking wild lands such that ranches are against them, and then killing wildlife because it's in the way or causing economic problems for ranchers, is an illogical and unsustainable practice. We need to create balance, even if it costs us more in the short term. We can't make everything about money. If we continue to do so, what kind of "moral humans" are we really?

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## Q3

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# #44

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Scott Rieke**  
City/Town: **Bigfork**  
State/Province: **MT**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping.

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# #45

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

1. There is no acknowledgement of Wolf family/pack dynamics. The pack unit and structure are necessary for survival.
  2. The pressure of a small interest group of hunters and ranchers should not be given priority over the public desire to protect Wolves.
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Catastrophic Climate Disruption is endangering all large mammals. The proposal does not address the loss of habitat and extreme changes in climate.

Wolves are intelligent, sentient Creatures. It is disingenuous to call killing wolves for sport 'harvesting.'

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## #46

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

trapping is a cruel and inhumane "occupation" ...We are better than this we now know how much ALL animals contribute to the ecosystem and this needs to stop..It is also very indiscriminate in its targets ...working asa vet tech for years i have seen many dogs and cats evne birds that have been unfortunate to come in contact with traps

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

no wolves should be trapped or hunter .They are apex predators and as such play a vital role in the balance of the ecosystem and every time we "try " to fix it we manage to mess everything up. We need to learn to live with nature we are already taking away their habitat. I am totally against the killing of wolves especially if they are being killed for domestic predation of livestock since many are on public lands ... the cattle don't belong the wolves do

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## #47

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It is important for the health of wildlife populations to be correctly managed. The best way to do this is through legally hunting and trapping.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In order to maintain a healthy predator population it is imperative to continue to allow hunting and trapping of wolves. Although I do not agree with the proposal of limiting 10 wolves into the new 313 area, I understand this is probably do to pressure from environmental groups, thinking we are killing all of Yellowstone's wolves. This is false thinking, as the wolves in Yellowstone and the ones north into Canada will continue to disperse into this state, from areas that they can not be held in check. Ranchers and private landowners in this area will see upticks in losses if you chose to limit hunting and trapping in this area. However, I understand that this proposal may also increase the need for more wolves to be taken in other units, which may help for a few years. I hope that this proposal will be readdressed in the future to ensure that all areas are being managed correctly, so that our big game animals and ranchers are not footing the bill for apex predators. Thank you for your time.

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# #48

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm opposing 2022 Furbearer season and quotas.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the continuation of wolf hunts in Montana. The proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable.

SB 314 only requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information.

Wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves.

Trapping is indiscriminate and cruel: Traps and snares kills an unknown number of non-target animals, and threatens other species as well, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them.

Wolves are a keystone species: Wolves are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships.

Wolves do not present a threat to livestock. Montana has 2.7 million cattle and sheep. Wolves killed 90 in 2019, or 0.003% of livestock, such a small fraction it isn't even a statistic. Montana and the federal government reimburse ranchers 300 percent.

Wolves are not a threat to elk: FWP is currently being sued for mismanagement of elk that has led to 50,000 more elk than objective. In northwest Montana, elk have never been abundant; the habitat does not support them.

Wolves belong to all of us: Under the Public Trust Doctrine, wolves belong to all, not a small special interest group that aims to make a profit from wolf killing. It is Montana's responsibility to protect wolves, let them be, and let them help contribute to the health of land and water and other wildlife.

The Greatest Conservation Success in History is being destroyed: The reintroduction of Yellowstone wolves has been a tremendous success, helping bring the ecosystem into balance, allowing extensive research on wolf behavior, helping other species in Yellowstone survive on wolf kills, proving the species' self-regulation, and providing a unique wildlife watching opportunity that has attracted millions of people from around the world and supports the local economy.

The quota for killing wolves in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10 as proposed. If there are 29 wolves in proposed WMU 313, ten wolves are one-third of the population. FWP claims this is the average mortality from all causes, not just hunting, trapping and poaching. Wolves are hit by cars and die of natural causes. Add human killing and the number exceeds one-third by a long shot.

Shooting and trapping wolves coming out of YNP is morally abhorrent and destructive. Also, last year, 96% of the wolves killed in the current WMU 313 denned in YNP. Twenty percent of YNP wolves were killed in last year's season. Taking out ten more wolves from the 89 surviving in the park threatens to scatter and destroy the wolves left. They need each other to survive. When humans kill wolves, wolf families splinter, wolves fall on hard times, and conflicts with humans increase.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Research has been severely impacted. The wanton waste is a stain on Montana—killing off a conservation effort that cost American taxpayers millions, and that is revered the world over.

Wolves do not Reduce Elk Herds: The northern Yellowstone elk population has been at or over FWP objectives since wolves returned in 1995. In all of Region 3, elk populations are over objective.

Wolves are Essential to the Economies Surrounding Yellowstone: Wolf watching in Yellowstone brings more than \$82 million to communities near YNP. Tourism creates 3,270 jobs—3 out of 5—in Park County alone. These communities, damaged by floods, need the wolves and they need our help.

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## #49

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### Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Kerrie**  
State/Province: **RI**

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree there's is a need to reduce the Furbearer season and quotas.  
Licences should be needed for any animal hunted. No more than 1 bobcat should be allowed

Please reduce bobcat hunting in TD1 from 275 to 100  
And in TD5 from 200 to 50

In all TD's beaver, marten, mink etc should have a limit of 2 per person

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As I wish the MTFWP would remove hunting altogether.  
Please keep 12 hr ER closure window intact, going to 24hr window makes going if the quotas a kore higher risk.  
Reestablish the quota of 1 wolf in certain areas  
Please remove smears, automobile, night vision etc as a means of hunting and trapping of wolves.  
If possible reduce the length of time hunting can be.  
No hunting pregnant wolves or wolf pups.  
No killings of more than 1 wolf at a time

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# #50

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Here are my comments regarding 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

- Snaring on public land should be prohibited. Snaring, if it should be done at all, should be restricted to private land only, and only with written permission from the landowner.
- Ram power snares are unnecessarily cruel and sadistic. They should be prohibited for use throughout all of Montana.
- All snares should have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".
- In block management areas, disclosures and signage for traps and snares should be required.
- Post signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.
- In Sanders county, reinstate ALL wolf trap setbacks that the Commission removed.
- A minimum of 150' trap setbacks should be placed on ALL open and "closed" public roads.
- Use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds, that the Commission removed, should be reinstated.
- Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.
- The number of traps and snares a trapper can set should be limited, as well as the number of snared wolves per trapper.
- In order to avoid going over quota, a region or WMU should close as it approaches the quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.
- Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.
- NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.
- And, finally, NO pre-baiting.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the above.

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**Q3**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We fully support trapping in Montana. It is an important and viable way to manage wildlife, spend time outdoors, and promote small business.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We fully support trapping in Montana. It is an important and viable way to manage wildlife, protect our natural resources, spend time outdoors, and promote small business.

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## #52

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N comments

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I don't agree with targeting the Yellowstone wolves in units 313 and units 316. I don't agree with targeting any wolves surrounding that surrounding that area is well because the wolves that live in these areas pose no threat to humans and pose no threat to livestock and pose no threat to farm. These are wolves that are living in their natural habitat where they are supposed to be. There is no reason to go into their natural habitat and hunt them down and kill them when there are many other areas areas to do so. Wolves surrounding Yellowstone are important to a lot of people people economically and scientifically.these Yellowstone wolves mainly step out of the park during the elk migration. It's a corridor it's not where they den. Please preserve our Yellowstone wolves and do not kill 10 of them in your proposal. That is essentially a whole pack or more depending on which wolves are killed from the packs. Please propose a zero quota for 313 and 316 and keep these units separate so we can better monitor wolves numbers as I do not believe FWP of Montana knows how many wolves they even have.

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# #53

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in MT leave it alone please

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There needs to be managed wolf populations via hunting and trapping  
Please don't listen to the antis that allow feelings to dictate their actions like a child  
Thanks

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# #54

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No Comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

To Whom It May Concern.

I have been a legal resident of the state of MT for 39 years. I was born and raised in this great state and have raised 3 children within the borders of MT as well. Trapping has been a big part of my life and the life of my family, immediate and extended as well. I highly support trapping in Montana, including the trapping of wolves. I feel predator management within the state is a very important tool for the management and protection of our ungulate populations. I also feel trapping is the best tool we possess for managing predator populations.

I support doing away with WMU's and going to the use of trapping districts instead. I also feel when we report the harvest of wolves only the trapping district the wolf was taken in should have to be reported, unless the wolf has been taken in the 313 park district. Thank you for your time and consideration of my personal comments and opinions on the matter.

Sincerely

Brian French

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Fur trapping, hunting and whatever else should not be allowed. This is not the 1800's. No need to kill animals for fur. This is cruel and disgusting.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are Apex Predators and are vital to the ecosystem. Snare trapping is brutal and should be abolished. Let the Wolves live in peace. STOP listening to the cattle ranchers. There should never be a Wolf Harvest . These are living breathing animals who live in families. not a crop of corn. Nature is only out of balance when people interfere. Looks like alot of interference from your state. Shame on you

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## #56

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe, as many do, that trapping is an important method of controlling population and disease in the furbearing species. For this reason, I support fully retaining or increasing the trapping season and quotas.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As an avid big game viewer and hunter I am very interested in whatever steps can be taken to reduce wolf numbers. I believe the wolf populations in Montana are out of control and FWP will not be honest with the public regarding the numbers of wolves. In some public hunting areas, where in years past elk numbers were very conducive to hunting and harvest, I can see more wolf sign than elk or deer sign, that's a problem. FWP should manage more for elk than for ranchers and wolves.

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# #57

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This is a ridiculous proposal. What is the point of having protected land if you have only have to have a "note" to excuse you hunting on land that is SUPPOSED to be safe land for these animals that have hardly any land left at all due to us humans encroaching on everything.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As someone who has traveled around the world and into the US, I have seen some amazing things and learned quite a bit from my travels. One thing that I have learned is just how important wolves are to the environment. They are KEY to a healthy ecosystem and help regulate our forests. They need to be protected and this proposal will do the OPPOSITE of that.

What we are teaching the younger generation is that we get to decide what lives and dies, which should never be our decision to make. We were put on this planet to SHARE, not take it over.

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# #58

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

needs to change to help with trapping of wolves in Dis.101 102 103

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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# #59

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These bobcat quotas are still way too high. The limits should be reduced dramatically. Or even better no bobcat hunting at all.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf quotas are way too high. Please lower the quotas to a much smaller number or best case scenario would be no wolf hunting at all.

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# #60

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** CO  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Zero

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be zero killing of wolves and apex predators. Apex predators are crucial to the health of eco systems. You can't remove them and expect the rivers, trees, deer, fish to remain the same. They are the pillar that holds up the entire ecosystem. We have seen the power wolves can play in Yellowstone. We can see how much the land healed and returned to something a little more natural. They should be protected at all costs.

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# #61

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing today to voice my concerns regarding the most recent wolf hunting season and the hopes that the upcoming season will not be the same. The most concerning part of the wolf hunting regulations put into place in the last season are in regards to the areas near Yellowstone. Overall, I do not believe that the management of wolves is based in science and that far too many animals are being killed. Although I disagree with practices in the entire state, the killing of Yellowstone wolves has been obscene, with questions of legality coming up often. If the goal is to reduce the number of wolves in Montana, wolves that spend the majority of their time in Yellowstone should be off limits. I ask that quotas be reinstated near the park, just as the park service has requested. These wolves benefit the state of Montana greatly, even if they do not live in Montana most of their lives. So many people, myself included, travel to Montana yearly to see the wolves. In particular, the Junction Butte pack is well known and spends time near the park's boundaries. Many of their pack mates were killed in the last season. I cannot in good conscious continue to travel to Montana if further protections are not put in place to keep more Yellowstone wolves from being killed. As much as I hope to travel there again in 2023 and in future years, I will not book my next trip if the quotas in WMUs 313, 316, and 110 are not returned to 1 wolf per area.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing today to voice my concerns regarding the most recent wolf hunting season and the hopes that the upcoming season will not be the same. The most concerning part of the wolf hunting regulations put into place in the last season are in regards to the areas near Yellowstone. Overall, I do not believe that the management of wolves is based in science and that far too many animals are being killed. Although I disagree with practices in the entire state, the killing of Yellowstone wolves has been obscene, with questions of legality coming up often. If the goal is to reduce the number of wolves in Montana, wolves that spend the majority of their time in Yellowstone should be off limits. I ask that quotas be reinstated near the park, just as the park service has requested. These wolves benefit the state of Montana greatly, even if they do not live in Montana most of their lives. So many people, myself included, travel to Montana yearly to see the wolves. In particular, the Junction Butte pack is well known and spends time near the park's boundaries. Many of their pack mates were killed in the last season. I cannot in good conscious continue to travel to Montana if further protections are not put in place to keep more Yellowstone wolves from being killed. As much as I hope to travel there again in 2023 and in future years, I will not book my next trip if the quotas in WMUs 313, 316, and 110 are not returned to 1 wolf per area.

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# #62

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that wolf quotas should be reinstated to 2020 regulations. The current proposal will have an outsized negative affect on wolf populations, and downstream negative affects on the tourism economy, as well as cause environmental degradation .

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Snaring, night hunting and baiting are all against fair-chase principles and should be outlawed.

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## #63

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### Q1

Contact information:

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I urge the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission to:

Prohibit snaring on our public lands.

Ban Ram power snares (a rapid kill spring activated snare device).

Restrict to 1 snared wolf per trapper.

Require full disclosure and signage of trapping and snaring on private land block mgt units.

Require minimum 150 trap setbacks on ALL public roads.

Eliminate all wolf unfair chase methods, i.e. pre-baiting, shooting over bait, night hunting, use of artificial light, thermal and infrared, game cameras.

Change the wolf trapping season to Jan 2- Feb 28.

Set wolf quotas of 1 in the wolf mgt units adjacent to Yellowstone and Glacier National Park.

Mandate 24 hr trap checks!

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I urge the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission to:

Prohibit snaring on our public lands.

Ban Ram power snares (a rapid kill spring activated snare device).

Restrict to 1 snared wolf per trapper.

Require full disclosure and signage of trapping and snaring on private land block mgt units.

Require minimum 150 trap setbacks on ALL public roads.

Eliminate all wolf unfair chase methods, i.e. pre-baiting, shooting over bait, night hunting, use of artificial light, thermal and infrared, game cameras.

Change the wolf trapping season to Jan 2- Feb 28.

Set wolf quotas of 1 in the wolf mgt units adjacent to Yellowstone and Glacier National Park.

Mandate 24 hr trap checks!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Furbearer seasons are essential and I support the continued management efforts for these resources.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the continued hunting and trapping based management of our wolf resource.

We have a responsibility to manage this and all wildlife resources this great state has to offer, in order to maintain the balance of our ecosystems.

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# #65

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I feel we should put quota no lower then 250 for bobcats last year most people just pulled traps because of all the snow and freezing conditions

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need zero setbacks start trapping no later then December 1 and extend the season later into the spring so we can get control of these wolfs these would be good starting points

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing to express my concern over the upcoming proposals regarding wolves. It troubles me to see how much contempt drives decision-making around wolves. These measures to reduce populations to the bare minimum—or worse, eradicate them—are driven by minority special interests and do not reflect the science, the facts, and the majority of Montanans. The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time we have a seat at the table with wildlife management.

I also want to point out that being "pro-wolf" does not need to be a polarized perspective. I am not writing this from a city with no connection to this land and a vague, romanticized appreciation for wolves. My husband is a hunter, and our dear friends are local ranchers who respect wolves and their role in maintaining a balanced ecosystem. I also understand that conflicts can arise when sharing the landscape with any predator. However, these conflicts have taken on grandiose proportions and do not reflect the facts. For example, Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle. These livestock producers were reimbursed for their loss with a multiplier of 3 times the value. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently.

These extreme measures will only draw negative attention to our state and will strengthen the need for federal protection. Please remember that Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine.

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### Q3

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This activity is extremely cruel to all the animals so we the humans in the 21 century must evolve to stop at all this kind of activities

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In the same way, the wolfs play a very important role in the nature, the hunters are people with a serious emotional problems hooked to the thrill of kill like addicts do, so we need to protect all life in special the beings with no voice and no rights so the hunting must be banned

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# #68

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think leg hold traps are brutal and a very cowardly method of killing an animal.  
also trapping is a non-selective way to harvest an animal. I think you are better people than that.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Well, I'm glad you lowered the quota in unit 313.  
I think you should lower it back to 1 or 2 wolves.  
The dollar value of these animals to the area is huge.  
and wolves are a front-line defense against the spread of CWD. We now spend no money in Montana when we go to the Park and urge others to do the same.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please end all trapping. I have personally had my dog caught in a trap. I brought the local FWP warden to the site and the trapper showed up. The trap was placed illegally in the middle of a busy forest road intersection. The FWP warden did not cite the trapper and was very friendly to him. He gave me no explanation for why he did not cite the trapper.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.



## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable. Reduce threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate quota system.

SB 314 does not require a drastic reduction in wolf numbers. It requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic.

Wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves, not killing wolves at all has worked even better. The wolf population hit a high a decade ago and then leveled off.

FWP should not use wolves as a profit-maker: FWP profits from the sale of hunting and trapping licenses: In 2021-20222, FWP sold 20,828 wolf licenses for nearly \$340,000 from the killing of 273 wolves. This is nothing more than commercialization of wildlife.

Trapping is indiscriminate and cruel: Traps and snares kills an unknown number of non-target animals, and threatens other species as well, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them.

Wolves are a keystone species: Wolves are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move, which prevents erosion and the cutdown of creeks and streams, which in turn provides habitat for beavers and plant and animal species. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships.

Wolves do not present a threat to livestock: Random killing of wolves has no impact on livestock protection. Montana has 2.7 million cattle and sheep. Wolves killed 90 in 2019, or 0.003% of livestock, such a small fraction it isn't even a statistic. Montana and the federal government reimburse ranchers 300 percent.

Wolves are not a threat to elk: FWP is currently being sued for mismanagement of elk that has led to 50,000 more elk than objective. In northwest Montana, elk have never been abundant; the habitat does not support them.

Wolves are not insatiable killers: Wolves take lethal risks pursuing prey ten times their size and only kill what they need. As subsistence hunters, they feed and return to their kill because they cannot eat it all at once. Their kills feed many animals.

Do not extend reporting time from 12 to 24 hours. This is simply a way to kill more wolves. Last year two more Yellowstone Park wolves than the quota allowed were killed in the 12-hour reporting time.

Use quota, not thresholds: The quota system is more accurate and the killing of wolves can be closed more quickly than the vague threshold, which would merely prompt the Commission to convene to determine if the killing in a particular region should be closed or continue.

Wolves belong to all of us: Under the Public Trust Doctrine, wolves belong to all, not a small special interest group that aims to make a profit from wolf killing. It is Montana's responsibility to protect wolves, let them be, and let them help contribute to the health of land and water and other wildlife.

# #70

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

“Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals.”

This is the baseline approach that I utilize when thinking about hunting and trapping in the great state of Montana. Wild game animals are a valuable resource in Montana, not only for hunters and trappers, but also for non-hunters and non-trappers as well as our tourist industry.

I think the management of this resource should utilize science, common sense, and respect for “fair chase”.

As for the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas, my comments are as follows:

I support the FWP proposals to reduce quotas on bobcats in Region 1 and Region 5.

I support the FWP proposals that all marten pelts must be presented.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

"Fair Chase, as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals."

Fair chase has been the honor code of North American hunters for over a century and the principle underlying many hunting laws, and is taught to new hunters in hunter certification courses.

This is the baseline approach that I utilize when thinking about hunting and trapping in the great state of Montana. Wild game animals are a valuable resource in Montana, not only for hunters and trappers, but also for non-hunters and non-trappers as well as our tourist industry.

I think the FWP should make some changes to the 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas in order to keep these natural resources healthy and abundant and also to avoid Montana losing its reputation as a state that has excellent wildlife management.

Specifically, my comments are:

Require snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.

Prohibit ram power snares.

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.

Require trapping signage at trailheads and high-use recreational areas.

Reinstate wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county.

Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high-use wintering grounds.

Adjust the Wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28 to try to avoid incidental trappings of grizzlies before and after hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs.

Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.

Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.

NO pre-baiting.

NO shooting wolves over bait.

Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and a certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP upon request.

Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

Reinstate in the wolf regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting wolves from aircraft.

Return the previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf.

Thank you.

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in region one and believe the bobcat quota should remain the same and not be dropped. Just because the success rate is down does not necessarily mean the bobcat population is down. I know a lot of people that do not trap or chase bobcats anymore so, number of hunters or trappers could make a difference in that too. Plus, something like snow conditions can make a difference on how successful hunters or trappers are. Conditions have not been great for hound hunters and deep snow can limit access which can also limit success. I see lots of bobcat sign when I'm out and don't think the quota need to be dropped. Thank you.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm in region 1 and don't think there are many changes to the regulations. I do know there are way more wolves than the original population plan so more liberal seasons are needed. Our deer and elk populations are down still and we need to control predators such as wolves. I think the opening should be set at the 15th of December like it has been since wolf seasons have started. So far, there has been no grizzlys trapped and is not an issue. Thank you.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the proposed quota reduction in bobcat hunting/trapping.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express my disapproval of the proposed wolf-hunting/trapping regulations for 2022/2023. I support decreasing the arbitrary quota of 10 wolves placed in the new WMU 313 to a lower number. Wolves in this area belong to Yellowstone National Park, and thus belong to people of the U.S., not just those of us here in Montana.

Combined, all of our U.S. National Parks account for just ~1.5% of the land in our country. Yellowstone is the only National Park that offers the potential to reliably see wolves in the wild, and a recent study showed that more than \$82 million dollars in tourism revenue is generated annually by people coming here for that opportunity. Wolves are job-creators. I know, because as an outdoor guide here in the state, my livelihood is entirely reliant on people traveling here to see our state's wildlife, especially wolves.

The current wolf population in the contiguous U.S. currently represents less than 1% of their historic numbers, existing across less than 10% of their historic range. In the year 1899 Montana paid out bounties on 23,575 wolves, undoubtedly suggesting a statewide population of 20,000+ barely more than 100 years ago. With almost 30% of our state still comprised of public-land, the wolf population is now <1000, with a political goal to reduce that even further.

Americans deserve at least one place where science and economics, rather than politics, dictate the management of wild wolves, and the Greater Yellowstone Area should be that place.

Thank you for your consideration.

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# #73

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I live in California and the ecosystem is suffering without wolves. Montana is next. Not to mention losing \$82 million in income wolves bring in. Protect wolves, use data from scientists. Have peer reviews. This is a very minimal request for any laws that will effect an entire population and environment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Ipom is not an accurate system to measure wolf population. Not even peer reviewed. Base your decisions on science not politics. Look at locations that have lost wolves the damages last centuries. Wolves were lost here from 1926-1995. The environment only got healthy with wolves again. Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to Americans based on the public land doctrine. Sustainable income wolves bring in \$82 million. Wolves must be protected. Do not go from 17 monitor units to 7. This would make monitoring very difficult.  
Reestablish the quota of one wolf that borders glacier national. Keep the 12 hr emergency. Require scientific data for all decisions.

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# #74

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Need to remove bobcat restrictions in lynx zones

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf season needs to have a fixed date, No floating start. Open it on December 1

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# #75

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The seasons are too long and the quotas too high.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf trapping & hunting season is excessively long & should be shortened. The wolf kill quotas are far too high for the small number of wolves in the state.

Wolf watching is a money maker for the state, adding more funds into the state than both wolf hunting & trapping.

Wolves should be preserved and cherished, not slaughtered and tortured.

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# #76

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Here's my comment: You have CWD in the wild elk population in Montana and NOW you're killing all of your wolves? Aside from being morally repugnant, it makes no sense biologically. American taxpayers pay ca \$40 million p.a. in livestock subsidies. I was fine with it until you started killing wolves. Now I don't want a single penny of my taxes going to it.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trying to distribute kills more evenly is nonsense. Does that mean taking a few from each pack? Packs are not like eggs. If you break an egg here or there it means nothing to the others. If you kill one wolf from each pack, that means each pack is disrupted, more likely to behave erratically.

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**Q1**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Too many wolves have been killed already. We had made great strides in restoring balance to the local ecosystem and reviving a threatened species at a time where more than ever we are facing human sparked ecological catastrophe.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Honestly it's an embarrassment that people are allowed to hunt wolves at all. If an individual animal is a problem and needs to be dealt with, so be it, but that's a job for professionals.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The 2022 Furbearer seasons and quotas are acceptable.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In preliminary analyses in preparation for publication, having limited quotas in WMU's 313/316 creates an annual survival rate of 78% for wolves that primarily live in Yellowstone National Park (YNP). This, compared to the annual survival rate of years without hunting of 80%, is a REMARKABLE testament to the former compromise between the National Park Service and MT FWP. In years such as last year without a quota for WMU's 313/316, the annual survival rate is 62% for wolves that primarily live in YNP. This is not acceptable for wolves that live 96% of their time in a protected area, and is much lower than most wolves that live in protected areas in much of North America.

Montana residents have had the incredible privilege of living, working, and recreating in one of the largest contiguous protected regions in the world. This an incredible opportunity to be an example of wildlife management guided by science and held up by the values of those that live in the state. We can show the rest of the world that we can be trusted to protect wild spaces and the creatures that live there.

An acceptable compromise would be to go back to the quotas of 1-2 in each WMU 313 and 316. This compromise worked well for the years 2015-2020 and minimizes the impact of the MT state harvest on wolves that primarily live in YNP.

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# #79

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Agree

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I prefer that Units 313 and 316 remain separate, with a quota of one wolf per unit. If units are combined, the quota should only be two.

I prefer that you maintain a 12 hour closure notice rather than 24.

I oppose trapping units. Please keep wolf management units.

I oppose trapping of wolves, night hunting and baiting.

I ask that you allow an emergency closure, to help prevent exceeding quota.

YNP wolves bring in over \$80 million to nearby towns. Wolfwatching is valuable to Park County, even more so than elk hunting. YNP wolves don't cause trouble—no depredation, and although they feed on elk, elk populations are stable.

YNP wolves took a huge hit with last year's hunt, for no apparent reason other than our Governor seems to have an insatiable appetite for killing them.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comments

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Commission Chair Leslie Robison  
Members of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

My name is Dan Bailey and I work as the Yellowstone Program Manager for the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), based in Livingston, MT. On behalf of NPCA and the more than 8,800 members and supporters across Montana, we would like to advocate for a further reduced quota beyond Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks recommendation of 10 wolves in the proposed WMU 313 on Yellowstone National Park's northern border. Since 1919, NPCA has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System, working with our more than 1.8 million members and supporters to preserve our nation's natural, historical, and cultural heritage for present and future generations. NPCA has a longstanding interest in protecting national parks and their resources, including wildlife, land, and water, both inside national parks and on park adjacent landscapes. We are particularly concerned with the impact Montana's 2021 wolf hunting and trapping season had on the gray wolves that spend the majority of their lives in America's first National Park. We firmly believe the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission should recognize the longstanding single wolf quotas in then WMUs 313 and 316 and implement a two-wolf quota in proposed WMU 313 that recognizes the social and economic importance on Yellowstone's most revered wildlife resource.

At the time of this public comment the communities of Gardiner, Cooke City and Silver Gate Montana are still reeling from the recent flooding that has left them cut off from Yellowstone National Park and the vital tourism economy that employs so many in this rural part of Montana. It cannot be stated any clearer that Yellowstone and its wildlife resources are the economic heart and soul of these communities. The deaths of 21 wolves in WMUs 313 and 316 during the 2021 Montana wolf hunting and trapping season had an enormous impact on the very same communities that are now struggling to pay staff and keep their lights on because of the flooding impacts. All indications point to a temporary road being opened between Gardiner and Cooke City for the upcoming winter season. This is critical to inject much needed tourism related income in hopes of saving the economies of these small towns. The numbers do not lie about how important a living wolf is to this region.

A recent economic report released in June 2022 paints a very clear picture:

- Yellowstone wolf watchers contribute a minimum of \$82 million dollars to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.
- 3,270 jobs in Park County, MT rely on tourism
- 50% of the visitors who hired guides did so for wildlife watching compared to just 4% who hired guides for hunting

Yellowstone National Park was established 150 years ago specifically to protect wildlife that was being decimated by unregulated hunting. Within the world's first national park, the recovery of both buffalo and wolves are two of the greatest examples in this country of our ability to learn from and correct mistakes of the past. The State of Montana's decision to allow 21 Yellowstone's wolves during the 2021 hunting and trapping season to be killed for sport is out of touch and uses politics to manage one of Yellowstone's most sought-after wildlife species.

Today, we urge you to consider implementing a two-wolf quota in the proposed WMU 313. Montana's Fish and Game Commission is allowed to take social and economic impacts into the decision-making process. This is the time to recognize the economic impact that the communities in and around the proposed WMU 313 have suffered over the last few months. Please allow these communities to begin to rebuild by implementing a two-wolf quota and letting the world know that Gardiner, Cooke City and Silver Gate are open for business.

Thank you for your consideration,

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# #82

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My comments regarding all furbearers are all one and the same: please follow scientific data to manage species and err on the side of conservation. We are facing a devastating acceleration of extinction rate with regard to our precious biodiversity, and nature can repair herself remarkably well with minimal human interference. Thank you for accepting public opinion.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Now more than ever, managing wolves should be based on science/nature and left to biologists who have the best chance of accurately/successfully safeguarding our ecosystems and biodiversity. As it stands, beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model ) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

There are so many reasons we MUST maintain strong populations of these apex predators, from their impact on our economy to the health of life on our world. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Even more careful and significant consideration of the "value" of wolves, however, indicates a contribution to life on Earth that reaches far beyond this economic worth. In terms of chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana, wolves can provide a desperately needed solution.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, the current control strategy of relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease. Enough said.

If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 0. Truthfully, however, even the methodology is questionable. Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets. In light of our extinction rates, we can't afford to play fast and loose with any species. Additionally, the trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups and should be ended on our public lands.

We simply must do better by nature and the precious life with whom we share this wondrous planet if we hope to have a chance of preserving it. Thank you for all you can do to play your part in doing so and for accepting my comments.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We've lived in Montana our entire lives and have owned our properties here for nearly 100 years in Froid and Homestead, Montana. The land, the water, the weather and especially the biodiversity here has substantially changed for the worst due to human impact. We farm barren land where we once used to see animals of all kinds far and wide. Animal trappings and killings of any kind should be severely restricted. Montana and Idaho are two of the fastest growing population states, and our policies that support the growth and protection of biodiversity needs to keep up with this growth and change. Allowing people (most are not farmers) to needlessly kill and hunt is devastating our great state.

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Same comment as above, and more on wolves below:

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On the subject of wolves - great resources have been spent introducing wolves to the Yellowstone Park to improve the ecological balance. Many of these wolves migrate to Montana where they are needlessly shot and trapped, and where they die horrifically painful torturous deaths. More protections need to be made to support these boundaries and support the farmers. If Montana doesn't change, then the Federal Government will step in. "The rise in hunting and abandonment of science-based management in the Northern Rockies could give a bad name to state management in general, making federal protections more likely to be enacted."

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Montana should give more significant consideration to the “value” of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We’re talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

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Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and other unethical hunting organizations. Montana's laws threaten to undermine 30 years of wolf recovery and establish new hunting standards that even many ethical hunters say are too permissive. The non-consumptive individuals who make up the majority is not being heard or represented by the MTFWP.

Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle. These livestock producers were reimbursed three times the value for their loss. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently. These people are targeting and killing wolves out of spite and greed. Some believe there is a shortage of elk in Montana. Last year alone, humans killed over 28,000 elk in the state during the hunting season. It is safe to say wolves are not killing all of the elk, and Montana remains a hunter's paradise.

Hunting wolves, according to wildlife biologist Cristina Eisenberg, "disrupt[s] their society and destabilize[s] their packs. Packs may split into smaller packs made up of younger animals, with a greater influx of unrelated individuals. And younger, less-complex packs may kill cattle or approach humans for food." Biologist Rob Wielgus said wolf killings likely disrupt the social cohesion of the pack. While an intact breeding pair will keep young offspring from mating, disruption can set sexually mature wolves free to breed, leading to an increase in breeding pairs. As they have pups, they become bound to one place and can't hunt deer and elk as freely. The research shows that when more wolves are killed, the death of livestock increases.

The Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) should not be changed to 7 regional units. This is not science-based management, and MTFWP doesn't do this for ungulate and other large carnivores. A wolf pack is an exceedingly complex social unit—an extended family of parents, offspring, siblings, aunts, uncles, and sometimes dispersers from other packs. Wolves care for each other as individuals. They form friendships and nurture the sick and injured. Pack structure enables communication, the education of the young, and the transfer of knowledge across generations. Wolves and other highly social animals pass on what can be best described as culture. A family group can persevere for several generations, carrying knowledge and information through the years, from generation to generation. When they lose a pack mate, there is evidence that they suffer and mourn that loss. When we look at wolves, we are looking at tribes—extended families, each with its own homeland, history, knowledge, and indeed, culture. (National Geographic, May 13, 2021).

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### Q3

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See next.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe it is not fair to us elk-deer hunters that the original quota for wolf reintroduction is not stated up front each time the subject of wolf numbers is discussed so that the "average Joe" has something to compare it to. It would be a worthwhile thing to do in the regs. as well. I believe this would offset a lot of the "bleeding heart" emotional nonsense the extremist wolf proponents put out. I buy 2 wolf tags every year. I want some wolves, just not as many as have been allowed to procreate.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana should return to a quota of 1 for the areas surrounding Yellowstone National Park, at least until a more reliable wolf population model is established in Montana.

As an avid hunter and conservationist I believe in the fair chase model. Snaring, the use of night vision, baiting and calls violate the fair chase model. I support wolf hunting when it is done in a manner that positively reflects the hunting community. The killing of Yellowstone wolves through snares, baiting, calling, night vision, spotlights, etc. reflects negatively on hunters and should be eliminated.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The two-wolf kill quota on the areas just north of Yellowstone National Park must be reinstated. Losing 20% of the park's wolves in a single season endangers not only the park wolves, but the future of Montana's tourism economy. The news of last year's excessive killing was reported around the world and is far more consequential to our economy than any news of reimbursed livestock kills. Protect park wolves with a two-wolf kill quota or face a future of wolves once again protected by the Endangered Species Act.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please set the shortest trapping season allowable by law.  
Ban trapping and the use of snares on public lands.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a regular visitor to Yellowstone National Park and Montana and the sponsor of two Yellowstone wolves, I am writing to ask the Commission to protect as many wolves as possible in Montana. I urge the Commission to include the following when adopting the final wolf hunting and trapping regulations for the 2022 to 2023 season:

- Retain two wolf management units, 313 and 316, with a quota of 1 wolf from each unit
- Please restore WMU 110 near Glacier National Park with a quota of 1 wolf
- Lower the overall quota of wolves to no more than 29% maximum harvest. 450 wolves would exceed this amount and jeopardize the population.
- Please change back to a 12-hour reporting time instead of 24 hours so as not to exceed quotas at the close of unit or season
- Prohibit trapping, the use of baits for hunting, and night hunting across the state
- Limit the hunting of wolves to 1 wolf per license with the lowest bag limit allowed by law applied across the state.
- Keep the shortest hunting season allowed by law, statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the regulated furbearer trapping season regulations proposed in the including full support of the addition of marten to the species where pelt checks and tagging are needed. I am in support of reducing bobcat quotas in regions 5 and region 1. Given the data presented I would support reducing the bobcat quota to 200 but see 225 as an acceptable quota given the fact information will be reviewed next year as well.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the sustainable harvest of wolves by trapping and hunting for all valid reasons not just to protect ungulates. Removal of wolf management units is OK. It would be my preference to still have harvest locations recorded for each harvested animal to aid in long term sustainable management of the population.

In the following proposed regulation changes I question why the portion allowing FWP to institute an emergency season closure was taken out. My reading of the regulation change is that if quotas in an area are reached the season will be closed within 24 hours. To me this is an emergency closure. If the purpose of this change is to allow the commission to somehow overrule the quota I am not in favor. In WMUs with a harvest quota (WMUs 110, 313 ,and 316), when a hunting season quota is reached, the hunting season will close upon a 1224-hour notice, but no later than March 15, 20212023.

- The Fish & Wildlife Commission has authorized the department to initiate an emergency season closure at any time.

While not included in the rule changes my belief is that wolves captured incidentally in non-target sets should be allowed to be taken by the trapper before the regular wolf season is open in the area. I there is such high concern about wolf harvest this would potentially add a few wolves to the harvest and allow trappers to take an extra animal. This would hinge on the trapper being wolf certified. Thanks for all your work on the regulation changes and the challenges that come with management of all furbearers.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should no longer be trapping seasons due to the corrupt nature overseeing this activity.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be a moratorium placed on wolf hunting and trapping, due to the overwhelming empirical evidence and the blatant corrupt and malfeasant culture that oversees wolf hunting.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with MF&G biologists, as proposed.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with MF&G biologists, as proposed.

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# #93

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my response below under item #3.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your proposed wolf management plan for the upcoming year.

While I do not live in Montana, I am fortunate to visit your beautiful state almost every summer, mostly spending time in and around Glacier National Park. I submit these comments as someone who cares deeply about natural spaces and about being an ethical tourist.

In general, I am concerned about trophy hunting of grey wolves. I see many reasons to argue against this practice, including wolves territorial nature and capacity to self regulate their populations, the impact of recreational hunting on their pack structures and ability to perform their ecological roles (with increased risk of livestock conflict when family structures are ruptured), and their likely essential role in helping curb the spread of illnesses such as CWD (and possibly COVID- now hitting deer populations- as well). I think a healthy wolf population is essential to healthy ecosystems, which are essential to a healthy tourist economy in and around the amazing National parks in Montana.

I am also specifically concerned about allowing sport hunting of wolves in areas abutting these national parks. I know of more than avid outdoorsperson who has decided against upcoming visits to Yellowstone, given concerns that wolf-watching activities there might lead those wolves to be at greater risk of being subsequently hunted. I am very saddened by the idea of wolf hunting along WMU 110- an essential wildlife corridor that borders Glacier. I know my friends and I are not alone in wanting to visit and support the economies of these beautiful natural places, but fearing that this support might cause inadvertent harm to wildlife within the parks.\* I think allowing hunting alongside these parks risks not only ecological impacts, but also unanticipated economic ones.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Christine Oliver

\*Tangentially, I would also be very opposed to any future sport hunting of grizzlies anywhere near these parks- not only for the sake of the bears, but for the sake of those of us who hike those areas and don't want increased risk of grizzlies seeing humans as potential threats- fight is as or more likely of a response to threats than flight!

# #94

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Pending

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves need to be responsibly managed, in any state. Proportion to damages the wolf can bring, forage base for them and competition for survival, we have a duty to balance this in each state. Not delay or stop n start, balance. IOWA NWCO Trapper.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

THIS IS WRONG. WOLVES CONTRIBUTE NOT ONLY TO THE ECOSYSTEM, BUT YOUR STATE MAKES MONEY FROM THEM.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

THIS TOO IS INHUMANE AND UNNECESSARY. WOLVES ARE NECESSARY FOR ALL OTHER WILDLIFE TO EXIST.

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# #96

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not have enough personal opinion on this topic to make a comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

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# #97

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No to wolves - no to any hunting contests.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop slaughtering Yellowstone's wolves. Crazy

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# #98

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf quotas should be lowered

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In the region 313, the quota should be lowered to 5 wolves. 10 wolves likely would exceed the point of damaging populations in this area as last years large harvest reduced population size significantly.

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# #99

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My opinion and serious concerns regarding Montana's wolf management proposal for season 2022-2023 include:

- The methods used to determine Montana wolf populations (IPOM) were not peer reviewed and therefore not held to strict scientific standards and as such are inaccurate;
- Yellowstone & Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. In addition, Yellowstone & federal lands belong to ALL Americans;
- The non-consumptive individuals who make up the majority is - and this is extremely important - NOT being heard or represented by MTFWP;
- Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82M in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities. Can Montana really afford to forego such easy money? What will the small, long standing tourist businesses do who rely on this income that wolves provide?

The points I would like to see reflected in the proposal include:

- MTFWP should not change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to Regional Units (7). This will inhibit the monitoring of mismanagement of Montana & Yellowstone wolves making it more difficult to close a region if a quota isn't met on the macro level;
- MTFWP should re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 & 110. WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park should stay in place;
- MTFWP should keep the 12-hour emergency closure window intact for WMUs 313, 316 & 110. A 24-hour emergency closure window makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

Thank you for your consideration of the above and for doing what's right by wolves and the vast majority of the American population that want to keep them here in healthy numbers and not continually decimated- including a large percentage of Montanans.

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### Q3

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- MTFWP should re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 & 110. WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park should stay in place;
- MTFWP should keep the 12-hour emergency closure window intact for WMUs 313, 316 & 110. A 24-hour emergency closure window makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

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# #100

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping. I would rather have fewer wolves and more deer/elk.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping. I would rather see fewer wolves and more deer and elk.

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# #101

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not change the seasons unless you increase the season length or quotas increases. With reduced trappers, this type of management needs to increase.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

December 15th needs to be the start the season of wolf trapping. I 100% support wolf trapping/hunting as the only effective means to regulate the apex predators and protect the ungulates. Hunting and trapping is responsible and humane conservation. The time, money and effort spent by trappers and hunters is because we care about protection and continued ethical management of all animals.

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# #102

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly oppose the proposed quota of 10 wolves in new WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone. It is outrageous to kill wolves that venture out of the national park. Wolves don't recognize artificial boundaries. Killing collared wolves should be illegal. As you know, hunters use scanners to locate collared wolves; this is unethical.

Please create WMU's bordering Yellowstone National Park with quotas of 0 - 1 and also restore WMU 110 near Glacier NP with quota of 0 - 1.

Yellowstone's wolves are vital to the health of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and maintain healthy herds of bison and elk. Tens of thousands and likely more likely 100,000+ people from all over the world, including me for the last 15 years, go to Yellowstone every year to see wild wolves and spend millions of dollars on food, lodging, car rentals, and guides. It does not make economic sense to kill the "cash wolf", as it were. Live wolves are much more valuable to the economy than the small number of livestock killed by wolves.

The killing of 21 Yellowstone wolves in the last season has seriously impacted the wolf packs. Losing the alpha and older wolves leaves younger wolves without experienced leaders and teachers.

I further strongly oppose trapping, night hunting, using bait and luring wolves by playing wolf howls.

I urge Montana Fish and Wildlife to please make science-based decisions on how to best maintain a healthy wolf population and protect the Yellowstone wolves.

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# #103

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quotas on bobcats in Region 1 and Region 5.

Mandate all marten pelts must be presented.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Return the quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Park to one wolf.

The wolf population numbers are unknown. The data is biased as it is collected from hunters, not biologists or even trained trackers/surveyors. I live in Wisconsin and we have a formal population data tracking system of our wolves which are completed by biologists, statisticians and trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting.

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110.

Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Prohibit spotting and shooting from aircraft Reinstat the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves.

Eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.

Prohibit ram power snares.

Require snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.

Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.

Reinstat for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.

Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.

The current trapping and hunting season on wolves kills pregnant wolves which makes no sense. Adjust the Wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28 especially to try to avoid incidental trappings of grizzlies before and after hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs.

Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets. Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

A region or WMU should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.

Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr notice of closing or end of the season.

All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP at the time of wolf inspection.

Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

NO party trapping. One trapper identification tag per trap/snare.

NO pre-baiting

Elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes as it further violates laws of fair chase.

Close or strictly limit the killing of wolves in elk management units over objective and definitely where CWD has been reported.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas are far too high. Science should determine management, not politics. Wolves are a vital part of our ecosystems and giving into a political agenda is a dis service. Trapping impacts populations beyond wolves including lynx, bears, as well as pets and livestock, and needs to be banned. It's cruel, it's unnecessary, and it's a smear on our state that we continue to allow it.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas are far too high. Science should determine management, not politics. Wolves are a vital part of our ecosystems and giving into a political agenda is a dis service. Trapping impacts populations beyond wolves including lynx, bears, as well as pets and livestock, and needs to be banned. It's cruel, it's unnecessary, and it's a smear on our state that we continue to allow it.

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# #105

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This is wrong. You don't have to kill any wolves and they have quotas it's just disgusting

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This is wrong. Why do wolves have to be killed? You can relocate them to other areas. If wolves are looking for food that is close to where people live it's because man is encroaching on their areas where they hunt and killing them is not going to be an answer. Many studies have been done about this how the wolf packs bring life to areas that have gone dead please stop killing these beautiful animals

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# #106

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello. I would like to comment today that wolves are keystone species and it is inhumane to kill them in the methods that are being used. There is no scientific method and thus inaccurate to count the number of wolves in Montana. Yellowstone is the COIN place in the world and should be an example to the entire world in saving this species where wolves also bring knowledge to us humans and benefit the state. WOLVES IN THE USA NEED TO BE FREE TO LIVE! THEY ARE OUR ANIMALS.

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# #107

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Zero trapping is inhumane

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower your killing of wolves quota in unit 313 to 1. It is really sad that there is no science involved in the decision on the number of wolves being killed in this slaughter. People from all over the world come to Yellowstone and towns around it to see wolves and grizzly bears alive and spend millions more than the hunters and outfitters .

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# #108

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I highly support trapping in Montana as one tool to help maintain a healthy population.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of the trapping of wolves in Montana as a way to help control populations

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# #109

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Counting wolf populations cannot come only from hunters - we need scientific surveys to assess the numbers. Unless and until it is shown that wolves are having a significant adverse impact on local livestock, trapping and hunting should not be considered. If there are problematic animals, they should be dealt with by trained professionals.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Counting wolf populations cannot come only from hunters - we need scientific surveys to assess the numbers. Unless and until it is shown that wolves are having a significant adverse impact on local livestock, trapping and hunting should not be considered. If there are problematic animals, they should be dealt with by trained professionals.

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# #110

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The supporting info you provided is extremely confusing, and your cover sheet adds to the confusion. How is a person to know whether the changes are related to furbearer or wolf? Is it possible that you really don't want relevant comments? In any case, I support reducing bobcat quotas in all cases.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Altering WMUs to trapping units doesn't serve the public interest and will make it more difficult for the public to understand the actions taking place. Trappers represent a tiny fraction of the population and thus should not be catered to in management policies. The statewide killing threshold is unacceptable, as is the threshold of 10 in proposed WMU 316. It should be 0, particularly since no mention of poaching or the effects of luring Yellowstone wolves out of the park are addressed. One of your documents indicates that 58.3% of the kills occurred on federal land; thus, I ask that you consider the voices of all American citizens who pay for and are co-owners of the those federal lands. Please recognize our interests. Finally, I am perplexed and disturbed that the proposal would eliminate the Commission's ability to declare an emergency season closure. What possible purpose could that serve except to extend any kills beyond quota? Please eliminate that provision.

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# #111

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Limit trapping to private lands to protect livestock.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support severely limiting wolf quotas especially in the region(s) outside of Yellowstone National Park. I would also like more public information and explanation regarding what is a sustainable level, including an accurate, scientifically supported estimate of the current number of wolves in Montana.

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# #112

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I favor saving and supporting animals' wild existence for all of Montana's shrinking wildlife population.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is the only legal way to torture animals to death, and should be forever banned! Save Montana's wolves!

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# #113

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no hunting or trapping of wolves. 1,000 of visitors come to see the wolves. They bring 1000 of dollars to your economy. Is it worth allowing a wolf to be killed so some trophy hunter with mommy issues to have a pelt?

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# #114

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a Shoshone-Bannock Indian, whose aboriginal territory encompasses YNP and the surrounding territories, I am writing to strongly object to the quota of ten wolves in wolf management unit ("WMU") 313. I am instead asking that the Commission set a quota of one in WMU 313. The word for wolf in Shoshone is "isha" and wolves and coyotes are an important part of Shoshone culture; we rely on their continued existence to, in turn, keep alive our traditions and way of life. The Commission instead seeks to slaughter roughly half of the state's population, which would cause a direct harm to Indian tribes and Indian people. The state has previously sponsored the slaughter of Indians, and I would ask that it discontinue its current campaign which has the direct effect of slaughtering Indian culture and tradition. Please set a quota based on science and ethics, not politics; set the quota at one. Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Shoshone-Bannock Indian, whose aboriginal territory encompasses YNP and the surrounding territories, I am writing to strongly object to the quota of ten wolves in wolf management unit ("WMU") 313. I am instead asking that the Commission set a quota of one in WMU 313. The word for wolf in Shoshone is "isha" and wolves and coyotes are an important part of Shoshone culture; we rely on their continued existence to, in turn, keep alive our traditions and way of life. The Commission instead seeks to slaughter roughly half of the state's population, which would cause a direct harm to Indian tribes and Indian people. The state has sponsored the slaughter of Indians, and I would ask that it discontinue its current campaign which has the direct effect of slaughtering Indian culture and tradition. Please set a quota based on science and ethics, not politics; set the quota at one. Thank you for your consideration of my comment.

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# #115

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect the wolves.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please relist the wolves. Please stop the slaughter of wolves in Montana and Yellowstone Park. There is no scientifically valid reason to kill the wolves. The wolves sometimes go out of Yellowstone Park; they do not deserve to die for it. The Biden administration promised to protect the wolves. Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

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# #116

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am grateful for the measures meant to reduce harm to threatened species like Lynx. In general, I am opposed to predator hunting. I do not understand the desire for it, as they are not animals we eat, and as they play an important role in natural ecosystems (which humans also a part of and benefit from).

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to predator hunting and encourage any measures to reduce or eliminate take of wolves. While congressional maneuvering has maintained an ESA carveout for wolves in Montana, they are still factually an endangered species. Wolves have yet to recover in the vast majority of places where they used to live. Their presence is vital to maintaining the balance of native ecosystems. Wolves regulate the behavior of elk and deer populations, keeping herds from overgrazing. This allows trees to grow in greater abundance, grasses to grow taller, and other animals down the food chain to flourish, strengthening the resiliency of the entire ecosystem. The ongoing take of wolves is also insult and injury to many indigenous groups – it shows deep disrespect for their spiritual practices and beliefs. Unless human-caused loss of habitat and wild prey species reduce their hunting options, wolves do not generally pose a problem to livestock or human safety. No human has ever been killed by a wild wolf in the Lower 48 states. Meanwhile, a 2015 USDA report shows that the primary causes of cattle and sheep deaths in the U.S. come from health problems, weather, theft and other maladies, but not wolves or other native carnivores. Nine times more cattle and sheep die from causes such as illnesses, birthing problems, weather, poisoning, and theft (4,003,847), than from all predators combined (461,159). Of the 119 million cattle and sheep inventoried in the U.S. in 2014 and 2015, less than 1% (0.4%) died from any type of predator. There are effective, non-lethal options available to livestock growers to protect their herds and compensate them for potential losses.

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# #117

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the proposals for trapping and trapping in general

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping.

#1- The legislature intended to increase the harvest of wolves and get them more in line with the original objectives. With the changes that the Commission did, our harvest actually went down in order to appease the people who don't use their brain when it comes to managing wildlife populations. Wolves need managed to allow the ungulates to repopulate. Shutting down trapping until the snow is so deep that the trappers don't have a chance will continue the increasing overpopulation of wolves.

#2- I support doing away with WMU and going to the wolf trapping unit and believe that the only location that needs reported is the wolf trapping unit. The other info is being used by anti trapping organizations to locate and steal traps. Wolves cannot recognize a line on a map so why create another line further away from the park that they can't recognize. Wolves leave Yellowstone because their prey base has depleted.

#3- The furbearer and wolf trapping regulations are being combined and this would be a great opportunity to simplify them by making the setbacks consistent at 50 feet from roads. The wolves run the roads and it is impossible to put enough stink out there to get them to leave the roads by 150 feet.

#4- It is my understanding that the legislature intended to have the limit at 10 wolves trapping and 10 by hunting. This would only affect few people so why limit anyone who can exceed a total of 10.

#5- Closed roads. If a road is permanently closed it is open to trapping with no restrictions. If a road is temporarily closed, open it up to trapping. Most roads are marked as to what date they will be opened and if they are not, wolf trappers are there every other day and a sign on the gate with a date would inform them. This is another ploy to reduce the effectiveness of wolf trapping.

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# #118

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the ways people are hunting the wolf. It isn't ethical. They are in a lot of pain when in the traps and snares and they can be left there for days. It breaks my heart to think of us humans causing so much suffering by these terrible ways of hunting.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please set the quota to 1 wolf to be killed in the area of 313 on the northern park boundary in MT. I wish we could say zero but I know that's not allowed. It was tragic what happened last year when 25 Yellowstone wolves were killed because they can't read invisible boundary lines of the park. Please we can't afford to lose any more wolves especially since we lost over 1000 last year in the northern Rockies. The wolf is a sacred animal and a keystone species helping so many aspects of the ecosystem in Montana.

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# #119

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There are plenty of Bobcats out here to maintain the old quota numbers. I see more bobcat tracks than any other predator besides wolves. Please Do not lower the quota.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves have to be managed and if they aren't they will continue to decimate our ungulate populations! The larger numbers of wolves that were allowed to be harvested last season was a great move and should stay the same for the foreseeable future. Wolves are not going anywhere. I see so many wolf tracks it about makes me sick sometimes. Their numbers need to be thinner than they are now.

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# #120

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not agree with your quotas and furbearer seasons.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a concerned Montana resident I reject your proposed thresholds and overall wolf and trapping plans.

Such flagrant disregard for a predator. Shooting over bait, from the air, night hunting with various tools, snaring, trapping etc etc the tactics are barbaric, cruel, unethical.

How did we get here?

The model FWP uses to estimate wolf numbers is flawed and does not represent the true numbers and sends a big message to the public, poachers that ALL wolves are game.

How do you ignore the majority of Montana residents voting to reject your wolf plans and unethical tactics?

What happened to fair chase?

Don't you care about your states reputation?

Isn't CWD a far greater threat to elk?

I am disgusted this is happening in my lifetime and in my state of Montana.

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# #121

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This seems to be okay to me

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm Taylar Lieber. We just got a home in Livingston. My sister and I love watching Yellowstone wolves. My sister has cancer and may not live much longer to see wolves with us. Can you stop killing Yellowstone wolves please. My sister and I want to see them this winter.

Thank you

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# #122

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Too many traps are being set in areas where people recreate.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and hunting of wolves around Yellowstone Park is out of control. All of the work and research to reestablish this keystone species is threatened. Stop this carnage now.

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# #123

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This is a separate subject than the other question. We should not be required to answer both of these questions to submit comments.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners,

Income from wolf tourism supports my family as well as the eight other families that work through my guide business, The Wild Side, LLC. This income provides a livable wage to these families in areas where the cost of living is quite high, Bozeman and Gardiner. We love what we do because we get to live and work in a beautiful area and spend much of our time outdoors with interesting people. Most of our guides have been with our company for 8 to 10 years, and I highly value this consistency and the knowledge that their experience brings. We have however been through many adverse events in recent years, including the pandemic where we almost lost our newly built home, the 2020 Gardiner fire, the recent flood where we had to refund \$40,000 of business revenue, and equally as devastating, the 2021 wolf hunt season. Gardiner's economy is unique and built around the intact ecosystem that is greater Yellowstone NP. I would argue that wolves are the most important thing that drives revenue to our and many other businesses and these dollars trickle down to numerous other hands in our area. Truth be told, if the park did not exist but the wolves were still there, the tourists would still come and our economy would still do well. I've heard this said before, but wolves are the goose that laid the golden egg. Their value is in the fact that we can watch their lives unfold over time, and visitors eat that up. They can't stop coming to see their favorite pack and favorite wolf within that pack. The harm comes when those wolves get shot in Montana, at \$10 bucks a pop. Ouch. I implore you not to allow unlimiting harvest of wolves along the YNP border. Reinstating the WMU's (313/316) goes a long way towards goodwill in our community, so I applaud you for that! Not only is it important for our unique situation, but it's a nod that you are listening to the outpouring of comments from our community. Here are some additional thoughts that are important to us as a business:

- Please keep WMU's as just that, as opposed to trapping units.
- Keep them as two WMU's as opposed to one large one. Combining them will further reduce the take on our economically important wolves that spend more of their time in the park, as opposed to wolves that might live most of their lives on Forest Service.
- Reduce the harvest in each WMU back to what was previously used and worked so well, 1 in each adjacent area (WMU 313/316) for a total of 2. This allows for hunting opportunities but takes our unique situation into account. >>>Harvesting 10 wolves in that area will continue to decimate the packs on the northern range of YNP; it's equivalent to taking 25% of those wolves that occasionally leave the park, heading to Deckard Flats and the surrounding area to scavenge on hunter's gut piles. This is going to continue to create extreme controversy/boycotting to appease a miniscule user group of wolf hunters, as opposed to supporting the economy of a town and community. <<<
- Keep the reporting time to 12 hours. This is critical in not going over quota. It's common knowledge in our area that hunters scramble to hunt more wolves when the quota has been met but hasn't been closed yet (AKA the "unlimited period").

After all we've been through these past few years, I hope that you take these requests to heart. We are such a small pocket of Montana, yet these regulations have reverberating economic effects through communities.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Linda Thurston

# #124

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Must trapping be continued?????

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please put wolves back on the endangered species list. Thank you

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# #125

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Seasons are too long, and quotas too large.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf trapping and hunting allowances are far too large for wolves to survive and serve as a balance in nature. When I grew up in Montana, we considered it a privilege to see a wolf or wolves in the wild. They were considered part of nature, a benchmark species. In my opinion the desire to kill them, shown by the numbers decimated in recent years, far exceeds any necessity. Co-existence should be the goal, not favoritism toward ranchers who can't see beyond profit to understand the importance of the natural world to citizens and visitors alike. Realist the wolves!

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# #126

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Taylor  
**City/Town:** Vernon  
**State/Province:** CT

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We should be moving away from utilizing animal fur.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not hunt and trap wolves. They are an important part of the ecosystem that is successfully helping slow climate change. They are living creatures that have the right to live and prosper like the rest of the creatures on earth. They were here first and we as humans do not have the right to continue to take their habitat and then also take their lives. Please be decent humans

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# #127

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana & All States, I support fur bearer management in Montana & all States..

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping the wolf in Montana & All States, I support Wolf management in Montana & all States.. A wolf trapping season in Montana should start no later then Dec. 15th Thanks for your time.

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# #128

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **CO**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The fur-bearing creatures are a vital part of the land. They check their own growth and will compensate by having larger litters when eliminated by man. More observation, less slaughter.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am urging the commission to use ecological and biological sciences to prepare themselves to render sound proposals for the Yellowstone and Montana wolves. Without such a background management should be directed to the federal government. The slant of the majority of commissioners is towards communities of ranchers, hunters, outfitters, and extraction industries. There is not much of another perspective being considered. Wolves, as for other species, have natural checks on their population growth - only for commercial interests are some humans demanding a persistent cull. Let us recognize the disastrous state our earth is in due to this mismanagement - floods, flash floods, wildland fires that are monstrous, droughts and pestilence. Industries and livestock use should align with the lessons of co-existence and respectful interaction. Livestock should not roam freely where predators are raising their young. The small amount of ungulates taken by the wolf pack are minor in comparison to the kills of the hunter community. The human is a trophy hunter taking the best of the herd. This bodes poorly for genetic viability of the herd. Also, the excuse that the wolves (and other predators) are depleting the elk population is false. They were in better health and numbers with the wolves left in charge. The hunters themselves are to blame.

There is the fear factor that benefits the natural ecosystem when wolves disperse the ungulates. The ungulates fear their predators and do not stay in one area enmasse to degrade the willow and streams. Flora and fauna rejuvenate and other creatures inhabit the area creating a diverse and more stabilized landscape. Beavers create stream beds and expand the waterways when allowed to re-enter the region. The disruption of the lands due to the desire to eliminate competition for commercial reasons is vast and long lasting. Western history teaches us this lesson in hindsight.

We should not continue to misuse our inheritance for spite or commercial gain.

The means of removing the wolves is unethical and against all fair hunts. The imbalance due to the indiscriminate slaughter and the loss of the wolves' family teachings is going to ruin decades of observation of these magnificent and vital creatures.

No more wolves need be removed. The hunting seasons were barbaric and leave the Yellowstone park a lesser creation and preserve than before.

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# #129

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No wolves hunted. Full protection for wolves.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No wolves trapped. Full protection of wolves from hunters and trappers.

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# #130

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**Email Address:** circle.h@charter.net

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a supporter of trapping in Montana, I support the 2022 furbearer seasons and quotas as presented through discussions in the district meetings and by the recommendations of the wildlife biologists.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trapping and hunting in Montana, and the proper management of this animal in need of control, with the proper wildlife management tools allowed to be used lawfully in the state of Montana and as intended through the laws passed by the Montana Legislature.

I support the discontinuing of the WMU's and rolling over to the use of the assigned Montana Trapping Districts.

When reporting a wolf take, the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken.

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# #131

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is no need for these quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This will ruin the ecosystem and cause farmers harm due to lost crops. We haven't even seen what the drought is going to result in - the loss of wolves to the ecosystem will make it way worse.

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# #132

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We are in the midst of the 6th Great Extinction. Why is our country allowing the trapping of fur bearer animals? There should be no trapping or hunting of wildlife in the state of Montana.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop trapping wolves and other wildlife. Wolves are a vital part of their wild ecosystem. They are necessary to keep species strong. Their predatory habits eliminate the slow, small and sick members of their prey species and allow only the swift and strong to breed. Man, on the other hand, hunts for the largest and strongest members of any species, "Trophy Bucks." This practice weakens that species because the strongest are not allowed to propagate. It is worth mentioning that local farmers and ranchers allow their dogs to become feral. These wild dogs prey on domestic herds of sheep and cattle. The wolf in turn is blamed for this destruction and is hunted.

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# #133

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to see the "Beaver Closure" areas reviewed, as there are plentiful populations established that could now be managed with trapping, even if by drawing to reduce over harvesting.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As an avid trapper, I'm a strong supporter of trapping as a conservation tool. The wolf population has proven to be sustained, and has remained over the population goal. I support the use of trapping to manage the wolf population and to help protect the ungulate population in the process.

I support the implementation of trapping districts and doing away with the WMU.

Furthermore, I believe Fish, Wildlife and Parks commission should take a hard look at predator management within the WMA's which are closed during the winter months. While the ungulates are feeding and also using those locations for birthing, the predator populations are not being managed and the chances of survival for deer and elk are greatly limited.

Reporting of wolf take locations should not be required, with exception of WMU 313.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these recommendations.

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# #134

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe any trapping of wolves or bears should be outlawed in the State of Montana. It is inhumane, unsportsmanlike, and completely unnecessary. The State needs more predators to keep other animals populations healthy and in control, plus these majestic animals bring in tourists from all over the world. Please ban any trapping!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the quotas should be zero. There are very few of these animals left and they deserve to roam free. Let hunters hunt something they will actually eat, not "trophy" animals that are vital to the ecosystem.

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# #135

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As I sit here at my computer I'm trying to think of Anything that will change your minds about trapping at all. I've had a broken thigh so I know broken bones hurt - a lot. Suffocating in a trap is beyond my imagination. Please just stop all of it.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My vote, as wild as it may seem, is to not trap or hunt - at all.

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# #136

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No problem with current trapping seasons except please exclude wolves

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My family travels to the Yellowstone every year to see the incredible wildlife--especially the wolves and bears---we would like you to consider total protection of those two species for the overall wellfair of the ecosystem....we are not treehuggers--we all hunt and fish.....thank You

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# #137

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comment on number 3

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It seems to me that wolf trapping and hunting season quotas are not based on science but politics and the undue influence of ranchers and hunting outfitters. Anti-wolf hysteria is rampant and based on rumor, hysteria and lied. I always here that wolves decimate elk populations yet there is an overabundance of elk per your own fish and game department. Then there are the ranchers that claim that wolves decimate livestock populations which we know is false. Disease, weather and negligence are the primary causes of livestock mortality with losses from wolves being a tiny percentage of losses. Let science dictate wolf hunting and overall population quotas instead of political appointees with their own agendas

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# #138

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors. This is troubling. Like asking a fox to vote for unlatched hen houses. To be fair and equitable let's use the science and data that we have.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes. That's not hunting just licensed killing.

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# #139

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping of wolves in Montana and support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf, take only the location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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# #140

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping should be completely stopped in the state.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be put back on the endangered list and protected.

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# #141

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

in area td5 go to 125 Bobcats the rest of the proposals I guess would be ok

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Move the 313 district to forest service boundry Not on private land. Have a different quota on private land to protect land owners

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# #142

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator trapping in Montana. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. Trapping is necessary to maintain healthy habitat and wildlife numbers. Quotas should be with input from trappers and hunters, using biology and range/habitat conditions, not with politics and emotions.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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# #143

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With there being no solid evidence of how many wolves were killed last year in the hunt and how many have been effected due to the hunt and the long term effects that the hunt caused to the different packs not only inside Yellowstone National Park, but outside the park as well. All quotas need to be reinstated and wolves need to be left alone.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I do not think that wolves should be hunted at all. There is no biological reason to kill wolves. These hunts and thick hunting practices are driven politics and not science. The quotas need to be reinstated around the park boundaries if the hunting practices and season is to continue. 25 wolves that lived inside of Yellowstone and spent 95% of their time INSIDE the park, were unethically killed in the hunt last year because they crossed the parks invisible boundaries that led them outside of the park where hunters where literally waiting to slaughter them. An entire pack was killed, among countless other wolves and all because they are wolves. Wolves bring in more tourist revenue than any other wildlife animal. We want to see them ALIVE, not DEAD! STOP THE HUNT. REINSTATE THE QUOTAS AROUND THE PARK. LEAVE THE WOLVES BE!

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# #144

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I want the quotas much lower.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I want wolf hunting abolished completely

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# #145

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** MO  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It is good to see the reduction in harvest numbers for bobcats. I would like to see a significant reduction for wolves as well.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping in general is inhuman. Wolves are a value to the ecosystem. The harvest numbers are way to high. Then why are WMU numbers so much higher when the territory borders Yellowstone National Park where the wolves draw significant of tourism dollars to the area. Hunters bait the wolves out of Yellowstone. The wolves keep the elk herds healthy allowing for a stronger population. The season needs to limited in time and allowable numbers. Also, why was the ability for an emergency closure stricken from the regulations.

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# #146

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not agree with trapping and snaring by any means. I also do not think that this proposal or the wolf proposal adequately addresses poaching.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The 2022 regulations, as with the 2021 regulations, make it clear that the Commissioners and legislators do not care about fair chase. The trapping, snaring, night, and aerial hunting allowances are cruel and sickening. I'm also shocked to learn that the "most current" population data you are working off of is up to a decade old. That's not data, that's archive material. How can you set a reasonable quota without up-to-date data? I also think it's cute how you all upped the statewide quota by ten wolves under the guise of limiting the take allowed along the border of YNP. This proposal is pretty deplorable. I urge you to reconsider the cruel methods outlined here, as well as a lower quota buffer zone along YNP and a buffer zone along GNP.

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# #147

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Last years hunting had a devastating affect on wolf populations in Yellowstone. Some packs have suffered significantly due to the unnecessary and barbaric rules allowing them to be trapped at an invisible border. I'm not against hunting, but this isn't hunting. My job relies on the animals that are caught in those traps and it is well known that they are indiscriminate. I am a guide here in Yellowstone and my livelihood depends on these animals. Not only that but the killing of park wolves serves no purpose other than to appease a few voices. The amount of livestock taken is unbelievably low, the elk and deer numbers do NOT show we have a predation problem. The science is clear, and the numbers show these wolves are not only necessary to the ecosystem, but they bring in huge volumes of visitors to the park, in turn bringing revenue to the surrounding cities that rely on it.

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## Q3

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #148

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **KS**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

all my info is in the next question

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Last year we lost one 3rd of our Yellowstone wolves due to them crossing boundaries especially the boundaries 313 and 316 in Montana that is devastating. i do not want to see it happen again. we can not afford to loose anymore Yellowstone wolves. the slaughter of our yellowstone wolves happens a lot from minority special interest groups such as Montana outfitters and guide associations like the ROCKY MT ELK FOUNDATION AND OTHER UNETHICAL GROUPS.

Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all americans. The killing of yellowstone and Montana wolves is so unnecessary and is part of commercializing Montana's wildlife and needs to stop.

Non-consumptive individual who makes up a high majority is not being heard or represented by montana fish and wildlife parks. It is time we are heard at the table of wildlife management. Silent majority wants wolves and other predators out on the landscape not hunted to extinction. wolves should be protected and cherished.

The Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was not very much 64 cattle. LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS WERE REIMBURSED 3 TIMES THE MONEY FOR EACH LOSS. I do not see a problem there. Especially when there is 2.6 million cattle currently in Montana. i do not think the wolves bothered them that much. elk herds are getting higher so i think the wolves have plenty to eat. Wolf management should not change units(17wmus) to 7 reg units because of it. This is not good based management and we do not do this with any other large predators. This is meant to prevent the wolf community from monitoring the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves and makes it more difficult to close an area to wolf killing when the quota is met.

Re establish the quota of 1 wolf in wmus 313 316 and 110. Do not take away wmu 110 that borders Glacier nat. park. This is a vital wildlife corridor. Do not change the current 12 hour emergency closure for wmus 313 316 and 110 that border yellowstone and glacier to 24 HOUR EMERGENCY. THAT IS NOT NEEDED. GO OVER THE QUOTA THE SAME DAY EMERGENCY CLOSURE ( 6 PM with traps and snare removal).

Yellowstone wolves tourism has reached 82 million. Yellowstone elk herd is growing the wolves would help with this herd if not hunted. No trapping or snaring of recovery areas. Wolves killed in wmus 313 and 316 should be included in the quotas trigger review. Wolves killed under sb 200 should be capped at 25 since it rarely goes above above 10 wolves. With quotas re established in wmus 313 and 316 and also 110. There is no biological or social reason to move towards regional management when MIP and WIP discuss wolf hunting , trapping and snaring. Mortality in future Montana fish and wildlife parks wolf management proposal that include wildlife services control actions sb200 mortality poaching activity.

Please consider these comments

Rebecca Falk

# #149

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm heartbroken that it is still allowed to take the life of such an amazing creature. Wolves are essential to the ecosystem and also bring in a lot of revenue for the states of Montana and Wyoming. My family and I travel from Washington every year to see these amazing creatures thrive in their natural habitat. Wish we could keep it that way and preserve this species. Please reconsider the horrifying ability to murder such innocent and amazing creatures. Thank you.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm heartbroken that it is still allowed to take the life of such an amazing creature. Wolves are essential to the ecosystem and also bring in a lot of revenue for the states of Montana and Wyoming. My family and I travel from Washington every year to see these amazing creatures thrive in their natural habitat. Wish we could keep it that way and preserve this species. Please reconsider the horrifying ability to murder such innocent and amazing creatures. Thank you.

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# #150

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments below.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

July 20, 2022

Via email to:

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Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Wildlife Division

PO Box 200701

Helena, Montana 59620

Re: 2022/2023 Montana Wolf Season

Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on wolf hunting and trapping season setting. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) is home to an astounding array of iconic wildlife species. With roughly 7,000 supporters in Montana, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC) works to engage the wide range of people who care about our region to ensure the wildlife that make Greater Yellowstone unique thrive for generations to come. Our members and supporters have a strong interest in management decisions that impact wolves in the GYE. On July 7th, 2022, Greater Yellowstone Coalition submitted a joint letter to the Commission with our partners at National Parks Conservation Association, Park County Environmental Council, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Bear Creek Council. That letter focuses on Yellowstone National Park's iconic wolves, which draw national and international attention to the region and are valued by many Montanans.

An economic study released in June 2022 found that Yellowstone wolf watchers contribute at least \$82 million to local communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (1). The 2021 decision to eliminate wolf quotas in WMUs 313 and 316 was a change that broke with a decade of tradition in Montana that had long maintained a balance between the needs and interests of all Montanans. As stated in the letter, we appreciate that Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks' (FWP's) proposed Wolf Management Unit (WMU) 313 includes an independent quota because the social and economic fabric of the area warrant unique consideration in wolf management decision-making. However, we believe the proposed quota of ten wolves in WMU 313 does not adequately account for the critical economic, scientific, and ecological role that Yellowstone wolves provide to the region. The stated logic by FWP for the proposed quota of ten wolves is based on outdated information and does not account for the high level of mortality in the area last hunting and trapping season. We respectfully request the Commission amend the proposal to a quota of two wolves total for the combined WMU 313 and 316. Wolves are valuable to Park County's economy, new Montana statute does not require reducing wolf numbers in the area immediately adjacent to Yellowstone National Park, and there is no scientific rationale to support an aggressive wolf management strategy in WMUs 313 and 316. Please see Appendix A for more detailed information supporting our recommendation for a quota of two wolves in the proposed WMU 313.

(1) See Greater Yellowstone Wildlife-Related Activity Valuation Study at

[https://www.wildlivelikelihoods.com/\\_files/ugd/94fbf7\\_e3af2ba3eff94781a02fc73fc8bbe38b.pdf](https://www.wildlivelikelihoods.com/_files/ugd/94fbf7_e3af2ba3eff94781a02fc73fc8bbe38b.pdf)

There are several other concerns and recommendations we would like to highlight specific to the 2022-2023 wolf hunting and trapping proposal:

- The elimination of nearly all WMUs and a shift toward management by trapping district/region could undermine the Commission's ability to make informed decisions about wolf management in future hunting and trapping seasons. This is because harvest reporting by trapping district is too coarse to accurately understand the distribution of hunting pressure across the state. The risk of this approach is the potential for undetected disproportionate harvest in certain geographies, which directly conflicts with Montana's stated intention to ensure wolf and elk management are considered concurrently(2).
- If FWP is relying on consistent information sources to recommend the same threshold as last season of 82 wolves for Commission review in trapping district 3, then it would be logical to subtract the independent quota of ten wolves for the proposed WMU 313 from the region wide threshold. FWP's proposal as written essentially increases the threshold for Commission review from 82 to 92 wolves for Region 3, with no clear biological rationale.
- Snaring, baiting, and night hunting are methods of take that undermine Montana's reputation for science-based, ethical wildlife management. We acknowledge the proposed restrictions on snaring in Lynx Protection Zones and floating dates for the trapping season in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat to mitigate incidental take of federally protected species but believe the prudent

approach would be to prohibit snaring across public lands altogether.

- FWP has proposed a shift to a 24-hour notice of season closure from a 12-hour notice with no clear underlying justification. This will undoubtedly result in exceeding the proposed quota for WMU 313.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment on the proposed season structure for 2022-2023 wolf hunting and trapping in Montana.

Sincerely,

Brooke Shifrin

Wildlife Conservation Coordinator

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(2) See Montana Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, page ii (paragraph 2) at <https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/wildlife-management/wolf>

Appendix A

July 7, 2022

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Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Wildlife Division

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Re: 2022/2023 Montana Wolf Season

Dear Members of the Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on wolf hunting and trapping season setting.

On behalf of the four undersigned organizations and our more than 23,000 members and supporters in Montana, we respectfully request you amend the 2022/2023 wolf hunting and trapping proposal from Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) to a quota of two wolves in the proposed new Wolf Management Unit (WMU) 313.

Our members and supporters have a strong interest in management decisions that impact wolves established in and around Yellowstone National Park. We appreciate that FWP's proposed WMU 313 with an independent quota acknowledges the ways in which the social and economic fabric of the area warrant unique consideration in wolf management decision-making. However, the proposal still falls woefully short in adequately accounting for the critical economic, scientific, and ecological role that Yellowstone wolves provide to the region.

Yellowstone National Park's iconic wolves draw national and international attention to the region and are valued by many Montanans. The 2021 decision to eliminate wolf quotas in WMUs 313 and 316 was a change that broke with a decade of tradition in Montana that had long maintained a balance between the needs and interests of all Montanans.

Since Endangered Species Act protections were removed for Montana wolves in 2011, quotas in units 313 and 316 have hovered between two and four wolves. In 2020 season setting, the commission reduced the quota to one wolf per unit. Part of the motivation by commissioners who voted to reduce the quota at that time—as stated publicly during the recorded commission meeting—was a sentiment that they have a duty to represent

the interests of all Montanans, including those that enjoy viewing wolves and other wildlife. Montana should return to the quota established in the 2020 season of one wolf (or two wolves in the combined WMU).

There is ample evidence that these wolves are much more valuable alive than they could ever be dead. We urge you to consider the following information and amend FWP's 2022/2023 wolf hunting and trapping proposal to reduce the proposed quota number in the newly created WMU 313:

Wolves are valuable to Park County's economy:



Yellowstone National Park is widely considered as one of the best places in the world to observe wild wolves, and this has greatly benefitted gateway communities and Montana's economy.

An economic study released in June 2022 found that Yellowstone wolf watchers contribute at least \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. In Park County alone, where WMU 313 is located, in total visitors spend more than \$236 million annually which helps create 3,270 jobs.

The study also concluded that 39% of Montana vacationers that stay the night in Yellowstone country come specifically to view wildlife. Of the roughly 5% of Montana visitors who hired an outfitter and guide over the last several years, 50% reported participating in wildlife watching, second only to day hiking (61%). Only 4% of visitors who hired an outfitter or guide participated in hunting. These statistics indicate a substantial portion of visitors who support the outfitting and guiding industry are primarily seeking opportunities to enjoy scenery and view wildlife.

Closures due to COVID-19, a devastating fire in Gardiner, and recent catastrophic flooding are an accumulation of relentless challenges for tourism-reliant businesses in Park County. A disproportionate harvest of Yellowstone wolves threatens to further stress the businesses that thrive on world class wildlife viewing opportunities. Establishing a quota of two wolves in the proposed WMU 313 is a simple solution to provide some relief to locals and protect thousands of rural jobs.

New Montana statute does not require reducing the wolf population through aggressive harvest adjacent to Yellowstone:

Although much has been made of a statutory requirement to reduce the wolf population, no such requirement exists specific to the region north of Yellowstone.

Reduction or elimination of the quotas in the original WMUs 313 and 316 was not specified as a requirement or recommendation of SB 314 or other recent legislation related to wolves, and these units were not identified as a specific area of concern by the bill sponsor during the legislative session when SB 314 was deliberated.

Senator Bob Brown, who sponsored SB 314, repeatedly asserted during the 2021 legislative session that the language in his bill was intentionally crafted to leave authority in the commission's hands and that commissioners would have full discretion in deciding if, how, and where new management tools would be allowed.

In fact, increased hunting may not be needed at all. While the language of SB 314 dictates that the commission, "Shall establish by rule hunting and trapping seasons for wolves with the intent to reduce the wolf population in this state to a sustainable level," it does not mandate how the commission should do this, which tools to apply where, or how quickly a population reduction must be achieved. The recent estimates from FWP suggest the wolf population is on a declining trend since state delisting (estimating a 7.8% decline in total wolf abundance. Therefore, legislative intent may already be met with no additional increase in harvest.

Importantly, Senator Bob Brown made clear that he expected the commission to manage wolves in the state based on the unique needs and circumstances across individual areas. This intent is reflected in statements he repeated during the legislative hearings, which should inform the interpretation of legislative intent. Senator Bob Brown's statements during those legislative hearings include the following:

- During the House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee hearing on SB 314, Senator Brown stated: "I'm putting the choice in the commission's hands of how they handle this...It is not requiring the commission to authorize any of these things in an area that they don't see it's needed."
- During the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee hearing on SB 314, when Representative Tom France asked Senator Bob Brown what he thought about reducing wolf populations in parts of the state where elk populations are above management objectives, Senator Brown's response was to say that the commission will have the discretion to decide how to manage wolves in different areas of the state, and he didn't believe the commission would set liberal wolf seasons in those areas that were over elk objective.
- During the Senate Fish and Game Committee hearing on SB 314, Senator Bob Brown stated: "These are tools that they could use, but it's still up to their discretion... They will have control on how they control the wolves in each individual area."

The commission has inappropriately taken a blanket approach across the state, rather than tailoring the management approach based on the circumstances of each individual area. Allowing aggressive wolf hunting and trapping in Region 3, and especially in the Yellowstone units, has stoked the flames of conflict and divisiveness in the state, and creates an outsized burden for many Montanans without having a clear, evidence-based justification.

The commission has the authority, as well as a responsibility, to restore balance to wolf management and return to a more moderate approach that represents a compromise between the needs of the diverse Montana public.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in WMU 313:

Livestock depredations have not been reported in the proposed WMU 313. Wolves in this area rarely travel far enough into Paradise Valley to trigger conflict with livestock. The Montana Department of Livestock reported only seven cattle depredations in Park County attributable to wolves between 2013 and 2021 which equates to less than one occurrence a year. None of these depredations occurred

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attributable to wolves between 2010 and 2021 which equates to less than one occurrence a year. None of these depredations occurred within the proposed WMU 313, and none have been attributed to wolves from Yellowstone National Park.

Elk populations are above objective in Region 3 and have been stable for the past ten years. The Northern Yellowstone elk herd, which uses hunting district 313, has been at or over objective since wolf reintroduction to Yellowstone. While the proportion of bulls harvested with six points or more has declined in hunting district 313 over time, the ratio of brow-tined bulls per 100 cows is substantially higher in Yellowstone National Park than on hunting district 313. This evidence suggests that hunting pressure and other factors—not Yellowstone wolves—are responsible for influencing the availability of brow-tined bulls for hunter harvest. In fact, more brow-tined elk are successfully hunted in this area than in 2009, when the wolf population was substantially smaller and still under federal protection. Millions of visitors heavily observe Yellowstone National Park wolves every year. This leads to park wolves becoming less wary to human presence, which in turn makes them far more vulnerable to hunting pressure than other wolves in the state. In other words, wolves are an easy target for hunters when they leave the park. The disproportionate harvest of wolves in WMU 313 and 316 during the 2021/2022 season relative to other areas in the state underscores potential for substantial harvest of park wolves in the area immediately adjacent to the Yellowstone National Park boundary.

FWP's justification for a quota of ten wolves in WMU 313 is that this number represents an "average" mortality rate, which is expected to result in a slightly declining population. However, the population estimate for the WMU (i.e., 29 wolves) is based on outdated averages, according to FWP's supporting information document, because it relies on data from 2011-2015 and does not seem to account for the unusually high mortality rate from this area last year. Even if it did, there is no biological reason to justify why the commission would work to reduce the wolf population in WMUs 313 and 316 which comprise less than 5% of the land base in Region 3.

Yellowstone wolves provide unparalleled opportunities for research. Scientists come from around the world to study and observe wild wolves in the park. Researchers have recorded a remarkable amount of novel biological, observational, and social data since wolf reintroduction. The opportunity for this type of long-term and in-depth research is not possible anywhere else and the state of Montana should recognize and protect these values.

Please consider a quota of two wolves in the proposed WMU 313:

We urge the commission to listen to the many Montana citizens who are concerned about the disproportionate impact of the last wolf hunting and trapping season on Yellowstone National Park wolves. A low quota in WMU 313 will help alleviate negative publicity and a dissatisfied public, and it is time for the commission to return to a balanced wolf management strategy adjacent to Yellowstone that worked for a decade.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our comments. Our groups have a strong interest in ensuring the wildlife that make our region spectacular are protected for generations to come. We appreciate the work you do and value the opportunity to share our perspective.

Sincerely,

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# #151

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All furbearer trapping should be ended. What is this, 1890? How many people are making their living this way, and why should I have to support them on public land with my tax dollars? How many people would prefer that their kids and dogs were safe on public land, rather than possibly blunder into traps? More than there are trappers, I'm sure. Why you pander to an extreme minority who love to torture animals is beyond me. And how many of these animals do you think there are out here, for people to kill year after year? You don't know, and sooner than you think these species will be gone and no one will get to see them again, much less kill them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a lifelong Montana resident, I disagree with the decisions you are making regarding wolf hunting. Montana has a long tradition of hunting ethically, but allowing night hunting, baiting, and snaring is cruel and contemptuous; are you such bad hunters that you can't catch anything honestly? I also think your quota of 450 wolves is much too high, and I urge you to actually listen to scientists and adjust your decision based on the best available information, or prepare for many lawsuits. The GYA wolves should also be left alone; this population contributes to long-standing research which could be ruined by the perturbation of hunting, not to mention the tourist dollars that the wolves bring in to the park. Are you so influenced by the voices of a few (rich) people who want to hunt wolves that you don't care about any other values?

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# #152

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a trapper and a member of MTA. And support their recommendations.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Also stand with the MTA as above.

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# #153

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Do not agree with trapping of any species.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect your endangered keystone species, the Gray Wolf, in order to maintain and promote a normal and healthy ecosystem in Montana.

Please stop all hunting and trapping of the endangered Gray Wolf. It is an inhumane method to kill, and dangerous for all animals that may be caught in a trap, and equally unsafe for people and pets that may come in contact with a trap.

There are methods that exist to help with wolf depredation in conflict areas and lethal killing should be the last resort.

Providing deterrents and educating the public and landowners on methods to safeguard livestock and pets should be a high priority. Providing a system of compensation and resources for implementing deterrents should be in place instead of the lethal killing of wolves.

The wolves in Montana/Yellowstone National Park are more valuable alive than being senselessly killed for a hunting season or from wolf/landowner conflicts. They are an endangered species and should be revered and protected.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Terri Tilotta, Minnesota

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# #154

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the 2022 furbearer seasons and Quotas!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need To have wolf hunting and trapping seasons. I support the proposed 2022 Montana wolf hunting and trapping seasons. Northwest Montana's ungulate populations are at a very low numbers due primarily to too many predators!! How many wolf hunters and trappers are actually successful vs the number of actual tag holders, probably less than 1% overall.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Should be regulated to help the animals thrive not to eliminate them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be limited in quotas. There should be more regulations especially around Yellowstone National Park. Wolves are an essential part of the habitat and should be protected. They are not the enemy. After all how many people a year travel to your state to see wolves and bring money to your state. The wolf is not your enemy, its one of your best natural resources, protect it.

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# #156

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To whom it may concern, At one time hunting of animals was essential for survival. These practices led to the extinction or near extinction of many species. To continue to hunt, even with "quota's" which I am sure are not all reported should stop. I understand the need and even desire to hunt certain animals to feed your family, but trophy hunting should stop immediately. Why not let mother nature recover from the hunters repeated assaults and reassess in a few years how things are going.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop all wolf hunting. They are not used for meat to feed a family. They are hunted purely for trophy reasons. Ranchers forget they are the invader species. Loss of any sort is to be expected, but you also learn to mitigate those losses by alternative modalities. There are successful ranchers who employ these tactics successfully. It is not the lazy way out, it is hard work. But no one said ranching/farming was easy.

It was disheartening to see how many wolves were killed from Yellowstone. Wolves that bring in millions of tourist dollars a year. People travel from all over the world to see and hear the wolves. Yet you want to silence them. Why? To say you sat in your truck, put a bait pile out and when a hungry wolf came by, shot it dead. Then pose like a fool with an animal that never did anything to you or your livelihood. Frankly you look stupid.

Stop the killing of wolves. Zero quotas.

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# #157

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce bobcat quotas by half in all areas. Revise beaver harvests to ensure sustainable populations. Mandate frequent (24 hr minimum) trap line checks. Mandate full contact information be available on all traps

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly advocate for the following changes to Montana FWP Wolf management regulations pertaining to hunting and trapping:

On areas bordering Yellowstone Park, there be a major reduction in number of wolves "harvested" to alleviate the devastation to the Yellowstone wolf population that occurred with last year's season and will continue to negatively impact the park population unless you folks act. Ideally, a quota of one wolf for each of the management units that border the park is quite enough.

Prohibit night hunting or the use of bait for trapping, limit placement of snares and mandate that snares contain full contact information for the hunter and be checked frequently, with infringement on regulations including setbacks, lack of timely checking of traps and snares resulting in loss of hunting privileges

Limit wolf hunting season to January and February.

Thank you for considering these essential changes to ensure continued healthy populations of both predator and prey species.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce your quotas - killing these animals has no impact on their numbers. Science has shown that they simply produce more. Please use science based research and methods

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop hunting wolves. I am of the silent majority that supports wolves and wolf tourism. Hunters are declining, killing wolves does not control their numbers (science based) and you are trying to take valuable tourism dollars from small entrepreneurs that support wildlife watching. Take the quotas to zero and put the bounty money towards improving education in Montana. Please use science based research as well and stop trying to hide and dodge and conceal facts

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please, for the love of our Great State, stop trapping these keystone species! We need to be protecting wolves and not making the same mistakes as prior generations. The quotas should be set to zero per season!

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## Q3

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting wild game for subsistence is 100% understood; however, trophy hunting and/or snaring of wolves is inhumane and barbaric. It's a shame that we as humans feel we have the right to end life and inflict unneeded pain on innocent animals that feel pain and live just like we do. We're all God's creatures and we should learn to treat wild animals with the same respect and humanity we do ourselves. Killing a sentient being like a wolf for the sake of killing it is senseless. It's about time those in power start realizing this before it's too late.

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## Q3

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below comment on wolf trapping

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please pause to hear out the research of those tracking and studying the wolves every day. At least give them time to present their data before allowing this type of cruelty.

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# #162

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower the number of wolves that can be killed next season

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I've just finished up a week in Yellowstone National Park and will continue my trip with another two weeks hiking and visiting western Montana. I saw a lot of wildlife in Yellowstone but was really hope to see wolves, but no luck. I am concerned that the large number of wolves killed in Montana last year and proposed for 2022 will make this increasingly unlikely. I ask that you lower the proposal to kill about half of Montana's wolves to a smaller number that will leave more wolves for all to enjoy.

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# #163

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with and support the proposed 2022 furbearer seasons and quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with and support the proposed 2022 wolf trapping and hunting seasons and quotas.

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# #164

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be protect to ensure the balance in Yellowstone. Quotas should be limited to ensure the survival of the packs.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be protect to ensure the balance in Yellowstone. Quotas should be limited to ensure the survival of the packs.

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# #165

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see below re. wolves.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear, Commissioners,

Please retain Region 3 units 313 & 316 around Yellowstone National Park. And please return to 20/21 wolf quotas of 1 wolf per unit.

Social and scientific rationale support these quotas. Gateway communities rely on wolf-watching revenues, as you've heard repeatedly from the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce and from Wild Livelihoods, for example. Viewers from all over the world and from Montana (viewers like me) take great pleasure in watching wolves around and in the park. Nonlethal users are grossly underrepresented in FWP's decision-making, even though we're a majority of Montanans. Please democratize management whenever science allows, and science certainly does allow it in this case. Elk are over-objective, so there's no biological mandate to take 10 wolves in this area. They've been good citizens and stats show their livestock predation record is very, very minimal. Plus the studies on unexploited populations conducted by park scientists like Doug Smith are unique and important. And, as park experts have told the commission and FWP, a quota of 10 park wolves in the Northern Range is untenable for the viability of their science.

When I spoke with Brian Wakeling a few weeks ago, he said that decisions like this were not decided by public comments, certainly not by how the majority of the public votes when they comment. A cynical and discouraging comment. I hope this isn't the case. Surely when large majorities of the public register opposition to a policy our public officials listen. Don't they? I understand that public opinion shouldn't trump good science. But in this case the science is on the majority's side.

Please, 1/1, in 313 & 316. Social values, economics, sound science stand behind this request.

Thank you very much.

Deborah Slicer, Ph.D.

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# #166

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a Montana resident, I am writing to urge you to return the quota of wolves killed in WMU 313 and 316 to 1 wolf per WMU. I encourage you to end trapping of wolves, night hunting and killing over bait; all of these are inhumane methods of killing wildlife. I urge you to rely upon the principles of wildlife ecology instead of politics in your decisions. What happened with hunting and trapping of wolves immediately north of Yellowstone National Park this past year was disgraceful. The excessive number of wolves killed demonstrated a total and deplorable lack of ecological literacy on the part of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and it reflected very poorly on the state of Montana.

Wolves are an essential part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Long-term wolf studies conducted in Yellowstone National Park since wolf restoration in 1995 are world -renowned for their scientific value. Wolf-watching by visitors from around the state, the U.S. and the world contributes dramatically to the local economy and the economy of the entire state of Montana. Wolf predation on livestock is minimal and wolf numbers do not need to be decreased based on any reputable scientific concept.

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# #167

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Fur is a cruel and unnecessary industry that, more often than not, eschews both ethical considerations as well as sound environmental practice. In particular, I would like to comment on revised protocol for the slaughter of wolves, per next comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

When I was growing up, "Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman" was a beloved show. For all the proud traditions of independence, land management, and pioneer spirit that American settlements developed — the show almost documented the almost immediate eradication of wolves as an indigenous species through savage and poorly developed policies of slaughter. Wolves are too often blamed for livestock deaths and killed in the most merciless of ways based on short term animal ag profit margins. Making reckless murder of these animals the norm — through permissive trapping laws, den invasions, poison, and so forth — are not only barbaric, but dangerous to the broader environment. PLEASE adopt policies that promote harmony rather than another round of ill-considered killing. Please save some wolves while there are so very few left.

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# #168

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Support

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Support

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# #169

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

First off, I'm pro-hunter, but as our state becomes more and more populated, we need to be conscious of the people and their children and pets out recreating. I'm not seeing the policies of the FWP mirroring the reality of what's happening to our state -- it's exploding in human population. However, we seem to be treating the animal life with little regard. That needs to change, before it's too late.

Therefore, here are my comments on what I think should be put forth:

1. Require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging;
2. Reduce Region 1 bobcat from the 275 quota to 200, per the wildlife biologists recommendations (we've gotten away from listening to biologists lately, it seems);
3. Support Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100;
4. Ask for a moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of the unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month-long current season; and
5. Mandatory 24hr/daily trap checks (this is just standard and humane).

According to the wildlife biologists, indicators are the bobcat populations are possibly declining in these two regions, 1 & 5.

Region 1 (NW Montana) has a history of chronically going over quota. FWP met with the trappers and agreed to a 225 quota; however, the biologists felt a better safeguard was 200. FWP went with the trappers in their proposals. Insist on a 200 quota for Region 1, which clearly follows the science.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As I made clear in No. 2, I am pro hunting, but trapping and snaring needs to be limited. As our state grows in human population and more individuals are out exploring, the policies need to reflect the fact there will be more and more recreation happening. The utter disregard being shown is breathtaking, and I grew up working at big-game hunting camps, so I'm not used to seeing fallen animals. Snared and trapped prey, however, is a completely different scenario, though, and it's one-sided and unfair and cruel. Here are my comments:

1. Snaring on private land, only, and with landowner's written permission. Prohibit ram power snares;
  2. Adjust wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 - Feb 28, in particular to avoid grizzlies;
  3. Prohibit night hunting, aerial spotting and shooting, party-trapping, pre-baiting and use of bait for hunting wolves;
  4. Instill a quota of one wolf for the Yellowstone bordering wolf management units (WMU)313/316, and 1 wolf for WMU 110 adjacent to Glacier national park, with a 12-hour closure once quota is reached;
  5. Trap setbacks of minimum 150' apply to all public roads and trails. Trapping signage on high-use recreational areas and on block management;
  6. Mandatory 24 hour/daily trap checks; and
  7. Closure of wolf hunting and trapping in wolf management units with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and severely limited quota for wolves in elk management units over population objectives.
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# #170

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Not at this time. thank you.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello to FWP Commissioners,

My name is Twila Mann and I am a 4th generation Montanan.

I am writing to strongly oppose the killing, hunting, and trapping of several hundred wolves.

Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to do so. I believe the management of Montana's wildlife, especially wolves, has been taken over by political agenda of commercial exploitation and profit making.

The wolves belong to all, not just a small special interest group.

I strongly agree with Dr. Jane Goodall's interpretation of restoration of the ecosystem in her book "The Book of Hope."

She explains the interconnection between all species. Dr. Goodall gives example of the gray wolf being wiped out 100 years ago throughout most of North America. As the wolves were gone the elk overgrazed and the eco system suffered. Mice and rabbits could not hide for loss of underbrush. Bees had fewer flowers to pollinate and grizzlies did not have enough berries prior to hibernation. Once the wolves were reintroduced the wolves brought elk populations down to a more sustainable number. Scavenger species like coyotes, eagles, and ravens started thriving, as did the grizzlies. Even the elk stabilized and we're no longer starving to death in the winter. For humans the drinking water became cleaner as river bank erosion ceased, as large elk herds hooves had muddied the waters.

It is Montana's responsibility to protect wolves, and all species, and let them help contribute to the health of land and water for ourselves, and future generations to enjoy. I ask for your vote against the killing of the wolves.

In the words of Leo Tolstoy, "Wrong does not cease to be wrong because the majority share in it."

Thank you for your time.

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# #171

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm a 5th generation Montanan. Never in my lifetime have I seen a commission codify practices and quotas without at least a nod to fair chase. Wolves are wolves. They aren't a liberal agenda, they aren't the second coming of Christ and they aren't the boogy man. Treat them with the respect that all big game animals are treated with and make science based decisions...not emotional ones. Get rid of the night hunting, baiting, etc. Set quotas based on field surveys and science not broken models and ensure a legacy where the FWP commission continues to be a respectable group not a bunch of political hacks. The pendulum can always swing back the other way but I would rather see the commission non partisan and respected even if begrudgingly by all sides. Up to each member.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm a 5th generation Montanan. Never in my lifetime have I seen a commission codify such practices without at least a nod to fair chase. Wolves are wolves. They aren't a liberal agenda, they aren't the second coming of Christ and they aren't the boogy man. Treat them with the respect that all big game animals are treated with and make science based decisions...not emotional ones. Get rid of the night hunting, baiting, etc. Set quotas based on field surveys and science not broken models and ensure a legacy where the FWP commission continues to be a respectable group not a bunch of political hacks. The pendulum can always swing back the other way but I would rather see the commission non partisan and respected even if begrudgingly by all sides. Up to each member.

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# #172

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am a huge proponent of trapping as a means to manage wildlife in our beautiful state. Living my entire life in agriculture it has become a staple during calving season to help keep coyote and wolf populations at bay. I also help on several ranches with flooding issues due to over active beaver populations. With the decreased prices in fur it is going to take all of us to be able to help with these management issues.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I personally don't see the point of taking a "wolf trapping class" just to hold multiple tags. If a person gets the rare opportunity to take more than one with a rifle I would hope they would be able to do that. After having the government trapper out the last two winters on our family ranch costing your department resources for wolf cow predations I hope the regulations change to something similar to a fishing license. Buy one for the whole season and use at will.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Awful idea. I am writing to ask that any and all forms of wolf hunting and trapping be removed and no allowed going forward.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Rules for managing wolves should be science-based

Integrated Patch Occupancy Model – Beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model ) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Economics of Wolf Watching in Montana

Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf Management Units (WMUs)

If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 0.

Trapping and snaring

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.

Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

Snaring will further degrade the face of hunting.

Wolves Can Save Montana Wildlife from a 100% Fatal Disease.

Montana should give more significant consideration to the "value" of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We're talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please remember that your choices can't be undone. You're disturbing the ecosystem and destroying natural progression. No group should be able to wield so much power.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The bell can't be unrung.

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# #175

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Support trapping in Montana. I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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# #176

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Return the quotas to what they were prior to the last season. Wolves are worth more money alive than dead. Mismanagement and lack of being able to accept feedback and criticism have tarnished Montana's reputation. Wolves should not be hunted for sport.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Return the quotas to what they were prior to the last season. Wolves are worth more money alive than dead. Mismanagement and lack of being able to accept feedback and criticism have tarnished Montana's reputation. Wolves should not be hunted for sport. A reputation can take a lifetime to build but be destroyed with a single action. A wolf hunt such as last season will be that action for Montana.

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# #177

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The source of data for counting wolves comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors.

There is no biological or scientific need for a wolf hunting/trapping season.

There is strong public support for wolves. A poll by Remington Research found that 76% of Americans oppose trophy hunting

Wolf conflicts are extremely low and processes are in place to address these rare occurrences.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

While zero quota is preferred, Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Keeping the the WMU's will maintain the consistency in reporting and tracking over the years, coordinate with elk management units, and increase transparency.

Reinstate the prohibition of spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft and eliminate baiting, night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, night vision scopes.

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# #178

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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# #179

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **MT**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Unlimited beaver trapping feels gratuitous, and why are swift foxes on this list at all? Traps catch species they aren't intended to catch, and should not be allowed in areas with lynx.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop trapping and hunting wolves. We didn't bring them back to now kill them all. Relist wolves, or at the very least protect them better with lower hunting quotas and no trapping.

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# #180

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

They are too aggressive in wolf hunting numbers

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I plan on visiting Yellowstone and Montana for several upcoming trips but believe that the proposed wolf management plan does not follow the science and is overly aggressive towards wolf hunting and trapping.

If the plan is not based in more accurate to, unbiased science and is carried out as proposed, I will be avoiding Montana and will not spend dollars dollars in the state.

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# #181

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The wild animals of Montana are a treasure that brings in tourism and millions of dollars annually from people who want to cherish seeing Furbearer animals alive and free in their natural habitat. The science shows that conflict between these key predator animals and livestock is small compared to the other reasons that livestock die.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing you on behalf of the wolves of Montana. Yellowstone NP and its wolves must be protected – they are an incredible symbol for the state and tourist resource. We do not want to hunt them, but admire their grace and strength from afar, through a camera. On Federal Land, they belong to all of us Americans. The arbitrarily drawn line of states and parks means nothing to wild creatures, and it is our responsibility to respect and protect them. Wolves bring in over \$80 million dollars in revenue! That is worth protecting, even if you don't care for nature.

The Wolf Management Units (17) must not be changed to Regional Units (7) by MTFWP. This irresponsible re-drawing of the map opens the door to mismanagement and less control of monitoring the region's quota. MTFWP needs to re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs that border national parks. Tight monitoring of the hunts to ensure quotas are not exceeded must be implemented to help preserve our shared resource.

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# #182

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Requiring an answer to this question is just an obnoxious method to deter public input on question #3 and possibly a violation of Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Montana Code Annotated and Mont. Const. Art. II, Sec. 8.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

FWP should re-institute the single (1) wolf quota for WMUs 110, 313, and 316. Moreover, the WMUs should not be changed to regional units. This is a unique population of wolves that are of great economic and scientific value to the entire nation. I personally--until this year--spent a great deal of money at least 2-3 times per year in Gardiner and Cooke City thanks to these wolves. Now they are being exterminated, in large part by a very small number of hunters. These few individuals have an outsized impact on the local economy and natural heritage of one of our greatest wild areas. Please recognize this and reduce quotas to single wolves in each WMU.

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# #183

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose any trapping of wolverines and swift foxes due to their rare occurrence and poorly understood population dynamics.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am the owner of a small, tourism based business in Gardiner, MT where I also live.

I strongly support the inclusion of a quota for the WMU(s) closest to Yellowstone and I would like to see the quota lowered to 1 wolf in each existing WMU or 2 if they are combined to create a larger unit.

My reasons are thus:

1. opportunities to see wolves are the main reason why people come to Gardiner in the winter and much of the year. Wolves are a critical component to our local economy and my business (wildlife watching and hiking in Yellowstone).
2. 313/316 have no shortage of elk, in fact the elk population is over FWP's own objective and the bull to cow ratio is very favorable for hunters, so that's not a reason to reduce the population of one of their predators.
3. Livestock depredation from wolves is negligible here, so that's not a reason either.
4. Wolf killing was disproportionately high in this tiny area last season, and without recent wolf population data, it seems foolhardy NOT to take a conservative approach with limits on wolf hunting here.
5. Especially when this species is so important for the local economy which is in shambles after the flood.
6. The quotas that we had before were fine. Let's go back to what worked well for everyone, instead of enabling a few to take so much from so many.
7. It's terrible for our reputation with visitors and it's not sporting, it's just killing.

I oppose trapping, snaring, night hunting, use of calls, bait, and telemetry. That's not fair chase, it's cruel and cowardly.

I support the 12-hour reporting time requirement as it was (not 24 hrs.) because overharvest already happens with 12 hours. Why make that worse?

Thank you for reading this. I appreciate you!

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# #184

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf is a crucial keystone species, and are still delicate in numbers. They should not be hunted.

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# #185

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping should be banned I have sat in hearings and heard the arguments. I think it is time to stop all trapping on public land.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think your limits on wolf harvest is too high. A maximum of 20 wolves is inhumane. The research indicates that the predator species keeps help keep disease down.

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# #186

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support use of snares, night hunting, baiting, aerial hunting, den invasions and extended hunting season (as in 2020/2021 hunting season) of the wolf as a recovering endangered species.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioner:

Over 22 years ago, I moved from town to a 25-acre homestead up the Ninemile Valley in Huson, Montana. I live here with my husband and two children. We are surrounded by the beautiful Lolo National Forest on three sides of our property. Moving here, we wished to be closer to the wilderness. We have livestock, forest land and crops. I am very mindful of my stock because of my proximity to the National Forest lands and the wildlife that I have the pleasure of seeing every day. My stock animals are surrounded by good fencing and are put up every night. We use our dogs to protect our stock. My animals have never been injured or killed by wildlife. Since the Yellowstone Wolf Reintroduction in 1995 and before, my valley has had naturally dispersed wolves and grizzlies, along with other predators. It is how the wilderness is supposed to be, wild! I do not want to live in a wilderness that is managed for moose, elk, and deer, because that would be like a game farm.

My entire family buys fishing and hunting conservation licenses each year, but we don't always fill our big game tags. This is because our freezer is often full of our own beef and pork. I feel that the cost of our licenses contributes to the conservation of "all species and their habitats for future generations to come". That is what Fish, Wildlife & Parks has always meant to me. The reason hunting licenses originally became issued in the United States was to prevent exploiting wildlife and commercial hunting. This should still be the reason that hunting licenses are issued. Our family believes in fair chase and only hunt game that we intend to consume. In my rural community most of my friends and neighbors hunt this way as well, especially with the rising costs. This is also why I feel it is my obligation to speak out. Please stop unethical hunting methods and unreasonably long hunting seasons. Let wildlife recover from hunting and go about their lives.

The past wolf hunting season threw conservation out the window. It was overly long and a violent, unethical, killing spree. There was no fair chase, and hunters were allowed to use any means they wanted to kill wolves. This is not conservation or ethical hunting. If you continue to allow this you are not managing wildlife, but you are only killing wildlife. My family and every American taxpayer paid to reintroduce wolves. It was very successful, and wolves are a valuable part of our ecosystem. Predators cull weak animals from our herds, leaving more grazing for the remaining ungulates. This reduces over grazing in the ecosystem. There is a possibility that wolves may help reduce Chronic Wasting Disease as well, but further research needs to be done. If this is even a slight chance, shouldn't we use every trick at our disposal to help ward off such a terrible disease? You don't have to pay the predators, because they work for free! Please do not make Montana look like a scene out of the dark ages by allowing these barbaric hunting practices and quotas to continue!

I first heard the Montana wolf population estimates to be 1,200 animals (IPOM hunter data not science based), then that number was amended to 850 animals, and most recently amended again to under 800 wolves. This was prior to the 2021 hunting season on wolves. 273 were taken this past hunting/trapping season, bringing the population down to about 527 animals. At least 25-30 Yellowstone wolves are still unaccounted for by season closure. Now we have about 497 to 502 wolves at most, because we all know that others were poached and unreported. When will the actual population data from last hunting season be released? None of the past hunting season quotas were based on facts or science. How can you set the number of animals to be harvested when you don't have the actual numbers or accurate data? Please use the research data from your own FWP biologists, so we can have a more accurate population estimate of Montana's wolves. FWP and the public can hardly make educated comments without this information.

Over 58% of the wolf harvest in Montana took place on Federal Land. The wolves belong to the whole Nation and not just our state. There is no reason to adjust Wolf Management Units currently in existence, because they serve as a good protection for these wilderness areas against over harvesting and demonstrate good will towards our National Parks. Why are you eliminating Wolf Management Unit (WMU) 110 (one Wolf Quota) and merging WMUs 313 and 316? It is very rugged terrain, accessible by few, and a great Wilderness area. Elk numbers are on target, and there has not been depredation that area in over a decade. Only one wolf should be harvested per WMU in 110, 313, and 316 to protect our National Parks and the Yellowstone economy. By combining or removing the units 313 (one wolf quota) and 316 (one wolf quota), you are not only targeting and devastating Yellowstone National Park wolves, but you are also destroying students' academic opportunities, FWP scientific research and affecting the already suffering, flood damaged communities of North Yellowstone. A two-wolf quota does not add up to taking 10 wolves if units 313 and 316 are to be

combined. This does not make any economic sense. Along with winter outdoor recreation, Yellowstone's research teams and Wolf Project Observers, much needed extra winter revenue is moving into Northern Yellowstone and the communities there. A recent market analysis has indicated that wolf watching generates over \$80 million in annual revenue to Yellowstone National Park and surrounding communities. Please do not target Yellowstone wolves and cripple that revenue.

Why has the Commission allowed people to kill more than one third of the park's population of wolves? There is minimal livestock predation around the Northern Slope area. In fact, the last one occurred in 2011. The Montana elk population has doubled in size since the wolf reintroduction, and their population in the Northern Slope area is at, or near target. The splinter elk herd behind my house has been growing an average of three percent per year. The bison population is higher than ever. These animals are healthier because wolves and other predators are there. The ecosystem in the area appears to be thriving. This proposal is not conservation. It makes no ecological sense in my eyes, in the eyes of the nation, or in the eyes of the world.

The wolves in my valley are now gone, but when they were here, they didn't bother the cows. They moved the deer and elk around, and they kept the coyotes on their toes. The wolves were beautiful to watch and to listen to. Occasionally, we would hear them sing.

I hope that my grandchildren will be able to see and hear wolves once again the valley. Finally, if you do not want to lose Montana's ability to manage our state's wolves, you should propose a more reasonable wolf hunting agenda. Do not allow these longer hunting seasons, baiting, night hunting and den invasions. From the public's perspective it appears that your proposal is geared strictly to benefit trappers and big game outfitters. This could be considered the exploiting wildlife and promoting commercial hunting. Hunting licenses should be protecting all wildlife, like our wolves. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Cassandra Rideg (406) 546-3573

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# #187

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With 1 of 5 Yellowstone wolves being killed in the last year, it is time to protect our Apex predators. I request that the quota for wolves be set to 1 in WMU 313.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I demand the stopping of indiscriminate killing methods of wolves. It should not be a fun sport to kill so inhumanely. I demand to stop baiting, artificial lights, thermal imaging, trapping, hounding, and SNARES! People doing this are practicing a strange form of guerrilla warfare, and may need psychological help. Wolves are not toys to torture and deserve respect as part of ecology.

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# #188

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Give wolves a breather.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Good mornin ' Commissioners,

As a Montanan nearly all my long life I've visited Yellowstone numerous times, and hope to continue doing so into the future. (I have even worked in the Park a number of times.) When visiting my main goal is to watch wildlife, especially wolves.

I endorse the idea of not combining units 313, and 316, and to make the wolf quotas 1 and 1.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Steve C.

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# #189

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the proposed season and quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I would prefer to see an increase in quotas in all districts to reduce the expansion of the packs and maintain them at smaller levels

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# #190

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose trapping as a management tool.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My name is Ilona Popper. I am resident of Gardiner, MT. My living depends on both wildlife-tourism, Montana's second largest industry, and on my being able to observe and write about wild wolves.

Wolves in western Montana and especially the Gardiner area are essential for our economy.

The economic study, *Tourism in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem*, shows 236 million dollars comes in from tourism and that wolf-watching brings in 82 million dollars to the GYE. Gardiner's economy faces collapse after Covid and the recent national flood disaster, but the damage began when this Commission removed wolf quotas in 313 and 316.

Generally, Yellowstone loses 2-3% of park-based wolves to hunters. This year 19% of Yellowstone wolves were killed in hunts at the park boundaries, most of them in Montana. The number of wolves taken from our region is way out of balance—a higher percentage of wolves were killed in our region than in all of Montana.

Here is my response to your proposal.

- 1) I am pleased that you propose restoring quotas to WMUs 313 and 316—or to a combined single unit 313.
- 2) If the Commission creates a new single unit 313, I advocate for a quota of no more than 2 wolves taken from the entire unit.
  - The 10-wolf quota is too high in an area where we depend on wolves for tourism.
  - The numbers of wolves here are now so low that 10 would take above the 29% maximum recommended by Adams et al.
- 3) I prefer that the Commissioners keep two wolf management units, 313 and 316, and return the quotas to 1 wolf from each unit.
- 4) I ask that you lower the overall quota in Montana to take no more than 29% maximum harvest that would prevent population decline.
  - It is shocking that you would set a quota without knowing the population number.
  - The Commission contradicts itself: They claim to be committed to this cap by referencing the Adams and Gude papers, but a quota of 450 would exceed the maximum percentage that is sustainable.
- 5) I oppose unethical practices such as trapping, hunting-over-bait, and night hunting.
- 6) I oppose managing wolves by trapping units—keep Wolf Management Units. Your structure should reflect that management is the priority in a state wildlife management agency and sport-hunting, trapping, and tourism are secondary.
- 7) We ask the Commission to include any 313/316 quotas in the total threshold for Region 3, so that the count should be 80 if you had a quota of 1 or 2 in 313 and it would be 72 if you have a quota of 10 in 313.
- 8) Return the reporting time to 12 hours. We have already had three times the quota with a 12-hour report time.

If you truly support Montana's businesses and oppose Big Government, then you will not impose an extermination order on wolves—a species valued for their role in our ecosystem, our tourism economy, and for cutting edge wolf research.

FWP Commissioners serve the citizens of Montana. No one else. According the Montana doctrine of public trust, we rely on you to enact biologically sound wildlife management. Of course, you must consider the social issues too.

While you might include some of the goals of small special interest groups like MOGA and Trappers Association of America in management, your role is to balance these minority interests with those of the majority of Montanans—ethical hunters and wildlife watchers and other non-consumptive users, like researchers. Wolf watchers, tourism businesses, and wolf researchers should be named stakeholders under Measurable Objective #3.

Please represent all of us in your decisions.

I am sending my article to each of your emails, in which I interviewed Paul Fielder, Ken McDonald, and Doug Smith. These interviews made clear that killing more wolves will have no effect on elk populations.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

- Elk populations in the state exceed FWP's goals in nearly every region. There are 473 elk above population objectives in 313 and Montana has 50,000 elk above the state objectives. WMU 316 has no wintering elk.
- Paul Fielder admits that only Region 1 has elk decline and Ken McDonald explains that this is because forests have overtaken elk habitat.
- Ken McDonald makes very clear that wolves were nowhere near overpopulated in Montana.
- Doug Smith shows the high cost to invaluable research, research that documents wolf-prey balances, reveals the nature of the species, and which is the basis for wolf management in North America.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Ilona Popper

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Honestly I just don't understand how you can protect apex predators in one patch of forest and then in that same area, because of an arbitrary definition, allow for hunting them. I'm for other forms of hunting, go for elk and deer all you want. Completely eradicate wild hogs.

When it comes to wolves, they've proven that they change the herd health and landscapes in a positive way. They've been repeatedly on and off the conservation lists, all due to an undeserved stigma. Ranching practices exist to deter wolves from livestock areas. It's simply a tragedy that America will lose it's apex predator populations simply because humans cannot use their god given intelligence for working with the wolves instead of looking to extinguish them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my comment above. For the record, I am not from California originally.

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# #192

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Shorter season and lower quotas

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing wolves for fun. They're often conditioned to view humans as harmless so shooting and trapping them is both unnatural and unfair.

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# #193

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quota 200 animals

Trapping is unnecessary and cruel, there must be mandatory 24 hr daily trap checks leaving A animal longer is cruel and unacceptable animals suffer to.

Mass slaughter of wolves and other wildlife is in no way supported by science.

So the Science should take precedence .

Montana must Adjust their wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 - Feb 28, thus to avoid grizzlies.

Trap setbacks of minimum 150' must apply to ALL public roads and trails. Trapping signage must be used in recreational areas so people know where they and their pets can be safe from the dangerous devices.

Snaring on private land must be with landowner's written permission. People must be able to control their own land if they want no trapping/ hunting it should be no trapping/hunting. Prohibit ram power snares they are nothing but cruelty and should be unacceptable.

Wildlife biologists are also Concerned that bobcat are declining so the Bobcat quota should have A reduction 200 to 100 animals and you must

Reduce Region 1 bobcat from 275 quota to 200 per the wildlife biologists recommendations. We also must have A moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of the unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month this is to long and should never be A option.

In Region 1 (NW Montana) has a history of chronically going over I Insist on a 200 quota for Region 1!

Also last Require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The Mass slaughter of wolves is no way supported by science. Montana must be going by scientific quotas and research. Montana must Prohibit night hunting, aerial spotting and shooting, party-trapping, pre-baiting and use of bait for hunting wolves. Montana must Adjust their wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 - Feb 28, in particular to avoid grizzlies. Montana must Instill a quota of one wolf for the Yellowstone bordering wolf management units (WMU)313/316, and 1 wolf for WMU 110 adjacent to Glacier national park, with a 12 hour closure once quota is reached. Also there must be A Closure of wolf hunting and trapping in wolf management units with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and severely limited quota for wolves in elk management units over populations

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# #194

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to have the opportunity to have a bobcat tag that is good all season and I like to get just one cat and it would be something I didn't have to worry about the quota .

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have heard talk of a change to trapping in wildlife management units. I really like the opportunity to trap in these units I would just like to see more freedom to move around. These units are big and a person can sign up for a district and there are no animals. But then find they are all in another section of the wmu. Most of the time there are no other people even there.

We can just notify the emu manager of the area we are trapping

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# #195

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping signs should be required.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Fair hunting policies should be in place, at the very least. Yellowstone wolves have already been reduced at a disproportionate rate. This is no longer scientific and the MTFWP has lost credibility and respect.

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# #196

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quota is way too high and will damage the population alot

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The season and quota needs to be decreased to help the overall population and offset the damages done by the Wyoming and Idaho regulations

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# #197

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to respectfully submit a recommendation instituting a daily/24 hour trap check alleviating as much suffering of trapped animals as possible. I would like quotas lowered in Region 1 from 275 to 200 Bobcats as per the Wildlife Biologists recommended numbers and in Region 5 lowered from 200 to 100 Bobcats. I understand there is concern for dropping numbers of Bobcats in these two areas of forests.

I would like to see a moratorium placed on the unlimited, unreported trapping of Beaver in our state. Updated, current information needs to be gathered on Beaver to offset unlimited trapping currently occurring during the extensive season. Please listen to concerns of residents who appreciate the varied wildlife in our beautiful state and see their lives as an asset not just a commodity.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves in Montana draw a variety of people who appreciate our wildlife as a natural resource. We need to hear those who love the existence of wolves as well as those who hate them. Wolves should not be allowed to be trapped in areas of our state with confirmed cases of Chronic Wasting Disease. Regions bordering to Yellowstone Park should be limited to 1 animal taken and unit 110 bordering Glacier National Park 1 one wolf limit. Public roads and trails should have setbacks of 150ft and require signage warning people of set traps.

Snares should be only allowed on private land with the owners permission, of course. How anything else could even be considered I don't understand. Additionally Ram snares should not be allowed anyplace in Montana, likewise for night hunting, baiting, aerial spotting and shooting and party hunts. These activities are antithetical to fair chase regulations and should not be permitted. Finally in support of our Grizzly Bear population Wolf hunting season should be limited to Jan 2 through February 28 with daily trap checks required.

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# #198

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See comments below

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed 2022 wolf quotas. I ask that you limit the wolf quota in WMU 313 to no more than 2 wolves. As a West Yellowstone homeowner, my husband and I host many guests over the summer who come to see the wildlife in Yellowstone National Park, particularly the wolves. Wolf viewing contributes greatly to the local economy. Reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone has proven to also be beneficial to the YNP ecosystem.

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# #199

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Stop killing wolves**  
State/Province: **MT**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Current management is clearly based on trappers/hunters agendas and not any of the millions of visitors who come to Yellowstone and spend money to see wolves and other animals in the bloodthirsty state of Montana.  
Do the right thing and stop allowing the indiscriminate killing of fur bearing animals including wolves. They're more lucrative alive than dead.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Byorth is the only one among you with a soul.  
The rest of you are corrupt to the core and there's a special place in hell, with all of the killed wolves, waiting for you.  
End your antiquated "management" and set the quota to one so gianforte can fulfill his fantasy for the season.

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# #200

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Pro wolf; anti Greg the assaulter

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## Q3

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #201

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The new WMU 313 should be more restricted in the number of wolves taken during hunting season N=2. Also the use of baiting, trapping, snaring, etc, should not be used in the state. But definitely should not be used in new WMU 313. Nor should collard wolves be hunted at all!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The new WMU 313 harvest should not be more than 2 wolf. The killing of collared wolf should be forbidden in the entire state. Allowing trapping, snaring & baiting should be removed from hunting. These are very unethical & cruel methods.

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## #202

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### Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** VA  
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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is no scientific factual evidence to support the continued slaughter of wolves. Political influence by small interest groups is overriding overwhelming scientific evidence that the increased killing of wolves is harmful to the environment and creates an imbalance in the ecosystem. Beyond that it's unethical that unqualified politicians make decisions impacting the wolf population. The wolves do not solely belong to single states and state politicians should not be able to pass quotas for wolf killing that will have a catastrophic effect on the wolf population of this country. Wildlife enthusiasts will at some point organize to boycott states that continue to benefit monetarily from Wildlife viewing but continue to exercise Wildlife extermination.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I urge you to reduce the amount of kills and thereby the amount of furs that hunters are allowed to take. The quotas that are proposed are way to high. Please decrease this amount.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I urge you to stop the slaughter of wolves in and outside of Yellowstone. Wolves are a necessary addition in Montana to keep a natural and healthy environment for the prey animals present. Wolves are a major draw for visitors to Yellowstone. It's already difficult to catch a glimpse of the illusive wolf, killing many off will deprive tourists and local nature lovers from seeing any. Wolves are intelligent animal and have strong pack family ties. Why must hunters be allowed to shoot and kill so many animals?

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# #204

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is fine if it is consistent with best management practices.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

If the elk population has declined because of human hunting (and I have friends in the Southeast who came home with trophies) and not wolves, then there is no call for the mass slaying that Montana initiated last year. Reduce the quota and limit the means. The night goggles and the helicopters and the use of cell phones (and possibly inside information from tracking devices) is not hunting. It's slaughter.

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# #205

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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Wolves should not be killed.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It should not happen

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## #206

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would recommend that the quota for allowable wolf kills be set at 0 or very minimal numbers and not 10 per year please use science based decision making and do not allow politics to unduly influence decisions

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I would recommend that the quota for allowable wolf kills be set at 0 or very minimal numbers

I am concerned that the model used to estimate wolf population numbers may not give a true picture of the number of wolves actually found in Colorado

I think that the trapping of wolves using snares is cruel and if we are going to re-introduce wolves into the state then we should not set them up for failure and suffering

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# #207

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Once more, they remain too high

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It's ecologically unsound, utterly unscientific, and driven by a partisan fervor rather than sense. It's shameful and disgusting breach of best practices amongst keystone species driven by illogical fear and base ignorance. A stain upon the state.

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# #208

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The overwhelming majority disdains the recreational trapping of our precious wildlife on our public lands. There is no way to avoid or curtail the non targeted capture and killing of our pets and wildlife. Everyone is at risk of injury by these tortuous devices and are being held hostage by a handful of trappers seeking a thrill.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is insanity to seek the slaughter of 460 wolves in Montana. I demand a science base 10% cull be called for and not the extinction of wolves in Montana.

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# #209

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

1Please require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging.

Please reduce Region 1 bobcat from the 275 quota to 200 per the wildlife biologists recommendations.

I support Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100.

We need a moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of the unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month long current season!

Please require mandatory 24hr/daily trap checks.

Region 1 (NW Montana) has a history of chronically going over quota! FWP met with the trappers, as always, and agreed to a 225 quota which the biologists felt a better safeguard was 200. Please institute a 200 quota for Region 1!

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. Snaring on private land, only, and with landowner's written permission.  
Prohibit ram power snares.
  2. Adjust wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 - Feb 28, in particular to avoid grizzlies.
  3. Prohibit night hunting, aerial spotting and shooting, party-trapping, pre-baiting and use of bait for hunting wolves.
  4. Instill a quota of one wolf for the Yellowstone bordering wolf management units (WMU)313/316, and 1 wolf for WMU 110 adjacent to Glacier national park, with a 12 hour closure once quota is reached.
  5. Trap setbacks of minimum 150' apply to all public roads and trails. Trapping signage on high use recreational areas and on block management.
  6. Mandatory 24 hour/daily trap checks.
  7. Closure of wolf hunting and trapping in wolf management units with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and severely limited quota for wolves in elk management units over population objectives.
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# #210

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am asking that the season be shortened and the quotas be lowered substantially. The way the season and quotas are at the present will have and have had a devastating impact on the animals and the environment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am asking that the hunting season be substantially shortened and the quotas lowered. That all the regions near Yellowstone have a quota of zero wolves. The number that were taken last year depleted the wolves by 25%. That is enough to have a huge impact on all the wolves within Yellowstone. The use of baiting, leg hold traps, night vision hunting and all the other inhumane tactics of hunting need to be taken off of the proposed season. Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem they strengthen the elk herds and make the entire landscape the way it was meant to be.

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# #211

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wish there was no trapping season, at least NO Trapping and Snaring in Grizzly Bear and Lynx recovery areas. There should be a 12 hour check on traps and snares.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose any Wolf Trapping or Hunting Seasons. There is no scientific/biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana Wolves. The proposal for a Wolf Trapping and Hunting season is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations. Our nations Yellowstone Wolves provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities. The Yellowstone Northern Elk herd is growing and healthy and sustainable for Wolves and Humans. DO NOT change the current 12 hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. To change to a 224 hour emergency closure insures over quota. Same day emergency closure (6pm) with traps and snares removed.

DO NOT change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This is not science based management and is not done for other large carnivores. This would be a means to prevent the Wolf community monitoring the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone Wolves.

Wolves are an essential part of these ecosystems and vital for healthy populations of other wildlife in these regions. There is no scientific bases for a Wolf Trapping or Hunting Season. It's time to listen to the majority of American people in all our nation's states - NO WOLF TRAPPING OR HUNTING!!! Thank you

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# #212

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

This is so disturbing. Stop killing these animals before nature kills us all.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Nature is already hunting us through covid. If we keep disturbing God's will of nature and Earth we will pay as a people. Trapping animals? My God.

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# #213

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## Q1

Contact information:

City/Town: **Butte**  
State/Province: **MT**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

the quota is TOO HIGH

consider the following:

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

see above comments

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# #214

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please be smart in what you allow for this.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I can see hunting elk and deer. There's an overpopulation of them, and people hunting them helps eliminate that. Then they eat it. Wolves.....absolutely senseless!!!! If anyone with any sort of education is behind this, they would know that wolves are social and emotional beings. They aren't overpopulated. People don't eat them. They are a huge part of what brings people to the GYE, also providing millions in tourism. Please, please STOP this senseless hunt, murder, trapping. It needs to be about the well-being of these creatures, that call this place home, and not about the ranchers, cattle, and their profit. Please STOP this!!!!!!! It's the right thing to do!

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# #215

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I appreciate the Commission making changes to the bobcat quotas to ensure a healthy, robust population of bobcats for future generations.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for your service and your work conserving wildlife. I respectfully ask that the Commission not change from 17 WMUs to 7 Regional Units, that the 12 hour emergency closure window remain for WMUs 313, 316, and 110, and that the Commission establish a quota of 1 wolf for WMUs 313, 316, and 110. Keeping monitoring units smaller and on a more local level will allow for more targeted monitoring of harvests, and a quicker emergency closure window gives the Commission more flexibility to make changes in the event a quota is exceeded. Further, wolves in Yellowstone and Glacier are major drivers of economic activity, and the Commission should give strong consideration to the wishes of wildlife watchers and businesses and individuals that make their living from the ecotourism industry. Hunting has a long, venerable tradition in our country and has been and is a good tool to support conservation of wildlife, but excessive and over-hunting has damaged many wildlife populations and species in the past, particularly in our country. The Commission should structure hunting quotas and regulations to make sure that wildlife populations are healthy and robust, that the will of the majority is being respected, and that local variations in economies and feelings towards wildlife are accounted for.

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# #216

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop all hunting and trapping of wolves immediately. It has been proven repeatedly that their impact on the overall ecosystem is positive. Your willingness to be paid off by lobbyists for the meat industry is not in the best interest of our state or the environment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #217

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am not a resident, but Montana is my favorite place in the world to visit. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is uniquely valuable—few wild places like it remain. It is a privilege to visit. FWP has the honor and responsibility to care for this place. In recent years, I have seen wolf trapping and hunting regulations, seasons, and quotas become increasingly biased in nature. Annual data to determine population and harvest counts should be collected from a variety of stakeholders, including but not limited to the hunting community, ranching community, AND the scientific community. To base numbers entirely upon hunting and trapping data is incomplete and irresponsible. The 2022 quota should not be subject to increase during the season. The quota of 450 wolves is too high. The harvest of roughly half the state's population is not sustainable. That number should not exceed the number of 273 wolves harvested in the 2021 season. The hunting and trapping season should be subject to emergency closure at any time, should data emerge indicating that the existing quotas are not sustainable. The current season, regulations, and quotas are politically-driven. This is unethical. Quotas and regulations should always be based on the best available data and science. Methods of take should be ethical and humane. Baiting, use of artificial lights, and use of thermal imaging should not be permitted. I also implore you to reduce the quota of WMU 313 to one wolf for the 2022 trapping season and one wolf for the 2022 hunting season. Time, research, and dollars have been invested in the wolf population residing in Yellowstone National Park. The harvest of these animals is far costlier than the harvest of wolves in other management units. It is certainly costlier than the revenue from licenses sold. The 2022 season should retain the 12-hour season-closure notice, rather than the proposed 24-hour notice. This increase demonstrates that placating a politically-driven anti-wolf community is more important to FWP than adhering to quota. Public comments used to inform the 2022 wolf season, regulations, and quotas should not be screened based on what FWP senior leadership deems "useful" or "favorable." Thank you for your time!

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# #218

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Ridiculous

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This is completely unacceptable. 20 wolves each is entirely too much.

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# #219

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Even though reduction in bobcat quotas results in less opportunity for me and other fellow trappers, I support the reduction in bobcat quotas because to me it seems like FWP is making the decision based on biological/scientific data and not public opinion

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

#### On Trapping:

First, thank you FWP. As a trapper, veteran, and Montana resident I appreciate the opportunity that FWP has given us trappers and the amount of backlash they have put up with over the last couple years over wolves and trapping in general. Second, it is disappointing that sportsmen and especially trappers have gotten a reputation of trying to destroy the wildlife of Montana. Out of all the trappers I have met, I will say that I have never met a more respecting and less intrusive group of wildlife. I have seen normal outdoor recreationist (campers, hikers, etc.) constantly leave trash, harass wildlife, and in general destroy the wild areas they come in contact with. I have never seen or heard of a trapper committing these acts, probably because of trapping they are invested in seeing the areas they trap remain wild and prolific in the amount of wildlife. After returning home from Afghanistan, the real world felt lonely, fast, disorientating, and disconnected. Being outside and hunting/fishing/trapping really helped to alleviate some of the loneliness and disconnection I felt in the real world, and for that, I am truly grateful

#### On Wolves:

Plain and simple, trappers and hunters do not want to see wolves eradicated. We want to ethically harvest the correct amount to ensure a healthy habitat and carrying capacity of the environment. I enjoy watching wolves in Yellowstone just as much as the person I am standing next to that is probably heavily against their hunting and trapping. I would like to see the trapping season start December 1st regardless of grizzly bear activity. No grizzlies were caught last year and I think we can move the date up to December 1st. I would even support a trap restriction if we moved the date up to something like (December 1st-hibernation- foothold traps only, Hibernation date-March 15th- normal rules). I also support the quotas on wolves as long as they are based on biological and scientific data and not on my opinion as a trapper or as an anti-trapper/hunter's opinion.

Thank you for taking the time to read this- John

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## #220

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### Q1

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### Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment needed other than I support trapping opportunities and science based management for quota setting.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm all for trapping and hunting to be used both as management tools and as recreation opportunity. I think going away from WMU's and going to trapping districts is a good plan.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The killing of Yellowstone and Montana wolves is part of the push to commercialize Montana wildlife and needs to stop. Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S. Do not change the current 12 hour emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 that border Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park. To change to a 24 emergency closure insures we go over quota. Same day emergency closure (6 p.m.) with traps and snares removed. When MtFWP discuss wolf hunting, trapping and snaring mortality in future Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks wolf management proposal they include Wildlife Services control actions, SB 200 mortality and poaching activity numbers.

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# #222

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These seasons should be reduced and quotas reduced, does anyone wear fur any more.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think that these seasons and quotas should be greatly reduced or even eliminated especially in the zones adjacent to Yellowstone National Park. Wolves and Grizzley bears bring in quite a bit of revenue to the Yellowstone area. People spend thousands of dollars to view these animals in their natural habitat. Towns and small businesses depend on tourists that come to visit and spend money here. Plus these animals greatly benefit the Yellowstone ecosystem. I read that Montana has 140,000 elk which is about 90000 too many, let nature take its course, the wolves and bears will help to reduce this excess population by getting rid of the old and sick, and you will have a better healthier elk population. The zones around Yellowstone should have greatly reduced quotas to keep the ecosystem healthy. Wolves should be put back on endangered list to ensure these animals keep on existing on this planet

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The seasons seem sufficient.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana as a tool to protect or ungulates. Also we should do away with the reporting of wolf takes.

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# #224

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am completely opposing the plans. No science based necessity behind these numbers, only favoring hunting groups.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

I am opposing the whole wolf hunting, trapping plan. Coming up with numbers as a guess, there is no science based reason for this hunt in the State of Montana.

Elk numbers are rising they are over objective in areas with shoulder hunting periods, and the herds are healthy.

Wolves are Not a threat to human safety. There is no existing report of wolf attacks in Montana.

Wolves are not a threat to Livestock industry.

65 predation out of 2.6 million cattle? 50 times more are dieing from other different reasons. This is a fact, I am working with cattle, with cattle ranchers 17 years now. Ranchers are getting reimbursement as 3x of recent market price.

I also can't see the reason for combining wolf Management Units. It is just making sure, it is impossible to follow the areas, how many wolves are killed. You don't do this for other large carnivore or ungulate hunting.

Please put back the 1 wolf per WMUnits -313- 316- and 110 surrounding Yellowstone.

The 10 wolves quota is still too many with no science based decision again, and wolf hunters are targeting Yellowstone National Park wolves due to simple hate.

In connection to this subject, don't change, don't double the 12 hour time closure to 24 hours in WMUnits. They are always going over the quota numbers in the recent timeframe. Your change is an insurance for them going over quota and kill much more wolves.

To hunt specifically park wolves just outside of the park are absolutely unreasonable, especially if you consider the dry facts, tourist dollars are flowing into the surrounding communities around Yellowstone, ( \$82million) by increasing the economy. It is keeping more people in business. That includes Montana towns, communities.

I am myself have been spending thousands of dollars in Gardiner, Montana every year just because of them. Food, gas, hotels, car problems etc in Montana!

There is no official wolf population report by wildlife biologists, only based by reports of hunters, trappers, therefore we don't know how many wolves have left after the last hunting season. This hunting plan, just like the last season only pleasing huters, trappers. The majority of Montana residents, and the American people want wolves on the landscape of public lands.

Please start a wildlife friendly management, and consider not only work together with hunting groups.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Krisztina Gayler

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# #225

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am an advocate for trapping in Montana. It is a necessary tool in the management of game and non game species in our state. Decisions on quotas, districts, methods and equipment should be based on science, research and input from those of us in the field who respect our wildlife as a resource. Politics should have no place in sound wildlife management. Political views only help to muddy the waters of good wildlife decisions. Trapping is a heritage in our state, where common sense is still common. Let's not go the way of other states that have given in to special interests with large bankrolls to ban our outdoor sports.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think that we should do away with GPS coordinates being used for wolf catch data. I can see how this information can be used against trappers by anti trappers and wolf preservationists. A trapping district should suffice. The floating start date for wolves should be eliminated. Currently, a bear sighting could keep the season from opening well past a practical season for trapping wolves. It should be a set date, shortly after the standard big game closure. This will allow trappers to take the necessary time off and planning required for this equipment intensive form of trapping. I understand the possibility of an incidental catch of a bear, but that is possible when trapping coyote and bobcat which would be allowed. It's obvious that certain districts have too many wolves. Quotas on these areas fill fairly quickly. Wolf trapping, by nature is a very hit and miss proposition. These districts probably need to have their quotas increased. Wolf predation on our ungulate population cannot be ignored. Deer, elk and moose populations have been affected by increasing wolf numbers. We need to continue to use trapping as a viable tool for wolf management and not let the emotions of certain groups make these key decisions. Please continue to manage all of our wildlife in the common sense, realistic methods that include trapping in our great state. Thank you for your time.

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# #226

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trapping.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support wolf hunting and trapping. I feel we are finally giving our ungulates a chance to survive and hopefully thrive again someday.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support leaving the quotas & seasons as they are. basing changes to either or both based on one years reported data seems foolish to me. weather conditions & projected fur prices are the controlling factors of what is taken in any one year

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support trapping, especially the trapping of wolves to protect our ungulate populations. wolves travel way to far for any effective WMAs to be used. go back to hunting districts for wolves. the reporting harvest locations should be limited to hunting districts or WMUs only. exact location reporting only leads to stolen traps & trapper harrassment, both illegal but seldom enforced.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully disagree with this season since it hurts the ecosystem and drives the populations down of these beloved animals

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling (IPOM) is not peer reviewed and is inaccurate when attempting to count Montana Wolves. Additionally, the source of data for IPOM comes exclusively from the hunting community not the scientific community or even trained surveyors. This means biased and tainted sample data which result in invalid model inputs and inaccurate recommendations by MtFWP biologists to the c,omission.

-What is the biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves? There are no biological reasons to kill Yellowstone and Montana Wolves. This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations.

-Yellowstone Wolves provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

-Yellowstone Northern Elk herd is growing and above objective and Elk Recruitment is healthy along with hunter success rates near Yellowstone.

-Montana elk populations are virtually near or in most management units above objective.

-It is long over due that Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks include the non-consumptive wildlife friendly in the decision making making process.

-No trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas.

Wolves killed in WMUs 313 and 316 are to be included in the quota review trigger mechanism.

-Wolves killed under SB 200 should be capped at 25 since it rarely goes above 10 wolves.

-With quotas re-established in WMUs 110, 313 and 316, there is no biological or social reason to move towards regional management.

-Yellowstone/Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the Public Trust Doctrine. Yellowstone and Federal lands belong to all Americans.

-The killing of Yellowstone/Montana wolves is part of the push to commercialize Montana wildlife and it needs to stop. I will may need visiting Montana until it does due to this inhumane policy.

-The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. It is time we have a seat at the table with wildlife management.

-The silent majority of Montanans and Americans want wolves and other large carnivores on the landscape.

-Montana livestock depredation for 2021 was 64 cattle. These livestock producers were reimbursed for their loss with a multiplier of 3 times the value. Montana has 2.6 million cattle currently

This terrible process must end. I will not be traveling to Yellowstone/Montana until I see positive and fair progress towards the treatment of these wolves.

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# #229

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Distinguished Commissioners,

I come before you with my concerns and requests today on the proposed 2023 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas. Trapping and the use of snares are inhumane! The animals caught in them suffer due to not being killed immediately and sometimes for days before they are discovered. Some even resort to chewing themselves free. Domestic pets and people have sometimes been caught and injured or killed by the traps. This should be unexceptable! Please stop these outdated methods. Please take into consideration the voices of the non-consumptive who would rather enjoy the beauty of the wilderness and its wildlife. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Becky Naidow

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Distinguished Commissioners,

I come to you with my concerns, comments and requests regarding the 2022 proposed Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas. I would like to remind the Commissioners that as an American the Federal Lands also belong to people like me. I would like to voice some of my concerns to you.

First, the IPOM is an inaccurate way to count the wolves in Montana. It has no scientific basis and comes from the interests of the hunting groups. There is no biological reason to kill the Yellowstone Wolves. This slaughter is driven by the outfitters and unethical hunting groups. Montana's and Yellowstone wolves are worth so much more alive! They bring tourism to you which generates an income in the millions! The loss of livestock is in no way equal to this. In 2021 64 cattle were lost and the ranchers were reimbursed 3 times the value of the cattle. This number is nothing compared to the 2.6 million cattle in Montana at this time. I also would request the quota in regions 313, 326, and 110 be changed back to 1 as in the past. 110 is a vital wildlife corridor in to the U.S. Do not change the WMUs from 17 to 7 regional units. This only serves to make it harder for wildlife preservation groups to monitor the wolves and other large carnivores. The silent majority Want wolves and other large predators on the landscape.

As you are all too aware,

when the wolves killed are reported and reach the so called quota, this number is Very inaccurate! More are killed and not reported in the allotted time. This must be monitored in a much more HONEST and transparent way! Again the Federal Lands belong to all of us! Please take the concerns and comments of the the non-consumptive people into consideration when completing the proposed processes. We have a voice that matters!

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

Becky Naidow

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# #230

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting wolves that happen to cross an invisible federally protected area that belongs to All Americans is not acceptable at any level.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Given that an entire pack of Yellowstone wolves was wiped out last year, hunting an apex predator that is vital to the entire ecosystem of the Greater Yelooystone area should be wholly banned. Killing wolves to protect a few cattle is absolutely unacceptable. Hunters being able to bait and lure wolves outside the protected area is barbaric.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing today to ask that quotas in areas that border National Parks in Montana be restored. WMUs 313, 316, and 110 should have a quota of 1 wolf each. These wolves are essential to intact ecosystems that national parks are meant to preserve, as well as to the economy of the state of Montana. Yellowstone wolves contribute \$82 million in revenue for gateway communities. The wolves that were killed last year spend 96% of their time inside the park and should not be considered Montana wolves.

In addition to the wolves in national parks, I am concerned about the non-scientific measures being used to establish hunting guidelines throughout the entire state. IPOM is not a peer reviewed model and should not be used. An often used reason for killing more wolves is that the elk population is being decimated. This is not accurate. Elk numbers are very similar to what they were when wolves were reintroduced. In addition, wolves are not the only predators who kill elk and even if the numbers of elk do decline, that should not be used as a justification for killing more wolves.

Please consider reinstating the quotas near the national parks, leave the units as they are and use a scientific, peer reviewed model to determine management of wolves in Montana.

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### Q3

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Please consider reinstating the quotas near the national parks, leave the units as they are and use a scientific, peer reviewed model to determine management of wolves in Montana.

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# #232

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is animal cruelty and should be stopped entirely. Our wildlife populations face significant habitat destruction due to development and climate change and OUR collective public lands should be a safe space for them. Until accurate counts are generated no population reductions should occur. Please reduce the season and quota to zero. Trapping is outdated and antiquated- it is no longer a 'way of life' simply a cruel 'hobby'.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Additionally, wolves and other predators are guardians of our ecosystems and should be protected in full. Wolf hunting should be reduced to zero. Trapping is animal cruelty and should be stopped entirely. Our wildlife populations face significant habitat destruction due to development and climate change and OUR collective public lands should be a safe space for them. Please reduce the season and quota to zero. Trapping is outdated and antiquated- it is no longer a 'way of life' simply a cruel 'hobby'.

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# #233

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Bobcat quotas should be lowered even further. Fur trapping of a native species for profit is commodification of wildlife. I see no reason to promote trapping of bobcats for the fur market when survival rates are already low.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The units surrounding Yellowstone National Park should have a quota of 1 wolf, not 10. Wolves are vital to the tourism of local communities and have intrinsic and ecological value to many Americans, including First Nations peoples. Allowing wolves to be hunted and trapped near the park causes the survivors to change their behavior which disrupts important scientific research on these animals.

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# #234

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please end the wolf quotas for the upcoming season.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Good Morning Commission Chair Robinson,

I am writing to you and your Commission today to ask you to stop the upcoming wolf hunt.

While you've heard all the scientific, technical, and detrimental environmental impact reasons to haunt the upcoming hunt, I am asking you to consider

The humane reasons.

The Human Race has put the Red Wolf species on the brink of extinction. No species should fall into extinction because of human

Interference.

I am appealing to your sense of right and wrong, your moral code, your personal ability to choose the correct course for the future of the wolves living in your State.

I understand you are all hunters and pride yourselves with that title.

While hunting for food is fine, hunting for the sole purpose of killing for fun, for the joy of just destroying an animal and it's family, is not fine. The unnecessary slaughter of these wolves is highly immoral and wrong.

In a recent "legal" wolf hunt, two hunters killed 50 wolves. They piled them into the back of their flatbed truck and proudly displayed their photo all over the internet. Can you actually say you and your Commission approve of this type of slaughter? Personally, I was and still am appalled and disgusted.

The Wolves in Montana, Idaho and Utah have a right to live on the land where they were born.

They have a right to live unencumbered by humans and they have a right to live as they were meant to be: wild and free.

Please stop the upcoming hunt and the inhumane methods used to trap, poison and hunt down these animals.

These hunts are destroying families and are having an environmentally damaging consequences.

The World is watching the MtFWP and how you handle your upcoming decision. Future generations will remember and judge you on your choice. I can only hope you all make the morally correct decision for the welfare of the wolf species in your care.

Please stop the upcoming hunt.

Sincerely,

Doriann Murphy Jasinski

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Return the WMU 313 and 316 to one wolf per unit.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the commission should return the WMU 313 and 316 to one wolf per unit. That was a long fought compromise between wolf advocates and the previous commission. If you truly are representing all Montanans and all public lands (which belong to America, not this state exclusively) then compromise should be sought. If not, then just be honest that you are now only representing a minority and your own interests. Since the previous hunt, scientists (who are still allowed to do science) in YNP have noticed a marked increase in breeding females as opposed to when the packs were not fractured by a hunting season. This seems to be the OPPOSITE of reducing population. What tactics are these exactly? Is this the chocolate cake diet? The fight fire with gasoline approach? The save money by flushing it down the toilet? Sounds like snake oil to me. If the true goal is not reduction, then what is it? Division and conquest? What are you trying to accomplish here? Because it sure as heck isn't wildlife management.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Forsyth**  
State/Province: **MT**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please make no changes to the 2022 Furbearer season and or Quotas. Science has established that trapping is an excellent conservation method.

I support trapping in Montana.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please! Lessen the quotas for furbearers. We are decimating populations that we need for equilibrium.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Again, I believe the seasons and quotas are too long/too high.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Hamilton**  
State/Province: **MT**  
Email Address: **kitilly281@gmail.com**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We think that beaver trapping numbers should be reported.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

To the Fish and Wildlife Commission:

We are Ravalli County residents who would like to comment on the proposed changes to the wolf trapping and hunting seasons and quotas. We think that the quota in the new WMU 13, adjacent to Yellowstone National Park, should be reduced below 10. Yellowstone wolves have developed a tolerance of human presence that has made them extremely vulnerable to hunting and trapping. This important population, which attracts many visitors and their money to Yellowstone and surrounding communities, was reduced by 20% last year. The viability and genetic diversity of this population is threatened by this sort of reduction. We also think that the commission should prohibit extreme types of hunting that are now legal in Idaho, including night hunting, aerial hunting, and baiting. Setbacks on gated roads, where people like us frequently walk dogs, should be restored to 150 feet. Finally, we think that wolf hunting and trapping should be severely restricted where they are performing a service, such as areas with Chronic Wasting Disease or those with elk over-population.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Tilly and Joe Rimensberger  
Hamilton, Montana

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# #239

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** jjparce@yahoo.com

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping in Montana. Responsible and well regulated trapping is a form of hunting and is essential to the conservation of wildlife populations.

I support trapping of wolves in Montana. Trapping is an extremely effective means to regulate predator populations to protect deer, elk, and antelope populations. I feel that when wolf populations are controlled through responsible methods, such as trapping, their existence in nature can be beneficial. I feel that wolf populations should be regulated by hunters and trappers alike.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe trapping districts should be established. When reporting wolf harvests, I believe the only required location information should be the trapping district where the wolf was harvested. Any additional information about where the wolf was harvested is not the business of the government. Reporting of any additional location information should be left to the discretion of the trapper. Requiring trappers to report specific information about where a wolf was harvested within a trapping district will inevitably invite additional conflict between trappers and anti- hunters and anti- trappers.

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# #240

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**City/Town:** Franksville  
**State/Province:** WI  
**Email Address:** czsagilityk9s@yahoo.com

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is cruel.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop this from happening. It is cruel and senseless. Leave the wolves in peace.

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# #241

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**Email Address:** Ls1975@fastmail.fm

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reasonable

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I applaud Montana's policies that allow farmers and ranchers to protect their livestock. While I enjoy seeing wolves in Yellowstone, I recognize that wolves cannot be trained to limit themselves to wild food sources. Ranchers and farmers must be able to protect their livestock.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** lollypza@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think all wolves should be put back on the endangered species list. Please protect our wolves! The quota reduction of 20 to 10 is ridiculous. The methods of hunting is not even hunting! Allowing electronic calls, and baits should be outlawed!! If hunting was fair, I think a lower quota would be more acceptable. As it is, I believe all wolves should be put back on the endangered species list!!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think all wolves should be put back on the endangered species list. Please protect our wolves! The quota reduction of 20 to 10 is ridiculous. The methods of hunting is not even hunting! Allowing electronic calls, and baits should be outlawed!! If hunting was fair, I think a lower quota would be more acceptable. As it is, I believe all wolves should be put back on the endangered species list!!

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It is my belief that both seasons and quotas should be reduced if not eliminated altogether. Trapping is an antiquated hobby that is inhumane and not profitable.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My comment is there is little to no peer reviewed modeling that is accurate enough to justify IPOM. There is no biological reason to hunt or trap these wolves. More revenue can be generated by the existence of living wolves than the commercialization of killing them. Trapping and hunting these animals is a form of antiquated entertainment that serves no other purpose outside of bloodlust and the opportunity to kill for killing's sake.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Do away with the floating start date.

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# #245

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be protected from trapping and hunting.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be protected from trapping and hunting

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# #246

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support predator management as a tool to protect our ungulate populations.

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# #247

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** MT  
**Email Address:** bpjkerns@gmail.com

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Use quotas, not thresholds.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

WMU 313 threshold should be less than 100 wolves in order to be sustainable.

Current modeling is insufficient and lacking in scientific basis. FWP can and should do better with good data and sound analytical techniques with peer review.

Wolves are a keystone species that should not be killed for pleasure or profit.

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# #248

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## Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **Clinton**  
State/Province: **MT**  
Email Address: **bmtucker@blackfoot.net**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of the marten changes.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of eliminating wmu's and going to the trapping district model. When reporting a wolf harvest the only information required should be the district the wolf was harvested in except district 313.

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# #249

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I visit Montana for wildlife viewing and for the habitat the wildlife is integral to having that type of biodiversity. I cannot tolerate knowing just how many animals the state of Montana allows people to kill for their purposes such as money and pelts or simply for pleasure

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves control their own numbers. A wolf hunt is destructive to their social structure which is what is necessary to having their own population controls. I oppose recreational wolf killing in a wolf season.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>lumleyandsons@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the proposals

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and management of wolves is vital to a holistic wildlife management approach. Where all wildlife matters. Article 9 section 7 of the Montana constitution ensures the ability to harvest to the citizens of the state. Not to out of states or Yellowstone National park. Does the commission intend to give the last 2 weeks of the elk season back in 313-316? How about the unlimited sheep tag? Folks in Montana have lost almost 4000 elk and ungulate licenses in these two districts since 1996. It would seem the ability to harvest was not protected. Montana's wolf population is almost 10 times recovery goals, and all the new methods and improved methods of take did not adversely impact the overall population. Robust wolf management is necessary to ensure all wildlife in Montana is doing well.

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# #251

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** NV  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the killing of wolves. Wolves are extremely important to the ecosystems.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the killing of wolves. Wolves are extremely important to the ecosystems.

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# #252

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name:	<b>Matt lumley</b>
City/Town:	<b>Emigrant</b>
State/Province:	<b>MT</b>
Email Address:	<b>lumleyandsons@gmail.com</b>

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the proposals

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and management of wolves is vital to a holistic wildlife management approach. Where all wildlife matters. Article 9 section 7 of the Montana constitution ensures the ability to harvest to the citizens of the state. Not to out of states or Yellowstone National park. Does the commission intend to give the last 2 weeks of the elk season back in 313-316? How about the unlimited sheep tag? Folks in Montana have lost almost 4000 elk and ungulate licenses in these two districts since 1996. It would seem the ability to harvest was not protected. Montana's wolf population is almost 10 times recovery goals, and all the new methods and improved methods of take did not adversely impact the overall population. Robust wolf management is necessary to ensure all wildlife in Montana is doing well.

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## Q1

Contact information:

Name: **Daniel Armstrong**  
City/Town: **Florence**  
State/Province: **MT**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping of wolves should be prohibited. Trapping is indiscriminate and traps non target animals. Trapping is barbaric and encourages bad/lazy hunting practices. Shooting should be the only hunting option.

Limit of 20 is too high.

I also consider baiting to be un-sportsman like.

Thank you for your consideration.

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# #254

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province:	<b>CO</b>
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas need to be tight and restricted towards conservation. We must stop pillaging our beautiful country!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The hunting season that just passed is a disdain and dismal product of mankind's greed. There is absolutely NO reason to lie in wait to kill an animal...just because.

The wolves are a regal and beautiful comeback story... the greed is sour and disgusting.

Put the guns down. Pull the blinders off. Celebrate nature...protect these glorious animals. Protect our lands. Protect nature.

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# #255

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Clinton John morris  
**City/Town:** Kalispell  
**State/Province:** MT

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf trap/snares and I believe Idaho has proven dates and methods of trapping

Martin tagging is unnecessary simply ask trappers to fill out survey or do physical studies would result in more information to the biologist

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

With the over population of wolves in our state and the country they can travel there's absolutely no reason for a quota in any region in the state of Montana. The wolf has absolutely devastated the ungulate population. They need to be managed and controlled.

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly urge you to listen to environmentalists and the impact this may have on the ecosystem.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please DO NOT proceed with the 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons program. Please listen to the environmental scientists that list the detrimental effects of wolf hunting on the environment. There is already lots of controversy over wolf hunting; allowing this to proceed will only create more.

Wolf hunting is detrimental to the economy. Tourism to view wolves in Montana supports over 3,000 jobs. We DO NOT want this. Please listen to the people. Killing wolves will ruin the environment, damage the economy, and cause public uproar. Thank you.

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# #257

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## Q1

Contact information:

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City/Town: **clancy**  
State/Province: **MT**  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My name is Richard. I am a Montana resident and i support trapping and hunting in Montana. We need to be able to manage all predators including wolves with hunting , trapping and snaring. I have seen first hand in my area the effects the wolves have had on our livestock and ungulates.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You must do away with the floating opener. That is the most ridiculous idea . Do away with the WMU's and use the trapping districts except for around yellowstone park areas. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 park district.

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# #258

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce or eliminate the quotas for wolves around Yellowstone.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please spare the remaining Yellowstone wolves from the hunt this year. Their presence provide sustainable revenue for the community.they belong to all of us not just the hunters. Trapping is inhumane and cruel we must do better

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# #259

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

composite wolf quota for combined District 313 and 316 should be pushed back to 2.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I'm writing as a lifelong Montana resident and someone who enjoys going to Yellowstone to view wolves. I've stayed in Gardiner and taken a February wolf tour. I bring friends and family to YNP hoping to see wolves. Wolves add something unique and important to the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. I am writing in support of Wild Livelihoods' proposal. Even if districts 313 and 316 are combined, I want the old quota of 2 wolves adopted for the 2022-2023 season.

Last season, too many wolves were killed. I have friends and family from outside Montana appalled at what happened. It gave the state a 'black eye' in their eyes and diminished our state's reputation, not just in the US but globally. It was an embarrassment. Following the flood this past June I can understand why guides and communities close to YNP do not want to take another hit with poor press and fewer wolves to watch. I think it crucial that science and wildlife biologists are consulted, along with peer-reviewed materials, to accurately determine the real wolf population before any further decisions are made as to the number of wolves that can be killed.

I think abandoning fair chase rules adjacent to YNP boundaries to allow wolf kills paints a sad picture of hunter ethics. It is especially unfortunate as it reflects poorly on all hunters and the sport in general. In 2021, FWP abandoned fair chase and scientific management principles, along with what my family and friends model as sportsmanship & hunter ethics. FWP allowed a small fraction of the population to dictate public policy with disastrous results. MT FWP can remedy this easily with a tight quota for the upcoming season and support of evidence-based research in determining the current wolf population. The same sensible science-based methods should also be used to define a 'sustainable population' of wolves in YNP.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana's governor, legislators and residents seem to be interested only in agreeing to whatever rancher's and hunters obsession with killing any living animal, but especially bears and wolves. The data does not support their aggressive stance towards virtually eliminating wolves and bears (and basically all fur bearing animals) from Montana's land. The hunters don't eat wolf meat, nor much bear meat. It's bloodlust. They enjoy killing. STOP this barbaric killing. Perhaps, for once, the Montana residents could learn to coexist with wolves and bears. If you're a rancher, plan to lose some of your livestock to fur bearing animals. If your dogs are killed by roaming bears, better keep your dogs out of the bear's way.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana's current wolf policies are catastrophic to wolf populations and the ecosystems which they support. Your hunting quotas are obvious - your governor and legislators want to decimate Montana's wolf packs/families. Your approved hunting methods such as snaring, trapping, night hunting, and even killing Yellowstone collared wolves who happen to venture over some imaginary line (wolves don't sniff out manmade property lines ya' know) is are brutal, cruel and serve no purpose other than to please ranchers. Wolves are an asset in every ecosystem in which they thrive. STOP your callous, scientifically unsupported Montana wolf hunts.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am vehemently opposed to any hunting or trapping of any wolf. These are vital predators for biodiversity and ecological stability in the wild.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am vehemently opposed to any hunting or trapping of any wolf. These are vital predators for biodiversity and ecological stability in the wild.

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# #262

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is a cruel, agonizing death for any animal. I stand firmly against trapping and fur farming.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am an American citizen and an advocate for the natural world. I am extremely concerned about the "wolf management " proposals by the officials at Montana, Fish, Wildlife and Parks to combine areas 313 and 316. Included in the plan is a drastic increase in the numbers of wolves to be killed by hunters from one wolf to 10 wolves. There is "zero " scientific data to justify the killing of so many wolves. It is abundantly clear that those in charge of such critically important decisions are inclined to appease the hunters in the state of Montana, especially the areas along Yellowstone National Park's borders. The wolves of Yellowstone are obviously being targeted despite the fact that they spend 95% of their time in Yellowstone. This inevitably creates an opportunity for hunters to position themselves just outside of the park hoping that a wolf will briefly leave the protection of Yellowstone so they can easily hunt them down in high numbers. The latest available scientific data and research is being totally ignored. These horrible decisions are destined to have devastating consequences for the entire ecosystems that have been proven over and over again to benefit from the presence of the wolves since their reintroduction to Yellowstone National Park in 1995.

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# #263

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I simply don't understand why trapping is allowed in our modern times. It is totally unnecessary, not to mention cruel and indiscriminate.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am alarmed that all the effort that went into restoring Yellowstone National Park's wolf population is being undone. By allowing hunters to kill wolves just outside the park's boundaries is a travesty. The wolves are a big draw to Yellowstone, and by extension its outlying communities like Gardiner, so the impact goes beyond the wolves themselves. I encourage you to do whatever you can to at least preserve wolves who live in and around Yellowstone.

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# #264

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See Comments Below.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are valuable to local economies in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

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# #265

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping overall is inhumane and kills too many animals who are not the target of the hunter.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Last year roughly a third of the Yellowstone wolves were killed. Wolves are essential for the ecosystem to keep it in balance (for example, the out-of-control grazer numbers before wolf reintroduction and the erosion of riverbanks), and their presence brings in tourists and their money to Montana and neighboring states. Coming from a state with a high wolf population (Minnesota) and studying wolf ecology from a young age, I know how valuable living, mature packs are to the areas they call home. Wolves belong in their natural habitat, and not capping numbers is absolutely detrimental to their populations. Wolves have family dynamics that often are splintered and damaged when one or more members are killed. Capping the numbers will at least limit the repercussions to multiple packs all at once. Yellowstone has worked for years to build up the wolf numbers. Please do not tolerate such destruction.

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# #266

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To continue hunting and trapping of the Yellow Stone wolves doesn't make any sense. They are not hunting livestock or elk populations.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolves are ten times more valuable to the greater Yellow Stone area as a nature for tourists and photographers. Continuing to hunter and trap the already limited population just doesn't make ethical or financial sense!

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# #267

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please, leave the wolves for our next generation. They DO not belong in the political arena. Gianforte does not have the right to kill our remaining wolves. Our bio diversity depends on them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the slaughter. Let the wolf scientist do their work, not hunters who want them all dead. Stop Gianforte. The wildlife biologist need to be the experts.

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# #268

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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Ariana Roshanzaer  
**State/Province:** CA

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see below.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There's no need for FWP to regulate as wolves are self regulators. They help balance the ecosystem because they keep prey populations in check which in turn keeps other animals and plant species balanced. That's why they need more protection as the decrease of wolves can be harmful to the ecosystem. In the early 1900s the hunting/near extermination of wolves caused a major ecosystem disruption. FWP should focus on coexistence between wolves and humans rather than defaulting to killing wolves. A proactive non-lethal approach is the best way to go. Switching to regional units would be harmful as this would make monitoring of a management of wolves more difficult if the quota isn't met on a bigger level. For WMUs 313, 316, & 110, re-establish the quota of 1 wolf. 110 bordering Glacier should stay in place. Also please keep a 12 hour emergency closure window intact. Yellowstone wolves help to provide revenue in Montana, as that's part of the reason why people come to Montana parks. We as a people should be focused on preserving wolves (and in turn the natural environment) not only for the ecological benefits but so future generations can enjoy nature too. Please keep the future of the wolves and our ecosystem in mind when making your decision. Thank you.

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# #269

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Relistwolves and stop the slaughter.

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# #270

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I continue to support regulated trapping as a wildlife management tool, the same as The Wildlife Society (organization of professional wildlife biologists) does in their policy statement regarding Trapping.  
Regarding the reduction in bobcat quotas: a decline in harvest does not singularly correspond to a decline in population. Other factors can relate to a decline in harvest. With bobcat quotas in Region 1 may be influenced by the decline in fur prices (especially bobcats) in the last 5 years and the continuing lack of access because of USFS road closures.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The 2021 legislative intent to reduce wolf numbers was not met because of FWP Commission restrictions placed on laws that were passed by the legislature. As a result, the 2021-2022 wolf harvest was the lowest in the last 4 years. "Grizzly bear occupancy zones" should not be used to restrict wolf trapping season or use of wolf snares. "Grizzly bear recovery zones" as defined and delineated by the USF&WS should be used instead, if warranted by the Regional offices. If you can justify using the "occupancy zones" because you are worried about "take" of grizzly bears - how can you justify deer, elk, cougar hunting with hounds in grizzly bear occupancy zones when grizzly bears are not in hibernation???

I support leaving the wolf management units around Yellowstone National Park the way they are in the 2021-2022 wolf regulations and not changing them. Wolves that leave the park are Montana wolves and need to be managed/controlled in Montana.

Thank you: MT Representative Paul C Fielder

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# #271

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have been a tourist to YNP since 1995 when the wolves were reintroduced to the park. My husband and I come to see the wolves. I have spent many tourist dollars in your state during those years. I am respectfully asking that you adjust the quota in units 313 and 316 down to zero wolves killed. Those units border Yellowstone National Park. Too many wolves from the park were killed and it has created havoc among the packs. Thank you for your attention to this critical decision.

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# #272

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are part of our nation past and they where nearly killed off and reintroduce to keep the population alive can not see any reason to hunt them ionto extinsion

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN

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# #273

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

n/a - see below

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose wolf trapping and killing of more wolves. Hundreds of wolves have already been tortured and killed, along with the random species who wind up in the traps. You might see this from a different perspective if you, like I -- had a dog lose a leg in a trap. I know you have been petitioned and there have been many lawsuits over the killing of this endangered & iconic species. Furthermore, it has been proven over and over how exceptionally important wolves are for the environment, keeping other populations down so that in riparian areas willows and other necessary plants flourish to feed and protect other species. It is time for wolves to go back on the Endangered Species list which they were so thoughtlessly removed from, not time to kill more of them. You know this has been promoted and supported by too many groups to listen to such as -- Center for Biological Diversity, NRDC, Earthjustice, Coalition for Endangered Species, Friends of the Earth, WildEarth Guardians, Environment America, Sierra Club and still more. Why not listen to the intellect and passion of so many organizations and stop the slaughter?? The ranchers do deserve their fears to be listened to and they deserve respect, understanding and compensation for their losses -- trophy killers do not. Please think hard and deep when you make your decisions. Thank you.

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# #274

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are essential to a healthy ecosystem. Your arguments in favor of killing wolves are based on bunk science. You just like to kill wolves. In support of our environment, and the preservation of a beautiful species, this needs to stop.

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# #275

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** NM  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Time to move into the real world & realize we humans are rapidly & needlessly destroying the natural world. We need science based regulations to ensure biodiversity & the preservation of natural ecosystems.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please note: I went to Hot Springs, Mt for 26 years, helping my father-in-law James H. LaRue on 2222 ranch. I lived your state immensely, but I will never return & will actively dissuade everyone I know as long as you continue to extricate wolves in your state (especially those in tge Yellowstone region). Wolves are scientifically proven as necessary to ensure a healthy ecosystem.

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# #276

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With quota's re-established in WMUs 313 and 316 and 110 there is no biological or social reason to move towards regional management.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This proposal is not supported by science. There are no biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana wolves.

This slaughter of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations. Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Yellowstone and Federal Lands belong to all Americans. The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard or represented by Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time we have a seat at the table with wildlife management.

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# #277

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to specifically comment on the wolf kill quotas. See the next section for my comments.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

First, I would like the wolf quote in WMU 101 to be reduced to 1 wolf. This region (which is where I live) had the highest number of reported kills in the state!

A large and health wolf population in MT is essential to maintaining the ecological balance between prey, predator and even what the prey eat. In particular, wolves will keep white tail deer populations in check (they are severely overpopulated). Deer overeat a wide variety of plant species which negatively impacts other ungulates such as mule deer, elk and moose. Also as wasting disease is spreading among white tail deer, wolves are a natural solution to minimizing this disease' spread.

Additionally, I'd like WMUs 313, 316 and 110 to have limits of 1 wolf per year.

I also want to note that the official "harvest" rates are significant undercounts of the real rate. Research on poaching of wolves proves this.

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# #278

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please keep the marten regulations as they were as last year. The mandatory trap check will discourage participation from some of the most successful trappers in the area.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Historical data from the 1920's – 1950's show elk populations on the Flathead National Forest, which corresponds largely to the Bob Marshall Elk Management Unit (districts 130, 140, 141, 150) fluctuated between 4,000 – 6,000 elk and the annual elk harvest ranged between 700-1,800 animals. Today, this area is home to a mere 300 elk when surveyed in 2019. The historic harvest data for the Bob Marshall Elk Management Unit ranged from 700-1,800 elk, FWP harvest records for 2021 record 89 elk being harvested. (Historic Data per "The Flathead Story" by Charlie Shaw, Shaw was an USFS Ranger on the Flathead National Forest from 1922-1953, <https://foresthstory.org/research-explore/us-forest-service-history/u-s-forest-service-publications/region-1-northern/the-flathead-story/>) Our reductions in ungulate populations in the northwest a MAJOR issue. We have roughly ½ the public land in the northwest and approximately 1/3 of the population in the state and hunters from the northwest leave to hunt elk elsewhere in the state. Lifting restrictions on wolf trapping MUST be considered to improve this situation.

The floating trapping date needs to be removed in occupied grizzly habitat. Last year the floating starting date resulted in the latest trapping starting date and a lower take than prior years. With 300 elk remaining in the Bob Marshall EMU we can't sustain a reduction in wolf take.

As a measure to protect wintering elk and other wildlife FWP made recommendations to USFS to establish non-motorized use to the iconic "dry parks" winter range as well as spotted bear river and the areas behind the spotted bear ranger station. These non-motorized areas after the reintroduction of wolves have had the converse effect on elk and other ungulates creating a sanctuary for wolves to prey on elk without pressure from trappers. FWP needs to revisit this recommendation and encourage motorized use of these winter areas by licensed trappers so predator management can take place and under objective populations can rebound.

Lynx protection zones need to be removed so snaring can be utilized by trappers to control wolf numbers where ungulate populations are suffering.

FWP should consider hiring a government trapper to trap the Bob Marshall and surrounding areas.

FWP must establish a sustainable predator to prey ratio and manage to those numbers. The northern continental divide ecosystem is home to over 1,000 grizzly bears, the Bob Marshall EMU has an elk population of 300 elk. If you factor in black bear, wolves and lions it is easy to see that this is not a sustainable predator to prey ratio. FWP needs to establish a sustainable predator to prey ratio and manage to that. If they do so we could see sustainable predator populations in excess of what we currently have, but we cant have that until our ungulate populations have rebounded. In less than 30 years we have seen the full recovery of wolves and grizzly bears in the northwest, but in that time we have also seen the demise of our ungulate populations because and unhealthy predator to prey ratio was allowed to take place. We can't be scared of managing predators because it is in their best interest. The combined predation in the northwest but wolves in particular have created a situation where the only thing that is holding back their expansion is predators themselves. With 300 elk remaining in the Bob Marshall EMU they have literally eaten themselves to death... Establishing sustainable ratios where the department can quickly act and react so one species is no elevated above another and we have healthy overall wildlife populations is the way we need to go.

Combining WMU 313 & 316 and reducing the quota to 10 wolves is a bad idea. Park wolves are leaving the park in search of food. Montana residents should not be responsible for feeding park wolves if the park has mismanaged their wildlife populations. If a park wolf leaves the boundaries, it is because they are in search of food, there is zero risk of over trapping of Yellowstone wolves outside the park, we are only trapping the wolves that have grown beyond the carrying capacity of the park. The current trapping regulations should be maintained.

I encourage you to look at all our species simultaneously instead of one at a time that leads to population imbalances.

Thank you for your time.

# #279

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hi, I am commenting on this to respectfully disagree with these Furbearer Seasons and quotas. These animals do not need to be killed. Please let these animals live in peace, they help the environment thrive. All animals have a role in the ecosystem, if you disrupt that imbalance will occur and that could hurt livestock and crops overtime. The more you kill these animals the more stress you're putting on them and wildlife.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hi, I am commenting on this to respectfully disagree with these wolf hunting and trapping regulations. Killing wolves will not solve anything, it will only make things worse for the ecosystem and wolf families. The wolf populations have not fully recovered, since gray wolves have been removed from the endangered species list, numbers have been decreasing. Wolves have been through trauma after trauma with these hunting regulations. Instead of killing wolves, we should learn how to coexist with them. People wanting to protect their livestock is understandable and I respect that, but there are better ways to keep wolves out of livestock. It is very unhealthy and careless to the ecosystem because wolves maintain the balance between predator and prey. We cannot let overpopulation occur with elk or deer, without wolves herbivores would eat the earth brown. The world needs wolves and coexisting with them would help the environment. I would suggest scaring wolves off with a noise, or even wolf replant. If this keeps going ecosystems will perish, it may not look like that now but years from now, it will show.

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# #280

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

How do we not understand the importance of wildlife to our ecosystems and ourselves (if we feel the need not see living things as vital in and of themselves) at this point in time. Wolves should not be allowed to be killed unless causing direct, extreme danger to humans.

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## Q3

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# #281

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Good afternoon,

Yellowstone wolves provide millions of dollars in revenue for Montana and its communities and today I am writing to ask that you set a quota of zero (0) wolves in Units 313 and 316 which surround Yellowstone.

People from all over the United States and the world come to Montana every year to view these iconic American mammals.

There are Montanans in gateway communities whose livelihoods are directly linked to Yellowstone and their native wildlife populations, especially wolves.

These are business owners that rely on tourists to make ends meet.

The current methodologies used to determine Montana wolf populations are not science-based or peer-reviewed, therefore data is inaccurate.

Finally, these iconic species are native to the United States of America and belong to all citizens of this great country.

They are part of our shared history and have a right to liberty and life, like all Americans.

Please set a quota of zero (0) wolves in units 313 and 316.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Q3**

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Thank you for your consideration.

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# #282

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please let them in peace and free. Stop the massacre.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

They're the right to live their life, just like us! Leave them alone

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# #283

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no hunting of wolves.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #284

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Good afternoon,

Yellowstone wolves provide millions of dollars in revenue for Montana and its communities and today I am writing to ask that you set a quota of one (1) wolf in Units 313 and 316 which surround Yellowstone.

People from all over the United States and the world come to Montana every year to view these iconic American mammals.

There are Montanans in gateway communities whose livelihoods are directly linked to Yellowstone and their native wildlife populations, especially wolves.

These are business owners that rely on tourists to make ends meet.

The current methodologies used to determine Montana wolf populations are not science-based or peer-reviewed, therefore data is inaccurate.

Finally, these iconic species are native to the United States of America and belong to all citizens of this great country.

They are part of our shared history and have a right to liberty and life, like all Americans.

Please set a quota of one( 1) wolf in units 313 and 316 since you have made zero (0) quota illegal.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Q3**

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Positive change is needed and supported by a majority of Montanans and folks who respect wildlife in Montana. Listen to and heed the majority.

1. Require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging.
  2. Reduce Region 1 bobcat from the 275 quota to 200 per the wildlife biologists recommendations.
  3. Support Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100.
  4. Ask for a moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of the unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month long current season!
  5. Mandatory 24hr/daily trap checks.
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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It sure is time to listen to the majority of Montana residents and fellow Americans from around the country who continue to call for respect for and protection of America's wolves and all natural predators who are so vital in every healthy ecosystem and whose populations are naturally managed by Mother Nature. Also, more and more citizens see and understand and respect wolves as sentient, social and precious individual beings whose existence and right to live, wild and free, from from persecution and slaughter, is long past due. Protect America's Wolves in Montana.

Until you have the wisdom and courage to protect wolves and all natural predators in Montana, I support these thoughtful and reasonable proposals:

1. Snaring on private land, only, and with landowner's written permission.

Prohibit ram power snares.

2. Adjust wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 - Feb 28, in particular to avoid grizzlies.

3. Prohibit night hunting, aerial spotting and shooting, party-trapping, pre-baiting and use of bait for hunting wolves.

4. Instill a quota of one wolf for the Yellowstone bordering wolf management units (WMU)313/316, and 1 wolf for WMU 110 adjacent to Glacier national park, with a 12 hour closure once quota is reached.

5. Trap setbacks of minimum 150' apply to all public roads and trails. Trapping signage on high use recreational areas and on block management.

6. Mandatory 24 hour/daily trap checks.

7. Closure of wolf hunting and trapping in wolf management units with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and severely limited quota for wolves in elk management units over population objectives.

Listen to one of your Wyoming F&G neighbors on the awful RAM snare:

"Such spring-powered nooses are "a man-killer, Wyoming F&G Commission Pat Crank said. "I see no purpose for having that kind of a trap anywhere."

Please demonstrate true leadership by serving ALL Montanans and all of us who cherish and love the wolves and all wildlife in Montana.

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# #286

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Unit 313 should have a quota of zero. Don't kill 10 more Yellowstone wolves.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

What about my rights? As a Montanan and wolf watcher, I'm asking for unit 313 to have a quota of zero. Trophy hunters and trappers, make up only about .9% of Mt population and are greatly outnumbered by wildlife watchers. Why are trappers and trophy hunters given more rights than wolf watchers? They have been given the whole state to kill wolves. Those are Yellowstone wolves they are killing not Montana wolves in unit 313. Did you learn nothing from the bad publicity Montana received last year after 25% of Yellowstone wolves were slaughtered?  
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# #287

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support reduced quotas on ALL furbearers.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

To the Fish and Wildlife Commission,

I am submitting my comments on the proposed wolf quotas and the general situation with wolf-killing in our state.

The practices of trophy hunting and trapping are unacceptable, and appear to be the driving forces behind the viscous, insatiable annihilation of our wolf population. This, to me, is beyond despicable. It is irrational and vindictive. In other words, this form of extremism has gone off the rails.

I believe that it is time for FWP to take a step back and look at what is happening and why. The sound science is being ignored, as well as public outrage. I have included a number of reasons, below, but you know all that. With all due respect, perhaps it is time to ask yourselves why this is happening, and who are your influencers - the public, conservationists and scientists, or the politicians, trophy hunters and trappers seeking money, masculinity and bragging rights in the form of wolf pelts. Who are you protecting and respecting, and to whom are you acquiescing?

I can't tell you anything you don't already know except that the current situation is wrong, immoral and unsustainable. I implore you to have a ZERO quota on wolves this year and allow them to re-group and survive the onslaught of last season's debacle. It's the right thing to do. What will your legacy be?

I will continue to be one of many people who are continuing to watch and learn, to inform the public, and to push for a re-listing of wolves on the Endangered Species List. And I will see you in person on August 25th.

- The proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable. Reduce threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate quota system.
- SB 314 does not require a drastic reduction in wolf numbers. It requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic.
- Wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.
- Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves, not killing wolves at all has worked even better. The wolf population hit a high a decade ago and then leveled off.
- FWP should not use wolves as a profit-maker: FWP profits from the sale of hunting and trapping licenses: In 2021-2022, FWP sold 20,828 wolf licenses for nearly \$340,000 from the killing of 273 wolves. This is nothing more than commercialization of wildlife.
- Trapping is indiscriminate and cruel: Traps and snares kills an unknown number of non-target animals, and threatens other species as well, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them.
- Wolves are a keystone species: Wolves are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move, which prevents erosion and the cutover of creeks and streams, which in turn provides habitat for beavers and plant and animal species. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships.
- Wolves do not present a threat to livestock: Random killing of wolves has no impact on livestock protection. Montana has 2.7 million cattle and sheep. Wolves killed 90 in 2019, or 0.003% of livestock, such a small fraction it isn't even a statistic. Montana and the federal government reimburse ranchers 300 percent.
- Wolves are not a threat to elk: FWP is currently being sued for mismanagement of elk that has led to 50,000 more elk than objective. In northwest Montana, elk have never been abundant; the habitat does not support them.

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- Wolves are not insatiable killers: Wolves take lethal risks pursuing prey ten times their size and only kill what they need. As subsistence hunters, they feed and return to their kill because they cannot eat it all at once. Their kills feed many animals.
- Do not extend reporting time from 12 to 24 hours. This is simply a way to kill more wolves. Last year two more Yellowstone Park wolves than the quota allowed were killed in the 12-hour reporting time.
- Use quota, not thresholds: The quota system is more accurate and the killing of wolves can be closed more quickly than the vague threshold, which would merely prompt the Commission to convene to determine if the killing in a particular region should be closed or continue.
- Wolves belong to all of us: Under the Public Trust Doctrine, wolves belong to all, not a small special interest group that aims to make a profit from wolf killing. It is Montana's responsibility to protect wolves, let them be, and let them help contribute to the health of land and water and other wildlife.

### Wolves of Yellowstone National Park:

- Greatest Conservation Success in History is being destroyed: The reintroduction of Yellowstone wolves has been a tremendous success, helping bring the ecosystem into balance, allowing extensive research on wolf behavior, helping other species in Yellowstone survive on wolf kills, proving the species' self-regulation, and providing a unique wildlife watching opportunity that has attracted millions of people from around the world and supports the local economy.
- The quota for killing wolves in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves—not 10 as proposed. If there are 29 wolves in proposed WMU 313, ten wolves are one-third of the population. FWP claims this is the average mortality from all causes, not just hunting, trapping and poaching. Wolves are hit by cars and die of natural causes. Add human killing and the number exceeds one-third by a long shot.
- Shooting and trapping wolves coming out of YNP is morally abhorrent and destructive. Also, last year, 96% of the wolves killed in the current WMU 313 denned in YNP. Twenty percent of YNP wolves were killed in last year's season. Taking out ten more wolves from the 89 surviving in the park threatens to scatter and destroy the wolves left. They need each other to survive. When humans kill wolves, wolf families splinter, wolves fall on hard times, and conflicts with humans increase.
- YNP is being used as a production facility for wolf killers. Research has been severely impacted. The wanton waste is a stain on Montana—killing off a conservation effort that cost American taxpayers millions, and that is revered the world over. YNP's wolves are habituated to the presence of humans and do not fear them, thus they are not wary. Wolves are protected within the park and are not suspicious of humans but once they step across the park's invisible line, which some of them will inevitably do either in search of food, a mate or territory, they get shot or trapped (and then shot). FWP and outfitters use wolves from YNP for a continued supply of wolves to be killed. This is unacceptable.
- Wolves do not Reduce Elk Herds: The northern Yellowstone elk population has been at or over FWP objectives since wolves returned in 1995. In all of Region 3, elk populations are over objective.
- Wolves are Essential to the Economies Surrounding Yellowstone: Wolf watching in Yellowstone brings more than \$82 million to communities near YNP. Tourism creates 3,270 jobs—3 out of 5—in Park County alone. These communities, damaged by floods, need the wolves and they need our help.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Peg Brownlee  
Florence, Montana

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# #288

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All furbearer quotas must be reduced to zero.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf hunting is merely a surrogate activity for “owning the libs” as Governor Gianforte’s behavior has shown time and again. Therefore there is no necessary practical reason to trap and kill wolves. Let ranchers hire more staff to ride herd on their livestock and keep eyes on them. If ranchers can’t afford the cost of doing business they should get out of the business. Since wolf tourism brings more income than wolf hunting to all the Yellowstone states, money always trumps tradition, and it’s time for the wolf-haters of long standing to sit down, shut up, and find a better hobby.

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# #289

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have concerns about the details of current trapper education requirements. I'm suspicious that the current requirements have actually decreased the educational requirements overall. I reached out to the educational director but have not heard back to verify this.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have concerns about the details of current trapper education requirements. I'm suspicious that the current requirements have actually decreased the educational requirements overall, esp for trapping and snaring wolves. I reached out to the educational director to verify this but have not heard back.

When I served on the Trapping advisory committee we had great interest in trapper education, including in-person field components, and separation of wolf trapping training from other trapping education.

Wolf trapping is most likely to lead to problems with non-target captures, esp of other large predators and large ungulates.

I advocate for stringent educational requirements and for keeping wolf trapping separate and more rigorous. If the commission, FWP and trappers truly want to advocate for their trapping activity they should have no problem with quality education. They must show due diligence to a commitment to coexist with other wildlife interests and to avoid non-target damages. And the commission and FWP should expect that commitment.

Thank you for your time and attention!

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# #290

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hunting, sharing, and trapping season should be shorter, or permits be fewer. For a healthy ecosystem that CONTINUES to attract tourists, biodiversity of predators and other animals - NOT HUNTING - is key.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Until numbers are closer to a healthy population, one that can be self sustainable and self regulating, contributing to a balanced ecosystem and sustainable biodiversity, hunting and trapping ALTOGETHER should be banned and made illegal. Our economy based on tourism, and our future as species depends on a healthy wolf population.

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# #291

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf Bag limits of 20 is extremely high. The purpose of hunting should be sport and sustenance, and this quota is neither - it's pure slaughter. Shoot, shovel and shut up allows any ranch employee to waste our natural resource and deny other outdoorsmen the thrill of experience.

It is also senseless to eliminate/consolidate the WMUs north of Yellowstone national park. This shell came still allows trapping and slaughter of the park's main attraction. No elk or other game animals are affected negatively by this population. They are a national treasure to be shared by all, not for poor management to justify political weight in an unbalanced public forum.

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## Q3

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #292

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep all seasons open and all methods also. I Support trapping as a efficient tool for harvesting in the traditions that MADE Montana !

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need longer seasons Like Idaho has done for years and they have Grizzlies too. I support doing away of the WMU's and going to the use of the Trapping Districts. Also, when reporting a wolf take the only location that should be reported is the trapping district that the wolf was taken, except for the 313 Park district. We need to trap Wolves to protect and rebuild Ungulate populations that have been decimated by Wolves.

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# #293

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas on Bobcat in District 5 should not be reduced from 200 to 100, As my own personal observations trapping in a large area of #5, The Bobcat population is thriving, Population increase in the last 10 years is noticeable. I am catching cats in coon sets in and out of water, Never before has this happened. As a general rule of thumb, I release all Kittens. and with the seasons actually being as short as they are, and the decreased number of us actually trapping is not commersate with lowering the Quota numbers. I

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As I researched the agreeded upon proposals since 1995 on managing Wolf populations, None of the Agreed upon proposals from that area are in effect today, nor were any agreed upon proposals from that era in place for more then a Season. In my personal opinion the Law needs passed to put the Wolf Seasons, Quotas, and District areas into the State FWP. This is an issue that needs to be resolved with the Actual Facts about Wildlife Mangement. We as Trappers, Hunters, Fishers, have thr Science and Facts on our side, We are the ones that pay for the Wildlife research and Conservation practaces employed today, by our purchaces of Licence, tags and conservation donations, also by our time and labor involved in various aspects such as buying out of our own pockets, materal, building, and installing of Bluebird nest boxes, Wood Duck nest boxes, Pine Marten Nest Boxes, Monarch Butterfly Feeding stations, Hummingbird Feeding and nesting areas, ETC.... Because we are the true mangers of wildlife as we are in the field some on a daily basis, we see and understand the wildlife needs and habits around us, Sharing these discoveries with our Trappers Associations, help in preserving our Great Sustainable Natural Resources .

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# #294

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Thanks for considering my comments on furbearer regulations. Please require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging.

Please follow Region 1 biologist recommendations and reduce bobcat quotas to 200. 275 is too high. The population is dwindling and it is hard to count. It is time to protect this population and prevent it from being listed. Region 5 quota should be 100 as suggested.

Thank you for that change.

Beaver help repair and restore riparian areas, they protect areas and wildlife from fire and they promote water supply throughout the summer. They should not be trapped at all. Given they prevent fire and can be a buffer for forests and riparian areas from climate change, there should be a moratorium on both recreational and commercial trapping of beaver. Instead pay for live trapping of whole families to be introduced in our forests to reduce fire risk.

There should be mandatory 24 hour trap checks. Anything else is inhumane. All non-target animals trapped must be reported.

Thanks for considering my comments.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

July 21, 2022

Submitted to: <https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission/meeting>

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the new wolf hunting and trapping season. I am concerned about these changes.

Gray wolf management should follow the best available science and not be influenced by politics. I worry that combining all the management units except the one near Yellowstone will disrupt cause and effect analysis. For example, how does the removal of wolves affect, CWD cases, elk population, and riparian habitat. If you do not have limits and monitor numbers in the different areas, how can Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) and the public understand the causal relationship between wolf populations and their surroundings. This shows a lack of consideration for science and transparency. This also allows for an entire area of wolves to be eliminated without meeting the quota. Distribution and population must be maintained, or MFWP will lose control of management and listing will be imminent. This new method does not allow that.

The counting methods for wolf population is not sound. It seems the actual populations are unknown and cannot be monitored with this method. Without proper monitoring, MFWP cannot adequately monitor and limit hunting and trapping to ensure wolf populations in Montana into the future.

Creating one Wolf Management Unit near Yellowstone makes sense, but the quota should be zero or the lowest allowable and the surrounding area should be a buffer unit and have a small quota, since wolves, thanks to new trapping and hunting regulations, can be tempted across unit boundaries with bait. Park wolves are not only popular with the viewing public, they are also being used in valuable and expensive research. Each collared or monitored wolf killed from the park is a great loss to science and research dollars. The loss of Yellowstone wolves in the last hunting season was inexcusable.

Glacier must also have a management unit with a low or now quota and a buffer unit with a low quota.

Quotas should reflect elk populations. If populations are over objective, then wolf quotas should be smaller.

Wolf trapping and new methods now allowed put grizzly bears, lynx, wolverine, and domestic pets at risk. Snares should not even be an issue, but here they are so they must be eliminated or regulated to the highest degree and power snares should be outlawed.

Snaring should only be allowed on private land and ONLY with written permission from the landowner.

Baiting, pre baiting, night hunting, spotting and shooting, party-trapping and all other unethical methods that defy the idea of a fair chase should not be permitted on private or public lands.

Trap setbacks should be 150 feet from all roads and trails even closed roads.

Please require 24 trap checks and all non-target kills and traps should be reported.

Thanks for considering these comments.

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# #295

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The method used to determine wolf populations must be peer reviewed and revised.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The majority wants to see these animals protected again. These wolves (Yellowstone's in particular) bring over \$82 million in SUSTAINABLE revenue for the state of Montana and gateway communities. These lands belong to all Americans and our voices must be heard.

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# #296

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas for wolf trapping and killing should be limited to a low number. 100 or unlimited is absolutely ridiculous! From someone who lives out of state, seeing this crisis of brutality makes the state of Montana look antiquated and backwards. Please limit the killing!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas for wolf trapping and killing should be limited to a low number. 100 or unlimited is absolutely ridiculous! From someone who lives out of state, seeing this crisis of brutality makes the state of Montana look antiquated and backwards. Please limit the killing!

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# #297

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We can not allow more destruction of ecosystems!! Wolves play an important role in ecosystems!! We ( my family And friends cancelled trips to Montana, Idaho and Washington State until killings stops) have cancelled trips to Montana, Idaho and Washington State , until these killings stops

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We must put an end to this cruelty against animals!! Torturing animals is against law!! Currently we have an overpopulation of hunters, ranchers ( the bad ones)

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# #298

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In 1997 I moved to West Yellowstone, Montana and worked for a park concessionaire. My motivation was to see the buffalo and the wolves. Buffalo were about to be culled and wolves were still being released. My season there was amazing and filled with the animals I wanted to protect and see living free. Wolves have taken hold in many states now and the buffalo are finding new homes with indigenous people. And the awareness of the natural world has exploded in the numbers of people wanting to see wolves, buffalo and bears. Then we all saw the change in laws and the old myths returned and the new world of coexistence took a hit that it may not recover from. I am in Pagosa Springs now, and fighting for my life with poor health. I fear I will not make it if my namesake the wolf, does not. Keep quotas zero on our wolves. Find another way to live with human and wolf neighbors. Thank you, Marilyn Wargo  
margowolf49@icloud.com

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and snaring is in my mind very cruel. Please end all trapping and snaring on our public lands. Do not have quotas for the districts around Yellowstone for and killing of wolves. Thank you,  
Marilyn Wargo margowolf49@icloud.com

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#299

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is indiscriminate and cruel: Traps and snares kills an unknown number of non-target animals, and threatens other species as well, including grizzly bears and Canada lynx. Traps and snares are brutal, indiscriminate devices that cause extreme suffering to wild animals and pets caught in them.

Stop the trapping and killing if our Wildlife!

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota for killing wolves in the proposed WMU 313, if adopted, should be zero or the minimum number of wolves not 10 as proposed. If there are 29 wolves in proposed WMU 313, ten wolves are one-third of the population.

There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a political decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves, not killing wolves at all has worked even better. The wolf population hit a high a decade ago and then leveled off. Wolves are not the problem!

Wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended until FWP has completed their counting and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed.

Science must be used in this decision no wolves should have to die.

FWP estimate l's of the state's wolf population are severely flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Wolves should never be used as a profit-maker due to ugly politics and politicians and policymakers who don't understand and they make non scientific decisions to kill these animals.

Wolves are needed in our Ecosystem they are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move, which prevents erosion and the cutdown of creeks and streams, which in turn provides habitat for beavers and plant and animal species. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships.

Stop this killing enough wolves and Yellowstone wolves have already been killed!

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# #300

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Does the Wildlife Commission have the data to indicate pine marten populations to be significant enough to warrant trapping?

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed adjustments to the WMU 313 for wolf hunting and trapping is a step in the right direction. Other significant changes also need to be made.

The data published by the Montana Wildlife Commission described the wolf harvest of the 2021-2022 season as extremely detrimental to wolf populations in and around Yellowstone National Park(YNP). The excessive harvest in WMU 313 and 316 produced significant negative economic impacts to the surrounding communities as well.

The Wildlife Commission and legislature have ignored the economic impact of a living wolf. The wildlife commission has disregarded the impacts of their actions on YNP wolf populations and research on those individuals. Irreplaceable data was lost with the damages the irresponsible hunting caused.

The damages in WMU 313 from the 2021-2022 hunting season were significant enough that no harvest should be allowed in 2022-2023. Collared animals should not be harvested by hunting within the WMU of 313. There should be a 20 mile buffer zone surrounding YNP. There should be no wolf hunting or trapping in that buffer zone.

The steps the Wildlife Commission has proposed are needed but do not go far enough.

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# #301

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed "hunting" methods of snaring, trapping, baiting, thermal imaging, etc. are inhumane and should not be accepted. The indiscriminate slaughter of wolves, particularly, goes against a healthy tourism economy and environmental biodiversity.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The proposed slaughter of nearly half of the state's wolf population is unethical, inhumane, and harmful to biodiversity and the tourism economy. Healthy wolf populations are essential to both biodiversity and tourism, and are an essential element to our local culture and ecosystem.

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# #302

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In 1997 I moved to West Yellowstone, Montana and worked for a park concessionaire. My motivation was to see the buffalo and the wolves. Buffalo were about to be culled and wolves were still being released. My season there was amazing and filled with the animals I wanted to protect and see living free. Wolves have taken hold in many states now and the buffalo are finding new homes with indigenous people. And the awareness of the natural world has exploded in the numbers of people wanting to see wolves, buffalo and bears. Then we all saw the change in laws and the old myths returned and the new world of coexistence took a hit that it may not recover from. I am in Pagosa Springs now, and fighting for my life with poor health. I fear I will not make it if my namesake the wolf, does not. Keep quotas zero on our wolves. Find another way to live with human and wolf neighbors. Thank you, Marilyn Wargo margowolf49@icloud.com

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and snaring is in my mind very cruel. Please end all trapping and snaring on our public lands. Do not have quotas for the districts around Yellowstone for and killing of wolves. Thank you,  
Marilyn Wargo margowolf49@icloud.com

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# #303

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No animal should be trapped for any reason and all trapping needs to stop. Fake fur is so well made nowadays that it is much better than killing animals for their fur.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves were in North America thousands of years before us white people were here. They are native to North America and have every right to live their entire lives in safety. All hunting and trapping of wolves needs to stop.

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# #304

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Leave these poor animals alone. We have plenty of resources for obtaining clothing. I hope in my lifetime the use of real fur is banned. Killing an innocent animal just to skin it & use its coat for clothing? We have plenty of resources for clothing. Why do we need wild animal fur? It's inhumane and disgusting.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There is no reason to be killing these wolves for sport. They are not needed in any way. We kill innocent animals just to have a trophy? If you needed them for food & clothes that's one thing. We do not need them for either. It is disgusting & does more harm than good. Let these animals live & ban hunting!

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# #305

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support wolf hunting and trapping.  
I also would support year round hunting and trapping.

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# #306

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping and trading of furbearers in montana

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support the hunting and trapping of wolves for regulation of predator populations and protection of game herds in our state.

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# #307

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No animal should be taken when they have young ones. Trapping is inhumane and should be outlawed.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not allow the cruel painful trapping that has been allowed. No animal should suffer at the hands of humans.

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# #308

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

"hell with science, hell with anything, we like to kill wolves." - Montana Wildlife Services Supervisor, Carter Niemeyer... Anyone who still believes that states should have a say in wolves' lives are woefully ignorant. Relist wolves. End this senseless hatred and these disgusting serial, socially accepted murder sprees.

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# #309

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolves belong to all Montanans and all Americans. Please to establish quotas of 1 in the zones around the park.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

IPOM is inaccurate and not peer reviewed so how is it possible to determine quotas? It's not because the numbers aren't accurate. Please re establish the quota of 1 in zones 316 313 and 110. And please don't take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier- it is a vital corridor. And do not change the emergency closure procedures for these areas. This a vital policy the MtFWP is respected for! Finally, wolves bring in 70-80 million into the region! Please keep them on the landscape so local people can keep their flow of income and people like me still come visit.

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# #310

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## Q1

Contact information:

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**State/Province:** ID  
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Howdy, neighbor. I'm an Idahoan who has always loved Montana. You are beautiful and the big sky moniker isn't exaggerated. I am commenting today because, as your neighbor and also affected citizen of these proposals, I want to put my voice in favor of NO trapping or killing of wolves in the areas surrounding Yellowstone National park. These wolves not only bring in thousands of tourist dollars (I'd argue that wolves are one of the number one reason people visit Yellowstone these days), but their very existence is essential to the ecosystem. Research clearly shows that wolves regulate themselves as far as pack numbers. There are still plenty of elk for hunters. They have never attacked a human, etc etc. It also can't be underestimated the value of just knowing these wild creatures are still out there, where they've roamed since before humans came along. People need to know wild places still exist! Nature is a healing place, sometimes the only place that brings peace in a chaotic world. Please end the wolf hunt in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Give these wolves a chance.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am against any wolf hunting in the areas surrounding Yellowstone National park. The wolves in Yellowstone need to be able to travel into surrounding areas for greater biodiversity. If wolves in glacier can reach wolves in Yellowstone and Vice versa, it will lead to healthier packs and bring them back to their historical range. We need these wild spaces! They are essential to what it is to be America. Most people come to the GYE to see these apex predators. They bring their tourist dollars with them, benefiting the local economies greatly. Wolf hunts shouldn't happen just because some hold old-time biases against them. I implore you to work together with all affected parties and do the right thing. Protect these animals in the surrounding areas of Yellowstone so that our kids and their kids can have the life-changing experience of seeing them in the wild.

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# #311

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below, as below impacts above.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana's gray wolves play an important role in the state's economy. Yellowstone's wolves are particularly treasured and important to the state's tourism industry. Small businesses in gateway communities in Montana who rely on being able to take people to see wolves in the wild have already reported impacts to their businesses and livelihoods as a result of so many Yellowstone wolves being killed last year. I've personally been with a guide and was able to observe wolves in Lamar Valley, and hear them howling. I learned a lot about the positive impacts wolves have had on the Yellowstone ecosystem, and learned a lot about their impact on livestock on ranches surrounding Yellowstone. As you know, after wolves were reestablished in the park, the park's biodiversity has grown by leaps and bounds. On the other side of the debate, livestock loss due to wolves in the Northern Rockies represents less than 1 percent of all livestock loss. While it is understandable for farmers to go to any means necessary to defend their livelihoods, they are in fact battling an insubstantial threat that can be avoided with less violent, more environmentally beneficial methods than simply shooting wolves.

With the recent devastating flooding and subsequent closing of parts of Yellowstone in June, they are already suffering significant economic losses. Therefore, I urge you to set the lowest quota allowable by law for the new, expanded wolf management unit 313. Wolves also play a key ecological role in reducing the spread of chronic wasting disease and in keeping natural systems healthy and in balance.

I oppose the proposal to move away from wolf management units. Managing by trapping districts instead will prevent capture of finer-scale data necessary for accurate, science-based, wolf management.

Additionally, I oppose the Commission's proposal to allow 450 of Montana's wolves to be killed (in addition to the 10 proposed for unit 313) before even considering any changes to the 2022-23 hunting and trapping season. With this high threshold, and its approval of lethal neck snaring, night hunting, bounties and other unethical wolf-killing methods, the Commission is out of touch with the majority of Montanans' values. I strongly oppose these practices. I urge you to use your discretion and authority to restore some of the public's trust in Montana's wildlife management, and to take a science-based, ethical approach with the state's 2022/23 wolf hunting and trapping regulations proposal.

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# #312

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Our wildlife is a massive part of what makes this state what it is. Not only is there an ecological imperative to preserve the biodiversity of the landscape and all of its inhabitants, but an economic one as well. So much of our states GDP comes from outdoor recreation. If we forego scientifically backed and publicly supported wildlife management, we pose a massive risk to the affluence of our state. We also are quickly falling from being a paragon of wildlife management to arbitrators of unjust and poorly developed wildlife management. The quotas are far too high and unsustainable. Please reconsider for the sake of our wild spaces and our states inhabits, both human and animal.

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**Q3**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #313

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the horrible hunting

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop the horrible hunting

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# #314

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment. Please see #3- wolves.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As an ethical hunter, and a responsible resident of Montana and the United States, I am writing to oppose excessive wolf hunting in WMU 313, on the border of Yellowstone National Park (YNP). By “excessive”, I mean any more than two wolves. I’ll document these concerns below, in that order.

First of all, hunting-- any hunting-- of individual animals that encounter over 3 million tourists/year is simply NOT fair chase. All year long, wolves are observed from vehicles, by hikers, bikers, skiers, and snowmobilers, and a large fraction of these people point long camera lenses at them. After all that habituation to people, it is simply not fair or ethical to expect wolves, on the opening day of hunting season, to recognize that places with human odor (i.e. traps and snares), or people themselves are a risk. It’s a “bait and switch” if there ever was one and NO PART OF IT IS FAIR CHASE. MT-FWP should support ETHICAL hunting, not killing for the sake of killing or out of animosity.

There is also abundant evidence that individuals hunting and harvesting wolves in the Gardiner basin are using privileged information about wolf locations and sharing that information using electronic communications. The latter is clearly a violation of the law, and both are undeniably ethical transgressions. Again, there’s no place for that in Montana hunting, whether for wolves or any species.

Second, excessive hunting on the border of YNP is just a dumb thing to do. The park, and largely those wolves, generate so much money for Gardiner-- a town that could use a big economic boost right now-- and the rest of MT, ID, and WY. Hunting habituated wolves will ultimately make them harder to see, it will likely lead to more conflict (Marucco and McIntire 2010) with livestock producers and possibly even direct conflict with people, and it tarnishes Montana and the Park’s reputations. It also diminishes the scientific and conservation value of the Yellowstone Wolf Population. It’s a bad idea and it’s counterproductive.

Finally, heavy hunting on YNP’s northern boundary is unjustifiable from scientific and wildlife management perspectives. Abundant scientific literature and data demonstrate the risks of “attractive sinks”-- places animals are drawn to only to experience elevated mortality (Delibes, Gaona, and Ferreras 2001; Kotal et al. 2016; Pitman et al. 2015). When animals are drawn out of secure, core habitat and killed, the core “protected” population is also at risk. Stenglein et al. (2015) demonstrate that mortalities similar to last years can drive wolf populations to extinction.

It has been argued that liberalized wolf hunting regulations did not lead to greater harvest, and therefore it’s not a concern. This is a fallacious argument and any credible biologist should be ashamed to advance it. All wildlife and natural resource managers know that catch is a flawed measure of a species our resource’s abundance. Catch-per-unit-effort or CPUE is far more relevant. In other words, if 2 people are able to kill 10 wolves apiece in a single day, there are probably a lot of wolves around, but if 20 people spend 20 days each to kill the same 20 wolves, there are likely far fewer wolves around. Same catch, vastly different efforts. By liberalizing the rules, MTFWP as significantly expanded EFFORT, so catch per unit effort has declined significantly. Leaving the harvest high would be irresponsible to say the least. While CPUE is not a perfect measure (Allen, Roberts, and Bayder 2020), it is far better than catch alone (Marrocoli et al. 2019), so FWP should do a better job monitoring wolves.

If FWP believes it can sustain and manage wolves as a game animal, it should do so over the whole rest of the state, without threatening YNP’s population.

All of my comments could be summarized with a single phrase: “Stick to the North American Model.” Having science-based management, carried out by professional managers, and engaging the public in fair-chase ethical hunting has given us wildlife that are the envy of the world. Commissioners: do not let political ideology, long-standing vendettas, or animosity lead you away from the North American Model. Risking our wildlife and Montana’s unparalleled hunting resources is absolutely not worth it. Reduce WMU 313’s quota to two or zero and do the right thing for wildlife, Montana’s wild places and one of our Nation and the world’s treasures: Yellowstone.

Sincerely, Pete Coppolillo, Ph.D.

Bozeman, MT

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners,

I recommend that you keep the trapping and snaring of wolves pretty much as is. I would like to see a little more up to date usage of the floating start date, as it is pretty generic as shown last year. The 15th start date that we had been using was working pretty good. If the seasonal weather changes, it should indicate that we need something else, then that is the time to implement changes. With the floating start date, it appears to me there is a lot of room for someone to shorten the season considerably if so inclined and not necessarily by using biological data. All the rhetoric about killing all the wolves because of all the new regulations has been disproven, so I would recommend continuation of the trapping season for wolves as it has been.

Thank you.

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# #316

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

MTFP should not change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to Regional Units (/). This will inhibit the monitoring of mismanagement of Montana & Yellowstone wolves making it more difficult to close a region if a quota isn't met on the macro level. MTFWP should re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 & 110. WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park should stay in place. MTFWP should keep the 12-hour emergency closure window intact for WMUs 313, 316, & 110. A 24-hour emergency closure window makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Last year too many Yellowstone National Park wolves were killed, 25 to be exact, with the majority of them occurring on the Northern park boundary in Montana. This year you're intending to set a quota of 10 wolves in the same area (Wolf Management Unit 313). I demand that you decrease the quota in WMU 313 from 10 down to 1, in order to protect anymore Yellowstone National Park wolves from being unjustly slaughtered. I also urge you to stop the implementation of indiscriminate hunting and trapping methods utilized within your seasons. Methods such as artificial lights, baiting, thermal imaging, and trapping and snaring can be not only indiscriminate, but can also be inhumane to the important and charismatic creatures who cross paths with these methods. I encourage you to end the implementation of these methods moving forward, as it can spell disaster for not only the ecosystem, but also it will affect your bottom line in regards to major economic contribution from ecotourism. Furthermore, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is proposing the slaughter of roughly 460 wolves, which is about half the total population, and is creating a revolving door policy that will make it easier for even more wolves to be massacred in an unjustly and undignified manner, if you deem it as necessary. I demand that the commission decreases this quota significantly and implement a more reasonable quota that is based on science and ethics, not politics. Please stop the unnecessary slaughter of wolves, as in the long run, the ecosystem, and your economy depend on it.

Sincerely,

Dantin Greenwell

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# #317

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe it's unlawful and unethical. These proposals are based on a lack of evidence and education surrounding wolves. Wolves are not harmful or dangerous, in fact domesticated dogs kill more livestock than wolves do in Montana. This isn't a matter of debate, this is life or death for a wolf, an individual which strives to live, to thrive with its family, to play with its friends. Ultimately, we don't get to decide their fate, we shouldn't decide when their time is up for the enjoyment of humans. Wolves deserve the opportunity to live a happy life in Montana without the fear of a hunter shooting them to death for 'sport'. It's just disgusting in my opinion, we will look back at this and realise how badly we've acted, what terrible choices we've made and ultimately I can sit here and write this comment, but the fate of the wolves lies with you, the one who's reading it right now. What do you choose, the one where wolves and humans can flourish and thrive peacefully in Montana together or the ones where humans recklessly kill innocent wolves for no necessary reason. Choose Wisely.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Discusting perhaps they should be allowed to wear human skin. Sounds absurd doesn't it? So why are people allowed to kill for their skin?

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping of any species should be illegal it is cruel and inhumane. Wolf hunting should be illegal, ranchers and farmers should be responsible for the protection of their herds against all other critters. Perhaps we need people in your positions that want to protect wildlife because none of you seem to care or are profiting somehow off those animals lives. People that do t like wildlife should move to the cities and they can deal with those animals.

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# #319

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and the use of trapping as a means of keeping Montana furbearer and predator populations healthy.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support the trapping of wolves in Montana. The use of trapping in managing our wolf population is a vital tool that should be utilized.

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# #320

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana FWP claims that recreational and commercial trapping is a management tool needed to control predator populations is unfounded. No facts support this assertion.

Trapping is an overwhelmingly recreational activity. Animals—including family pets—suffer for fun. Meanwhile, the pelts a trapper does sell are used for status symbol clothing, not for survival. As other countries gain wealth, they also embrace fur garments as status symbols, driving fur prices higher and encouraging trappers to deploy more traps on Montana's public lands.

Colorado limited trapping on public lands in 1996. In the eight years following, livestock losses to predators dropped by 62%! Coyotes have been shot and trapped for the past century, and their numbers haven't changed. That's because coyotes, like many other species, self-regulate their populations. The more that are trapped, the more they reproduce.

According to survey results published by Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, every year trappers kill an average of 50,000 animals they actually mean to catch. Thousands more "non-target" animals are killed by accident.

Trappers kill endangered, threatened and sensitive species. Lynx, wolves, bald eagles, marten, fisher, and wolverines are all killed by trappers in Montana. Hawks, eagles, owls and other raptors are also routinely killed or severely injured by traps.

If hunters shot other people's pets on public lands, there would be a public uproar. Trappers maim and kill dogs, cats and livestock on a routine basis, as part of the "non-target" by-catch that traps indiscriminately catch. A set trap snaps shut on whatever walks into it, including lactating mother animals. When this happens, the offspring starve to death.

Trapping is a torturous, barbaric activity that has no place in a modern, humane world. I implore you to return to humane and ethical practices and please stop the barbaric trapping of wildlife in Montana. At a minimum, please drop all quotas to the lowest possible numbers and impose the shortest furbearer season possible with the strictest regulations possible.

Thank you.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully request that MT FWP decrease all quotas to the absolute lowest possible numbers. Please set a quota of one in WMU 313 instead of your proposed quota of 10 wolves. Please stop the unnecessary slaughter of Yellowstone wolves. There are currently only 88 Yellowstone wolves left. And wolves that wander outside the invisible park boundary are 5.5 times more likely to die.

Last year 25 Yellowstone wolves were slaughtered. Most of those kills were on the northern park boundary in Montana.

People come from all over the world to see wolves, the iconic symbol of America. Wolves are a huge part of why visitors flock to Yellowstone. Some 82 million dollars pours into the local economies in surrounding areas thanks to wolf watchers. Montana businesses that make their living on viewing wolves, not killing wolves, recognize how important it is to protect this magnificent and treasured creature.

There have been only seven confirmed livestock killings by wolves since 2013. Not one of those was within your proposed WMU 313. Continuing Montana's indiscriminate slaughter of wolves is a threat not only to the Yellowstone wolf population, but also to Yellowstone's ecosystem and economy.

I implore you to put an end to the proposed continuation of another hunting and trapping season like this past year. Baiting, trapping, snaring, thermal imaging and use of artificial lights are inhumane hunting and trapping practices. Other wildlife, including endangered species, and even pet dogs can become collateral damage.

My rescue dog Indiana is living proof. Indiana was living in the wild when she was mistaken for a wolf and shot. She lost her leg from the gunshot wound upon capture. This war on wolves is claiming the lives and limbs of other innocent creatures. Every year family pets are caught in the crosshairs like Indiana. They needlessly die in traps; many others are injured or maimed. The indiscriminate slaughter of wolves must come to an end.

Your proposal to kill off 460 wolves is about half the number of wolves in Montana. I respectfully ask that the Commission please stop this war on wolves and set a new quota based on science and ethics, not on politics. And please do not allow the number of wolves to be slaughtered to increase as the hunting season progresses.

I am adamantly opposed to your proposed wolf hunting and trapping season regulations. They are inhumane, unethical and defy science and humanity. Non-lethal methods should be used so wolves and humans can peacefully and successfully co-exist.

I beg of you, if you won't stop the hunting of wolves, please stop this return to the inhumane and unethical wolf killing laws of the turn of the 19th century. Please stop the cruel and barbaric methods you sanction to hunt and trap wolves and return to fair chase guidelines in the hunting of wolves. And please lower the quota to one. Around Yellowstone at a minimum.

If you don't, it's not just wolves who will pay the price. The eyes of the world are on Montana and are horrified by what you are doing to Yellowstone wolves. Your tourism revenue will plummet. You can stop this. You must stop this.

Please stop it now. Before it's too late. For 270 Montana wolves including 25 Yellowstone wolves, it's already too late. Please don't wipe out the 88 wolves left in Yellowstone.

Please don't silence the Call of the Wild. It's the Call of the Wild that brings tourists to Montana.

Thank you.

# #321

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a biologist, naturalist, and environmental educator in the State of Washington I have found that your State of Montana indiscriminately murders gray wolves for pleasure and egotistical behavior is not becoming to any member of your Fish and Wildlife Department/Commission. In fact, your representation of wolf killing not only on the border of Yellowstone National Park, but everywhere in your State shows that you do NOT understand wildlife ecology, biological diversity, and protecting all species that live and have breath in Montana. To Not Relist our Endangered Gray Wolves along with WY, and ID... is a TRUE DISGRACE to ALL of AMERICA and to ALL AMERICANS. You propose taking the lives of many innocent animals and raptors within your so-called management units...they are murder units...where they live and die by your hands! This is NOT OF GOD... and you're playing as if you are God Himself! DO NOT keep taking the lives of so many precious and beautiful species of mammals and birds by all your policies and politics in Montana. Where a few men rule the land... all are in the crosshairs of death in your State! Wildlife contests, selling the furs of animals (pelts as you call them) for money and slendor speaks volumes as to what kind of people you are in Montana...let alone those that are making all these horrific murderous decisions that I read are going to continue herein. You are a disgrace to AMERICA... and are no different to me than that awful day at our National Capitol on January 6, 2021. This attitude of yours of "killing, killing, killing" needs to STOP... FULL STOP! I strongly recommend you Stop Killing Innocent beings in your State of Montana... and RISE UP to protect what is left of them and keeping the Ecology and Biodiversity in your State Recognizable! Your Actions Against OUR Wildlife in Montana are Without Regard to Life and Wildlife and Habitat Conservation. Go back and rewrite your proposed regulations... you've already murdered ENOUGH gray wolves and other species caught in snares all over your damned State! Give it UP!

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

You are "Over Taking" the Amount of Gray Wolves in your State of Montana. You have already murdered over 200 gray wolves in 2022.. and it continues...even on the border of Yellowstone National Park... No wolf is safe and is given a death sentence by your government officials. To actually want to kill 100 more wolves again this next fall season... is exacerbating what already has been an extermination plot/scheme in Montana as well as in Wyoming and Idaho. Why are you doing this? It's not about wolves and them doing anything wrong in Montana. You clearly don't know how to run your Dept of Fish and Wildlife. You're making grave mistakes by doing what your doing here! Any wolf in Montana is a DEAD WOLF..because you're making sure of it! These wolves need to be Relisted under the Endangered Species Act and Given the Animals Rights to Live Unharmred where God placed them and all the other species to live and have breath.. and increase the biologic diversity and species richness in Montana. You are destroying the ecology of Montana. You are not doing the right thing with all this Killing, Killing, Killing! The rest of America is Disgusted by your actions and policies Against Wildlife! You're a Threat to Life in the Wild of Montana! If you were all gone, you humans in charge... nature would be just Fine! You are doing this because you want to turn Montana into a Giant Ranch of Cows to eat! You're sick humans and I urge you strongly to get YOUR ACT TOGETHER and STOP KILLING OUR WOLVES! I'm asking Americans to BOYCOTT vacationing in MT... and I'm The Voice for all Wildlife in the crosshairs and snares in Montana. You clearly don't know how to be great stewards of our Earth! Stop Killing Wolves! Zero Out Your Quotas.. You've already murdered enough... STOP!

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# #322

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please eliminate such senseless killings.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves need to be protected. They are not an overpopulated species, nor are they killed to be eaten. It's senseless slaughter, of an animal trying to live its innocent life in the habitat in which it belongs. Please do not allow wolves to be hunted. They need to be protected!

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# #323

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It feels like an obscenity to murder wolves for no reason. Honestly. They were endangered and are trying so hard to make a come back. The health of the entire environmental system in these lands is in balance. To take out such a predator will have a massive impact for generations to come.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It feels obscene to me to be hunting and predating upon these much needed for the ecosystem predators. Especially the ones that are protective in Yellowstone Park. The planet is already on fire, the more unnecessary killing we do the worst it will be for everybody. These are smart intelligent mammals, same as us, and they deserve the right to live and function in a way that does not impact humans and vice versa. If a couple of wolves are killing livestock that's one thing. But these wolves are unnecessarily hunted and necessary for the health of the entire ecosystem. Do you want water for your cattle? Wolves help keep the entire ecosystem healthy. Thank you.

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# #324

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing in the hopes that the use of baiting and snares will be outlawed or extremely limited, as baiting and snares are indiscriminate and inhumane, as well as unsportsmanlike. The possibility of snares catching pets, and even injuring children is a concern.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am writing to make my voice heard on the proposed changes to wolf management in the state of Montana. I am urging you to base any decisions on the wolf hunt on science, and not on myth or emotion. For example, beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model ) uses data exclusively from the hunting community, not from biologists and scientists who track wolves specifically. Both sides need to be consulted/considered.

Also, wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs. This past spring, I visited Yellowstone specifically to see wolves in the northern region of the park, and bought my first National Parks Annual Pass, as well as supported the economy of the towns surrounding the park in Montana. I was able to meet wonderful wildlife viewers, and see wolves from the Junction Butte pack through a spotting scope. This was one of the highlights of my life. The value of wolves (and wildlife, in general) is much greater when they are alive, in their natural habitat) and thriving, than dead.

One way to protect the wolves that bring in so much money to the Montana economy is to not shrink the 17 Wolf Management Units, to 7 regional units, as well as re-establishing the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110--the areas bordering the northern parts of Yellowstone National Park. If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 1. Wolves do not understand park "borders" and for hunters to wait at said borders is unsportsmanlike.

Furthermore, traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets. Please end trapping on our public lands; not only does snaring fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase, but it is an unsportsmanlike, primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals. It damages Montana's public image and it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

Snaring will further degrade the face of hunting.

Environmental trophic cascades are another reason to value the wolves. They changed and repaired the landscape of Yellowstone by preventing elk and deer from overgrazing/degrading the environment. The same can be done for areas outside the parks borders.

Finally, Montana should give more significant consideration to the "value" of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state, specifically in curbing chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana. Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, your current control strategy is relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, which has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out these infirm animals .

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease.

Thank you for your time and for considering my voice. I sincerely hope positive changes can be made in valuing and saving the wolves in Montana!

Sincerely,  
Soyoung Kim  
Orange County, CA

# #325

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please limit & shorten.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In general, I believe trapping, baiting, helicopter hunting should all be suspended or outlawed. The trophy hunters & bounty trappers threaten the balance of wildlife & a healthy environment. Your calling is good management. Think about tourism..protection of hikers & pets. Getting your revenues from licenses to hunt & trap should not obscure the importance of a healthy & vibrant wildlife. Please represent the majority of our constituents & not the minority of wolf hunters & trappers.

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# #326

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have lived in Hamilton and Seeley Lake Montana. Stop the trapping and snaring of Montana's wildlife! Trapping on public lands jeopardizes the health and safety of Montanans, their children and pets! Stop!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

How on earth can you set quotas for hunting wolves when you have not even decided, though you estimate wolf numbers quite inaccurately, how many wolves there are in Montana??! This is despicable and completely contrary to science and reputable hunting regulations. Non consumptive Montanans and visitors from all over the US deserve to have a say in what happens to wolves that live in the National parks in Montana! Those wolves belong to all US citizens, not just the people on MFWP commission! The wolf calling, and baiting YNP and Glacier wolves over the protective borders of their park homes is not hunting. It is pure and simple the desire to massacre wolves!! You all repeatedly allow people to claim that wolves kill all the elk when you know for a fact that elk numbers are UP in MT! Why do you feel it is appropriate to allow hunters to target YNP wolves?? You all continue to claim that there are too many wolves in MT yet you could not meet the target number you wanted and actually killed a higher percentage of the total wolves in MT by the targeting of YNP wolves!! We want a quota of 0 in the areas 313 and 316 that border YNP! Killing 10 wolves, which you know will be more than given your lax reporting timeframe, will decimate yet again the packs that reside in Yellowstone. More than one wolf pack was eliminated in last years hunt and resulted in disarray of the remaining packs due to the killing of so many , and more than one alpha from different packs. You know full well that YNP wolves are not killing livestock outside the park!! Stop allowing people to use calls, and bait YNP wolves outside the park! Prove to US citizens and people around the world that there really are too many wolves in MT and restrict hunting our National park wolves! Leave YNP and Glacier wolves out of the hunt! Cooke City, SilverGate and Gardiner businesses have had to endure enough due to the flood! Stop hurting Montana small businesses that border Yellowstone! Stop allowing the targeting of YNP wolves!!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully request that you consider reasonably low quotas particularly in areas near where visitors enjoy watching and photographing wildlife.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

From my home in Silver Gate MT I normally enter Yellowstone regularly to photograph wildlife and I specialize in wolves. This is not only my passion but also my business. Killing wolves in 313 is, to speak plainly, often killing Yellowstone Park wolves. I'm not anti hunting but I see little point in allowing a select few to kill a community resource that brings in millions of dollars and pleasure for many thousands of Americans. It's just simply bad business, bad public policy, and poor stewardship of our resources in my opinion. Please seriously consider setting reasonable low wolf quotas for the entire state and a quota of one for those areas like 313 that are near Yellowstone.

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# #328

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Because trapping is so indiscriminate, regardless of a trapper's experience, please require trappers to check traps every 24 hours. It is cruel and inhumane to leave an animal in a trap any longer than necessary. Due to the number of non-target animals and pets that are trapped, please reduce the check time to 24 hours.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am OPPOSED to the current proposal for wolf trapping and hunting, for a variety of reasons. I am a biologist and have experience working with wolves in Idaho. These proposals are not based on science, and are driven by the agenda of special interest groups. The proposed number of wolves to be harvested is not biologically sustainable. Please reduce the threshold to a lower number of wolves and reinstate the quota system. SB 314 does not require this drastic reduction of wolves. Please allow the state biologists to do their work, and set the harvest level at a sustainable number. There is absolutely no scientific reason to slaughter this large amount of wolves. Wolves are a critical component of a healthy ecosystem, and are a keystone species. We have learned their importance in the ecosystem by the years of research at Yellowstone National Park. They are also extremely intelligent and a highly social animal. By taking so many animals you are upsetting the balance of the packs. Wolves self-regulate their numbers. We learned that at Yellowstone as well. The population now has been disrupted by the large number of wolves harvested in Montana. Wolves learn how and what to hunt from the pack. By killing large numbers of wolves hunting strategies may change, and human-wolf conflict could then increase. Wolves also do indeed statistically take down ungulates that are diseased or injured, therefore help decrease the spread of infectious diseases among ungulates. Val Asher, at the Turner Foundation in Montana, found that about 88% of ungulates killed were diseased or injured.

The continued rhetoric about livestock loss and elk loss is not true. In 2019, wolves were responsible for 0.003% of livestock losses. And the individual livestock grower is reimbursed. Plus, our native species should not die just because they predate on livestock, which is often times grazing on public lands, for a subsidized fee! In addition, Montana's elk population is thriving. Wolves, and all wildlife, have inherent value. And, Montana has a responsibility to protect its wildlife for all Americans to enjoy, not just for the trappers and hunters. The Public Trust Doctrine states such. Your political decisions are also not based on science, are anti-predator, and anti-science. This is unacceptable. Please do not allow politics to drive your decisions. Use science to guide your wildlife management decisions. And, as far as Yellowstone goes, please reduce the quota for WMU 313. The quota of 10 wolves is too high. The local communities and economy are enriched by live wolves, not dead wolves. Please do a better job of wildlife management.

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# #329

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I request that all baiting, trapping and snaring be banned. I request an 8 hour reporting period for accurate tracking purposes.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I request that the committee learn from the mistakes made last year and make three important changes:

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. While I do live out of state, I am a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park for 32 years – and killing those wolves DIRECTLY impacts me, my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area.
2. Please remove the inhumane and quite honestly, cowardly, ways to get a trophy wolf. I ask that for the next hunting season you ban baiting wolves, thermal imaging as well as trapping and snaring. Think about Aldo Leopold hunting ethics and apply them here.
3. Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. Here again, if the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone area.

In Wisconsin, we know all too well what happens with wolf quotas...they are exceeded!

Set it lower – use real hunter ethics and science NOT politics and greed drive this decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amy Mueller (UW WHITEWATER ALUM)

Dousman, WI

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think that there are issues with the proposal for Wolf Trapping and Hunting. First, the way that wolf populations were determined for this proposal is not an accurate way to measure populations. Not having the most accurate population information would not allow the best quotas to be determined. While I feel that there should be an allowance for wolves to be harvested, the numbers should come from science. I think there also needs to be considerations with unit 313 and decreasing the quotas for that unit to one wolf. Units 316 and 110 would also benefit from smaller quotas. Yellowstone wolves bring in money to the state and opening an opportunity for them to be hunted could more likely lose the state money. There are other units where more wolves can be harvested, so there is a great opportunity for compromise by allowing more wolves to be taken in other areas than the ones surrounding Yellowstone and areas that are making money because of wolves.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think that there are issues with the proposal for Wolf Trapping and Hunting. First, the way that wolf populations were determined for this proposal is not an accurate way to measure populations. Not having the most accurate population information would not allow the best quotas to be determined. While I feel that there should be an allowance for wolves to be harvested, the numbers should come from science. I think there also needs to be considerations with unit 313 and decreasing the quotas for that unit to one wolf. Units 316 and 110 would also benefit from smaller quotas. Yellowstone wolves bring in money to the state and opening an opportunity for them to be hunted could more likely lose the state money. There are other units where more wolves can be harvested, so there is a great opportunity for compromise by allowing more wolves to be taken in other areas than the ones surrounding Yellowstone and areas that are making money because of wolves.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Firstly, the rules for wolf management should be science-based. The method used to determine Montana wolf populations (IPOM) is neither peer reviewed nor accurate, as it uses data exclusively from the hunting community. Secondly, maintaining higher wolf populations make economic sense. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs. Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife. Additionally, with chronic waste disease on the rise in deer, elk, and moose populations across Montana, wolves are the best control strategy to prevent this disease from spreading. While human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed and can be a much more effective solution. Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc. Thirdly, Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Yellowstone and Federal Lands belong to all Americans. The non-consumptive individual who makes up the majority is not being heard of represented by MTFWP.

MTFWP should not change from Wolf Management unites (17WMUs) to Region Unites (7). This will inhibit the monitoring of mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves, making it more difficult to close a region if a quota isn't met on the macro level. MTFWP should te-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 1. WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park should stya in place. Finally, MTFWP should keep the 12 hour emergency closure window intact for WMUs 313, 316, and 110. A 24-hour emergency closure window makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

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## Q1

Contact information:

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State/Province: **GA**

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop wolf trapping and hunting

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop wolf trapping and hunting

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# #333

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas should be at zero.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should not be any hunting allowed of these wolves. Quotas should be set at zero. This is not wolf management at all, please do not allow hunting of wolves. Every year I travel to see these animals and spend money on tourism, if these wolves continue to be killed my family and I and many friends will no longer do so.

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# #334

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the quota should be zero. These animals should not be hunted or inhumanely trapped.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf are a keystone species and should remain under federal protection. Sadly this has been stripped away. Science should be leading the management of wolf population not ranchers and hunters. We need to coexist with important wildlife. I am a resident of Idaho and am very concerned with the protection of our Yellowstone pack.

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# #335

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Ban all baiting, trapping and snaring.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I request that the committee make three important changes:

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. While I do live out of state, I am a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park, and killing those wolves DIRECTLY impacts me, my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area. Even the Superintendent of Yellowstone NP agrees!
  2. Please remove the inhumane baiting of wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring.
  3. Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. If the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone.  
Set it lower – use real hunter ethics and science NOT politics and greed drive this decision.
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## Q1

Contact information:

**Name:** Jordan  
**City/Town:** Watertown  
**State/Province:** MA

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No hunting allowed. Protect the wolves

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No hunting or trapping allowed. Protect the wolves

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# #337

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To allow trapping and snaring is cruel, unnessecary, and in my opinion it is cheating - no respectable hunter with a respect for our wild lands would use these methods to sustain themselves. I also believe that the amount of bycatch, including endangered grizzly bear and lynx, is enough evidence that trapping and snaring is unnessecary and outdated and should not be allowed on our public lands.

There is no current population estimate of bobcats and I believe this is enough that we should take a step back to understand how many bobcats currently exist in Montana before we continue to allow trapping of them. The bycatch including endangered grizzly and lynx currently is unacceptable.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As someone who recreates and fish/hunts for sustenance on public lands in Montana, I care about the ways wolves are managed here. I believe in the rules of a fair chase - and the current methods of hunting allowed to not follow these moral rules. To allow trapping and snaring is cruel, unnessecary, and in my opinion it is cheating - no respectable hunter with a respect for our wild lands would use these methods to sustain themselves. I also believe that the amount of bycatch, including endangered grizzly bear and lynx, is enough evidence that trapping and snaring is unnessecary and outdated and should not be allowed on our public lands.

There is also evidence that removing wolves leads to more predation of livestock and spread of the species. Evidence shows when you remove an older wolf that is sharing their knowledge of hunting and territory to their younger family members, the wolves will not only breed more and lead to more wolf families, they will also spread out and be more likely to look for other prey which could include livestock. The best way to manage wolves is to let them manage themselves. They prefer the natural food sources i.e. wild ungulates. Keeping the balance and allowing wolves to regulate themselves will keep livestock predation numbers low, as the evidence has shown it to be a very small percentage of wolf predation on livestock's in Montana as of now.

There is also evidence that wolves can help the fight in Chronic Wasting Disease as they primarily hunt sick & elderly female prey. They help keep disease numbers down and could also be a viable asset in helping the spread of not only CWD but potentially Brucellosis in wild bison as well. We need wolves to help keep the spread of disease down and allow our livestock to remain healthy and strong.

Please see that there is economic and natural value of wolves, and that Montanans like myself want to see them around. 450 wolves is not a number that comes from scientific review and I believe there should be more investigation into current wolf populations before such a high number of take is allowed.

If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 0.

Thank you

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Disgusted with our Governor and his inability to use research based evidence regarding the wolf population in Montana. It's clear the conservative party only cares about their immediate circle, this not only hurts the conservation of wolves but will reduce the hunting population for the other side in future years. It's shortsighted, disgusting, and if our Governor doesn't care I want to make it known to his constituents, I will not be voting for, or supporting any candidate who doesn't understand 100 level statistics and conservation practices. This is good for nobody and relies on fear mongering. Plain and simple.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Disgusted with our Governor and his inability to use research based evidence regarding the wolf population in Montana. It's clear the conservative party only cares about their immediate circle, this not only hurts the conservation of wolves but will reduce the hunting population for the other side in future years. It's shortsighted, disgusting, and if our Governor doesn't care I want to make it known to his constituents, I will not be voting for, or supporting any candidate who doesn't understand 100 level statistics and conservation practices. This is good for nobody and relies on fear mongering. Plain and simple.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves bring money to the state and balance the ecosystem. No credible information indicates otherwise. Wolf hunting trapping is wrong on every level. Read this article for a complete take: <https://theintercept.com/2022/07/20/wolves-yellowstone-ranger-montana-greg-gianforte/?fbclid=IwAR1jiLSAjCD-Rxbs5CXUQPsjUHPkWD4TsTBm1thicjI5xdT52ZQGSHjVM8s&fs=e&s=cl>

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quota count is too high. Our wildlife is being destroyed.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota count is too high. The wolves were decimated in last years hunting season and need to recover. Wolves kill older female elk and are scapegoated by hunters that kill most of the bull elk. There must not be baiting, snaring or the use of hunting dogs with GPS tracking.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop slaughtering wolves in the most unethical, unsportsman like ways. Besides the cruelty, it doesn't make scientific sense. Not only do we not actually know how many wolves are out there since iPOM is based on hunter-reported sightings, wolves are important for ecosystem balance, particularly during a time when Montana is being overrun by Elk. Finally, wolves are good for Montana's economy, bringing in \$82M from wolf watchers each year to the Yellowstone area, which is particularly important as Gardiner struggles to recover from the floods. Finally, I want to re-emphasize that traps and snares are inhumane (slow, painful death) and catch many non-wolf species, including birds of prey and lynx, both of which are protected. We should not trap on public lands, at a minimum.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not change wolf management units (17 currently) to 7 regional units. Please do re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in units 313, 316, and 110 (while I wish this quota were zero, that is not possible per MT state legislation, so please settle at 1). Please also look outside of the political rhetoric at the science - wolves are intelligent, sentient creatures who live in family groups much like ours and do not hunt for sport - they hunt to live, and take only what they need. There are many better ways to reduce conflict with wolves that merely killing them - the state's budget would be better spent shoring up fencing and funding other proven conflict-reduction methodologies which would allow humans and wolves to share a healthier environment together.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I typed all comments in the wolf trapping and hunting section. Please reference that.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

What is the biological or scientific reason to kill Montana and Yellowstone wolves? There is in fact NO justifiable scientific reason to kill Montana or Yellowstone wolves. A killing season on wolves is being pushed by minority special interest groups such as Montana Outfitters and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Montana livestock deprecation in 2021 was just 64 cattle out of a state population of 2.6 million cattle AND the livestock producers were compensated at 3 times the market value of each cow.

DO NOT change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This is not science based Management (and you know it) and we don't do this with ungulates or other carnivores. This proposal is meant to prevent wolf advocates from monitoring the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves and make it difficult to close wolf killing when an areas review trigger is met.

Re-establish the quota of one wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacial National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor in the US and with increasingly erratic weather and fires these wildlife corridors become ever more vital.

Do not change the current 12 hr emergency closure for WMUs 313, 316, and 110 that border Yellowstone and Glacier National Park. To change to a 24 hr emergency closure ensures the quota will be exceeded (and you know it). Same day emergency closure with traps and snares removed. (How are these barbaric contraptions still legal in the 21st century?)

Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82:MILLION in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

The Yellowstone northern elk herd is growing and above objective.

It is LONG OVERDUE that Montana FW&P include the non-consumptive majority in your decision making.

No trapping or snaring of wolves in grizzly bear and lynx recovery areas. Wolves killed in WMUs 313 and 316 are to be included in the quota review trigger mechanism.

When MtFW&P discuss wolf hunting and trapping/ snaring mortality in future MtFW&P wolf management proposals wolves killed by (the horrendously mis-named) Wildlife Services as well as wolves killed by poaching be included.

Lastly, what is wrong with MtFW&Ps thinking that you want to kill so many wolves, or any wolves at all, here in the 21st century when we have crashing biodiversity, exotic diseases afflicting ungulate herds (wolves target weak and sick animals helping to eliminate these from the herd) and increased understanding of predators' vital biological function in the ecosystem? We also know far more about wolves intelligence, social structures, devotion to family, grief at the loss of family members. There is no biological reason to kill wolves. There's definitely no decent reason for a general wolf killing season! It is killing just to kill. Are you sportsmen or mere killers? Wolves contribute far more to a landscape than any hunter, trapper or snarer ever has. Yellowstone proves people will pay good money to see wolves. You're not only committing a sin against biodiversity and wildness itself, you're killing your own golden goose. It's not too late to take a more sustainable, more popular and more biologically sound path.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are inhumane. They do not discriminate between what you are trying to kill and anything else.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.

Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

Snaring will further degrade the face of hunting.

Wolves Can Save Montana Wildlife from a 100% Fatal Disease.

Montana should give more significant consideration to the "value" of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We're talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape.

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# #344

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I will abstain from commenting on this proposed season and quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am against the proposed 2022 wolf trapping & hunting seasons and quotas, I implore you to stop the carnage. Wolves are part of the ecosystem as you know. Economically wolves bring in tourist \$. Please don't agree to the Wolf killing whether it is trapping or hunting. Let them live!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Disgusting

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Your numbers show the greed and hate in your hearts possibly from some sort of generational childhood abuse, and misinformation along with the need for power and control. You're so obsessed with eating meat that you are fearful you might not be able to shove enough down your throat so therefore you murder the closet relative to man's best friend. The wolves do not know they are wolves, and your reasons for destroying them do not match reality. These predators are vital to the echo systems and not a threat to your dinner plates. The public is watching, The rest of America is watching and God is watching.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is nothing ethical or humane about how you kill off a species in a way to make it less painful or quick. It is gross and despicable that you feel you have that right to do so in the first place to regulate the way nature was intended. Animals are here to balance the world far before humans came in to overpopulate it and take away the land that does not belong to them. In Hawai'i, where I am from, people propose to kill off species they feel are endangering the native species with complete disregard for anyone in the way. It is sickening and barbaric to the animals. They have killed over 10,000 parakeets on one island and plan to do more. They have recently imported THOUSANDS of baby chukars and pheasants to release into the wild for people to hunt and shoot dead. This isn't a game people. This is absolute evil. Bringing in thousands of a type of foreign species to help with the hunting season is not the answer. This is the very reason why other non native creatures become a problem in the areas. Leave it to Nature and the animals to take care of the situation. You are so concerned for your farm animals, then try other alternatives like placing mules, horses and dogs around to keep your farm in check. Respecting what was there first is the key, the most important thing anyone can do.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are the key to keeping nature in balance. Humans don't decide that. Nature does. Other animals do. Let the animals decide what is best. Stop playing around with the idea that removing wolves from the world will be the answer to your problems on your farms, to be able to hunt for fun and fulfill egos. In return the animals will find their way to fight back and humans will suffer. It's not their fault that you decided to take over their land and disrupt what naturally occurs in their perfectly balanced ecosystems. You have only destroyed it and thrown it off balance and now want the wolves to pay? It is despicable and barbaric to think you are better than the animals. They were here long before you.

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# #347

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I don't think should be trapped or hunted they are meant to be here they do a lot for our wildlife they keep all wildlife in track so as not over populating.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I think unless they are killing their farm animals or threatening people let them be

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# #348

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Must Stop

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Born and raised in the woods and family was taught to respect wildlife and all food sources and garbage was handled with care. John Muir would be disgusted by the swarms of visitors to the parks and the ridiculous amount of greenhorns that have moved into our woods and mountains. The photographers and viewers need to be limited and managed. I dont believe in how disgracefully our parks and wildlife our managed. I was a guide for outfitters for 30+ years of my 55 and retired because its all about exploiting everything on earth and comes down to money and power and a terrible cost to our wildlife and resources. Mark my words if we dont change our ways they will be all gone. Our planet is dying and soon we will all be extinct. It is very hard to be advocate and see the ignorance that is destroying all of nature. No one of any power for change really cares and is willing to protect what we must love and respect. I am lost faith in mankind I hope and pray that we change immediately! The parks and visitors and outfitters are all out of control. They are being destroyed as we speak. Get off your couches and do something about it and change your footprint and way you live. Times are coming more perilous than the common man, woman or child even knows. DO SOMETHING STOP TALKING AND CHANGE BEFORE IT IS ALL GONE. God bless. Please stop the madness.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I request that the committee learn from the mistakes made last year and make three important changes:

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. While I do live out of state, I am a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park for 32 years – and killing those wolves DIRECTLY impacts me, my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area.
  2. Please remove the inhumane and quite honestly, cowardly, ways to get a trophy wolf. I ask that for the next hunting season you ban baiting wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring. Think about Aldo Leopold hunting ethics and apply them here.
  3. Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. Here again, if the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone area. In Wisconsin, we know all too well what happens with wolf quotas...they are exceeded! Set it lower – and use real hunter ethics and science NOT politics and greed drive this decision.
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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Public Comment to Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks – 2023 Wolf Proposal – July 21, 2022

Good afternoon. My name is Rainer Gerbatsch, I live in Colorado. My wife and I have been frequent visitors to Yellowstone National Park (YNP) and Montana. For us the main reason to visit YNP and your state are wolves. We have extensively supported local communities thru classes at YNP, hiring guides, purchases of wildlife photography, hotels, car rentals, gear, food, etc.

Since the State of MT and MT-FWP initiated the senseless killing of wolves unwittingly leaving the park we have decided to direct our funds elsewhere – we are actively promoting avoiding the state of MT given its senseless policies towards wildlife and wolves. At this time, with the impact of climate change felt in every state, wildlife state agencies in this country should be actively involved in addressing climate change – MT is doing just the opposite.

After reviewing the 2022-2023 Wolf Proposal, another politicized document, I feel compelled to submit the following comments.

Montana FWP on its webpage offers this statement:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, through its employees and citizen commission and board, provides for the stewardship of the fish, wildlife, parks, and recreational resources of Montana, while contributing to the quality of life for present and future generations.

“Ethical hunting means that a person knows and respects the game being hunted, follows the law, and behaves in a way that will satisfy what society expects of a hunter. Ethical hunters are familiar with the places they hunt, the wildlife that live there, and the way they should behave when hunting.”

I fail to identify the word “stewardship” in the Wolf Proposal. The prominent take-away is an unfounded and counterproductive drive to kill wolves? Why actively push for and legalize hunting policies and regulations that make a spectacle of hunting? The MT FWP “Hunting and Trapping Regulations” policies and regulation allow baiting, electronic calls, artificial lights, thermal imaging technology, night vision scopes, run wolves to exhaustion in snow mobiles or ATV’s.

These policies and regulations define and legalize wolf hunting as an exercise in bloodlust, and eliminate ethics the set of moral principles that guides a person’s behavior!

Wolves are ecosystem keystones and as such should never be hunted. Further, the species self-controls which means the evolutionary predator/prey dance determines the number of wolves in each ecosystem. Science is clear: hunts – any hunt - of this keystone predator is wrong, not just wrong but counterproductive. Wolves as ecological keystones wolves are instrumental in preserving biodiversity. As a wildlife agency you must be aware that we are losing biodiversity at an alarming rate and yet the 2022/23 Wolf proposal is a showcase in how to further degrade biodiversity.

I urge the MT legislature, Gov Gianforte and MT FWP to revise the wolf proposal based on the following:

1. Eliminate the support for minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and other hunting organization apparently unfamiliar with ethics. Their call to arms to kill in the manner described in your policies and regulations is a push to commercialize wildlife. Wildlife, and that includes wolves in YNP and all of MT belong to Montanans under the public trust doctrine. Most of this country (and this includes MT) are non-consumptive users (mutualists), and non-consumptive users want to see wolves and other large carnivores on the landscape. A 2018 study shows a clear future trend toward mutualism!
2. For YNP, MT and gateway communities’ wolves help provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue! The Wolf Proposal appears to disregard these communities and their contribution to the state’s economy. I urge you to eliminate wolf quotas in WMU’s

313, 316, and 110; as a minimum establish a quota of "1". Further, maintain the current 12-hour emergency closure for the above identified WMU's.

3. Maintain the 17 WMUs. The change to 7 regional units is designed to shed responsibility for mismanagement of MT and YNP wolves. To that end, do not eliminate WMU 110 as it is an important and vital wildlife corridor into the US.

4. Eliminate support for the unfounded hostility towards wolves by livestock producers. Livestock predations by wolves are less than minuscule (64 cattle from a population of 2.6 million based on 2021 data equals 0.000035%). Never-the-less, life stock produces are reimbursed with tax payer money. Studies estimate that heat waves, the result of climate change result in cattle mortality ranging from 10 to 24% world-wide. The unchecked progress of climate change will result in more days near or in the triple digits and therefore an increase in cattle mortality. Wolves, when they are alive, are an effective ally in maintaining biodiversity and checking climate change.

5. Adopt a focus on species and populations. Currently there is a near total disregard for the interests of individual animals and their social groups. Wildlife management remains rooted in an outdated worldview in which wild animals are seen as soulless resources without intrinsic or ecological values, whose highest purpose is to be "harvested" by humans and serve human all needs and whims. It is completely out of touch with changing public attitudes and modern ecological science.

Embrace Aldo Leopold's ecological perspective expressed in his later writings. It is to the detriment of MT and the US that wildlife management as currently practiced in the U.S. today still reflects his earlier agricultural views. As the concept of conservation has evolved, state wildlife institutions and policies haven't kept pace. MT-FWP has not only NOT kept pace it is actively fostering policies and regulations supported exclusively by the demands of agricultural and consumptive user.

6. Eliminate all trapping and snaring for wolves in this wolf management proposal. As a minimum include Wildlife Services control actions, SB 200 mortality and poaching activity numbers.

7. Eliminate trapping or snaring of Grizzly bear and Lynx in recovery areas.

8. Eliminate consideration for the Integrate Patch Occupancy Modeling (IPOM) given the lack of peer review and a data base provided by the hunting community without input by the scientific community or trained surveyors.

There are fundamental problems in state wildlife management.

To preserve the diversity of life in this country, we need the states to be leaders, not obstacles, and that won't happen without a radical re-envisioning of wildlife management at the state level.

I speak for wolves, most of the state of MT, and the country speaks for wolves and therefore for biodiversity and against the extinction crisis.

I urge you recognize the values wolves represent and fulfil the stewardship mandate MT-FWP has as a wildlife agency.

I urge you to embrace an ecological mission, and new constituencies.

I urge you to embrace mutualism.

Thank you.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Let the populations hit a healthy number, stop depleting species numbers

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The science does not support it! Stop wolf hunts!

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# #352

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Furbearers:

1. Require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging.
2. Reduce Region 1 bobcat from the 275 quota to 200 per the wildlife biologists recommendations.
3. Support Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100.
4. Ask for a moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of the unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month long current season!
5. Mandatory 24hr/daily trap checks.

According to the wildlife biologists, indicators are the bobcat populations are possibly declining in these two regions, 1 & 5.

Region 1 (NW Montana) has a history of chronically going over quota! FWP met with the trappers, as always, and agreed to a 225 quota which the biologists felt a better safeguard was 200. FWP went with the trappers in their proposals. Insist on a 200 quota for Region 1!

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves:

1. Snaring on private land, only, and with landowner's written permission.  
Prohibit ram power snares.
  2. Adjust wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 - Feb 28, in particular to avoid grizzlies.
  3. Prohibit night hunting, aerial spotting and shooting, party-trapping, pre-baiting and use of bait for hunting wolves.
  4. Instill a quota of one wolf for the Yellowstone bordering wolf management units (WMU)313/316, and 1 wolf for WMU 110 adjacent to Glacier national park, with a 12 hour closure once quota is reached.
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  6. Mandatory 24 hour/daily trap checks.
  7. Closure of wolf hunting and trapping in wolf management units with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and severely limited quota for wolves in elk management units over population objectives.
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## Q2

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Wolves need to be protected for the conservation of biodiversity and health of the region.

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## Q3

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Protect wolves now.

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My specific comments regarding system changes are:

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf hunting regulations need to reflect quantitative and substantive scientific research and analysis. The regulations need to revert back to the policy prior to the 2021/2022 season. Wolves are a keystone species and need to be managed responsibly to benefit the health of their ecosystem. The current quota does not reflect this approach and instead threatens the survivability of the species in the area. It has not been supported scientifically. I oppose the existing regulations as they stand and wolves need to have further protection in place as they did prior to the 2021/2022 season.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see comments below.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission

July 21, 2022

Comment re: Montana's Proposed Trapping and Wolf Seasons for 2022/2023

To the members of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission:

Please accept the following comment on behalf of the Wolf Conservation Center and its millions of supporters nationwide.

Last year, the Montana Legislature and Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission passed several new laws and regulations aimed at decreasing the state's wolf population. The 2021 rules allow using snares to trap wolves, higher limits, hunting wolves at night on private land, reimbursement payments for killing wolves, and longer trapping seasons.

As a consequence of the state's expanded hunt and new policies, hunters and trappers killed over 270 wolves. Montana's failure to maintain a small quota and or enact a conservation (no-trapping/no-hunting) easement in regions 3 & 5 that buffer Yellowstone delivered a devastating blow to research wolves in the region. Starting in 2021, hunters legally lured wolves beyond the safety of Yellowstone National Park and killed a minimum of 25 park wolves, including several members of the Junction Butte wolf family (or pack), which was the "most-viewed" wolf pack in the world.

We're interested in learning what the visitor wolf-viewing success will be at the close of 2022, compared to 2020, when more than 4.4 visitors came to the park - most of whom are not Montanans. Moreover, the opportunity to see wolves is among the primary objectives people give for visiting the park. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs. Here at the Wolf Conservation Center, in addition to many other educational experiences, we promote educational tourism opportunities throughout the United States and Canada, which enable participants to observe and learn about wolves in their natural habitat. We regularly organize trips to Yellowstone National Park for the sole purpose of educational wolf-watching adventures. And a journey to Montana requires a substantial financial investment for those visitors.

Wolf viewing rates are an economic indicator in a tourism economy where many of our supporters say the prospect of seeing a wolf is the reason they want to visit Montana. The state should realize the obvious ecological and economic benefits of restoring and sustaining the wildlife of Yellowstone. Wolves are worth far more alive than dead.

In addition, such practices as wolf trapping and snaring send a clear signal to potential visitors that the Montana leadership doesn't respect the wolf's place as valuable native wildlife.

Montana's national reputation in terms of its commitment to wildlife conservation and tourism is at an all-time low. And unfortunately, the proposal for the 2022/2023 wolf hunting and trapping will only contribute to the decline.

In the proposed season regulations for 2022-23, you propose eliminating management units, except for units 313 and 316, as those units would be combined into a single separate unit, Unit 313, with a quota of 10 wolves. The department also proposes managing wolves across the rest of the state by Trapping Districts (TD).

We request that you don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. Between 2011 and 2021, Montana had limited wolf hunting and trapping quotas in areas just across the park boundary in Wolf Management Units (WMUs) 313 and 316. But the 2021 decision to eliminate quotas in WMUs 313 and 316 brought a sizeable increase in the death toll of wolves who ultimately call Yellowstone home. Thus, you should re-establish the quota of one wolf in WMUs 313, 316, and 110 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a zero quota in a WMU). However, if adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota

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should be one (again, we believe it should be zero, but the state law doesn't allow for this.)

The rules for managing wolves must be science-based, not politically driven. We ask that you acknowledge that the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model is not accurately reflecting Montana's wolf population. Beyond lacking peer review, the model Montana uses to estimate the statewide wolf population relies on data exclusively from the hunting community.

We request that you consider Montana's reputation and abandon inhumane and indiscriminate hunting devices like snares and traps, end all baiting, use of artificial lights, and thermal imaging. These tactics fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase and degrade the face of hunting.

Montana needs to reassess their intent and ask what part of the public its decisions serve. What narrow special interests are pushing for the killing of wolves along the park's boundary? Do the majority of Montanans really go out to hunt and trap wolves? Do most hunters support snaring, baiting, and bounties, especially as these practices degrade the face of hunting? We believe the perceived need to kill wolves will appropriately dissipate if all the facts are weighed.

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks needs to include non-consumptive voices in its decision-making process. Listening to all stakeholders and following the best available science would bring positive ecological and economic impacts to benefit Montana's wild ecosystems, its citizens, and its tourism industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maggie Howell  
Wolf Conservation Center Executive Director

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Fish and Game Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments on the 2022 furbearer and wolf seasons in Montana. You are put in a difficult situation—trying to balance science-based, biological capacities and requirements for animals such as gray wolves, with the needs and opportunities of this state's residents, as well as the health of multiple state industries and economies. I appreciate your careful consideration of the many requests you have been and will continue to receive regarding the wildlife in this amazing state.

Biologists with MTFWP have in previous years presented several different options for proposed wolf regulation changes. This system made the public comment process more straightforward for commenters, and, hopefully, for the Commission as well. I hope MTFWP and the Fish and Game Commission returns to this multiple-proposal process in the future. We live in a world where the ability to have flexible, site-specific management applications is critical. This is especially important in a heterogenous state such as Montana, where certain management goals apply to some places and other goals to other areas, where residents deserve to have their voices heard at a local-level, and the freedom for the residents to thrive is all but written into the state constitution. This can only be achieved with more small-scale, adaptive wildlife management, instead of the current swing toward state-level applications.

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Gardiner, MT

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Gardiner, MT

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The massacre of wolves should be banned. They are a near endangered species. This is a political agenda not backed by science.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Removal of wolves in this number will have a dramatic negative impact on other wildlife and plant life in Montana. There has to be a balance of predators and prey within an ecosystem and it's shameful that a state so beautiful allows the hunting needs of humans to overcome what is truly best for the lands of the wild. Wolves are apart of a thriving ecosystem and again the removal of them is purely based on a political agenda.

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# #360

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please review the debacle that played out in Wisconsin in 2021 when considering your wolf quota numbers. Budgeting for HALF of your wolf population to be taken during a single hunting season is a decision not remotely based in good science. Many hunters claim to be conservationists, and in some cases this claim is true. If you claim the same, surely you will reduce this quota to a number that can be humanely and scientifically sustained. And I cannot understand why the 12-hour notice of the quota being reached was changed to 24 hours. Again, reference the 2021 Wisconsin wolf hunt for exactly what not to do in this regard.

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# #361

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and snaring is inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets. Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Many see wolves as a problem and fail to see the facts surrounding their necessity for a balanced and healthy ecosystem. Unfortunately, many of those who hold those same attitudes live near wolves. Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMU's 313, 316 & 110. Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

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# #362

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the FWP proposals to reduce quotas on bobcats in Regions 1 and 5. I also want all marten pelts to be presented. Both of these will help to restore ecological balance.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Ethical standards for fair chase need to be reinstated for wolf regulations. I advise - there should be no spotting and shooting of wolves from aircraft. In line with that do not allow party baiting - have only one trapper identification tag per trap/snare. Pre-baiting and shooting wolves over bait must be disallowed. Also elimination of night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal and night vision scopes must occur as these practices violate the laws of air chase.

I am also wanting the return to previous quotas outside Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks to one wolf. Wolves are not a threat to big game in the surrounding areas of the parks. The 2021 Montana elk counts show that the state is 50,000 over elk management objectives. Thus I support the Commission to greatly limit the killing of wolves in elk management units over objective and especially where CDC has been reported. (Note - every region is at or above the objective.)

There are a number of changes I would like to see regarding wolf regulations: Prohibit snaring on public land. Restrict to private land only, and with landowner written permission.

Prohibit ram power snares.

Require snares have a 275 lb. rated snare breakaway, diverters, relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Require disclosures and signage for traps and snares on block management areas.

Require trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas.

Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.

Require minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open and "closed" public roads.

Prohibit the use of snares on elk and deer high use wintering grounds.

Adjust the Wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28 especially to try to avoid incidental trappings of grizzlies before and after hibernation and upland hunting bird dogs. The current wolf trapping and hunting dates running until March 15th also kills pregnant wolves.

Mandate 24 hour/daily trap checks to alleviate added suffering, the increased injury, and the otherwise higher mortality of non-targets.

Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

To avoid the commonality of going over quota, a region or WMU should close as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.

Require trapper's pull their traps and snares within the 12 hr. notice of closing or end of the season.

All wolves killed need to be presented for inspection and in an unfrozen condition.

Require wolf trapping certification class involves in-person testing and certification card must be carried in the field, shown in order to purchase a license, and presented to FWP at the time of wolf inspection.

Obtain the records and amounts of bounty payments for our wolves.

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# #363

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No animals should be legal to kill for it's fur! Boycott Montana!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana and it's wolf slaughtering governor are a disgrace to the American people! I hade plans to visit Montana,but your inhumane methods allowed to kill innocent wolves changed my mind completely!Why are you still allowing the slaughter of innocent wolves!  
Boycott Montana!

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# #364

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The inhumane and indiscriminate nature of snares is unacceptable.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are an essential component in a healthy ecosystem and have been wrongly vilified. This excessive killing will decimate this land. Economically, you will also lose, as visitors will decline. It is essential to base your wildlife policies on science and data, not politics

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# #365

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop now. Nonsense!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop it now!

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# #366

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Why kill an animal only for the fur? Seems stupid and wasteful to me

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping and hunting are both not necessary. Wolves can control their own population based on the amount of elk in the area. And I believe there's too many elk in Montana already, because of how many wolves have been killed! If this wolf slaughter continues, then there will be more problems in Montana.

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# #367

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas should be Established only through Statistically Identified Data Base and not Subjective Point of View!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It has been Statistically Documented over many Years that the Killing of Keystone Species Collapses Whole Ecosystems! That is why the Natural Balance Supporting the Well Being of All Life on the Planet is So Irreversibly Misshapen! Loss of Habitat and Exploitation of the Planet's Natural Resources is killing the Planet! Wolves should be Immediately Relisted as Protected under the Endangered Species Act !!!!

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# #368

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

n/a

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In 2021, unethical hunters and trappers killed more than 270 wolves in Montana. 21 of those wolves spent 95-100% of their lives in Yellowstone National Park. Recent Montana legislation encourages the slaughter of up to 90% of the region's wolf population. Despite there being no biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves, minority special interest organizations are being allowed to drive this slaughter forward. The voice of the opposing majority has been suppressed and ignored by the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time for us and the facts to be heard.

This mass slaughter is not supported by science. The primary means of monitoring wolf distribution, numbers, and trends in Montana is now Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling, or "iPOM." Rather than being based on science, the iPOM method relies solely on information retrieved by the hunting community. Thus creating recommendations and sample data that comes from a biased and inaccurate tool. There is also an attempt to make the wolf community unaware of the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves by changing from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This change is also not based on science and we urge you not to do it.

\$82 million dollars is how much sustainable revenue Montana could benefit from Yellowstone wolves. Instead, Montana is costing its residents thousands of tax dollars a year on inhumane and biased wolf management tactics.

Montana wolf depredation only accounts for a small portion of livestock killings. There are also livestock reimbursement measures in place of up to 3 times their value for livestock producers. Wildlife managers and livestock producers have a variety of non-lethal management tools to reduce conflict with wolves. If utilized, these tools can be effective and used proactively to prevent and control conflict with wolves.

Now that the MtFWP leadership & Commission has proposed regulations that attack half of Montana's wolf population, the silent majority is speaking up. We have to put an end to the push to commercialize Montana wildlife at the expense of Montana wolves. Under the public trust, Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans and we are opposed to their slaughter. The time has come for MtFWP to finally include our voices, the voices of the non-consumptive wildlife-friendly majority, in the decision-making process.

We encourage you to stop the slaughter of wolves and support legislation that is non-lethal and restorative for the Montana wolf population.

This is disgraceful. We MUST do more to protect this species.

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

Contact information:

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**Q2** Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect the wolves.

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**Q3** Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #370

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support trapping and hunting furbearers.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I support hunting and trapping wolf!

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# #371

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Ban the baiting, trapping, snaring, and thermal imaging for night hunting wolves

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I request that the committee learn from the mistakes made last year and make three important changes:

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. While I do live out of state, I am a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park for 32 years – and killing those wolves DIRECTLY impacts me, my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area.
  2. Please remove the inhumane and quite honestly, cowardly, ways to get a trophy wolf. I ask that for the next hunting season you ban baiting wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring. Think about Aldo Leopold hunting ethics and apply them here.
  3. Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. Here again, if the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone area. In Wisconsin, we know all too well what happens with wolf quotas...they are exceeded! Set it lower – and use real hunter ethics and science NOT politics and greed drive this decision.
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# #372

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and snaring is unfair, and night vision completely skews the playing field toward human over-consumption. The old trappers of Montana have released countless opinions on contemporary methods that skew towards non-selective trapping and overconsumption.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a PhD student at MSU, hunter, daughter of a hunter, and the 3rd generation of my family to live and work to support Yellowstone conservation. Montana politicians must listen to their constituents. Montanans do NOT support an 80% reduction in the wolf population. The models used to support this quota are not supported by peer-reviewed science and only use hunter-reported data. This is not representative of non-biased data selection, nor all available data sources. Wolf hunting and trapping has become a symbol for a minority extremist group in Montana to act in anger, vengeance, and defiance of our state's long-standing history of respecting and living with wildlife in a humane and sustainable way. The mortality proposed by this reduction is catastrophic. Wolves are vital to the Montana economy and to curbing disease transmission among prey species. Snaring occurs non-selectively and inhumanely, maiming, resulting in bycatch, and threatening the safety of Montana pets. Do not let the minority of angry and violent extremists affect the existence of a species native to Montana. Do not be the face of humanity that bite the hand that feeds, spits upon the conservation of this earth and the lifeways upon it. Do not fail Montana with senseless killing with no basis in science. Prove that FWP is smarter than the redneck, corrupt, fearful, small-minded men that FWP has come to represent. Do not change the WMUs, do not increase trapping and snaring, do not reduce our wolf population by 80%, do not continue allowing unbridled slaughter.

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# #373

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I agree with the reduction on bob cat quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I disagree with changing from Wolf Management Units to Regional Units. This increases the likelihood of mismanagement. Changing it because the public object to wolf hunting is not going to make the public like it any better. WMU should stay in place.

MTFWP should remain with 1 wolf to be killed at most in WMU 313,316 and 110.

Wolves belong to all Montanans and those in Yellowstone and in Federal lands to all Americans. It is against the public doctrine to allow a small number of people to kill wolves. The majority of Americans want to see wolves alive.

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# #374

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**Q1**

Contact information:

Name: **Ryan Alltus**

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support the commissions decisions on furbearer seasons

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I fully support wolf trapping and feel it is an absolute necessity to reduce the wolf population that has almost decimated the ungulates in western Montana and North Idaho. Please expand wolf trapping seasons and tag quotas like Idaho has. They are allowed to harvest unlimited wolves and they wolf populations are still not being reduced. Please help our ungulates and allow more wolf trapping.

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# #375

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quota is too high. To allow 20 wolves per person will essentially wipe out the majority of the population. The ability to hunt wolves during seasons when their pelts are not in good shape should not be allowed, as their pelts will not be worth much.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reconsider the use of bait as well as the per hunter quota for next year's hunting regulations. I do a large amount of business in Montana, with the north entrance of the park being a favorite to recommend clients and fish. It is rare that folks want to see anything but wolves when we enter the park. The ability to lure park wolves out following millions of taxpayers dollars in the research and studies we have done to reintroduce them is akin to a slap in the face. If the consensus of Montana residents wish to hunt wolves let them. But ask that they actually have to do the leg work to hunt like a true hunter. The option of night hunting with technology and bait is a very cowardly way to hunt.

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# #376

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a quota of zero in a WMU). If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 1 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a quota of zero in a WMU).

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Rules for managing wolves should be science-based. Beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model ) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Traps and snares injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets. The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups. Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase and damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

Wolves can help with Montana's problem with chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose. Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, the current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence.

Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed. And since wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

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# #377

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

It should be unlawful to harvest furbearers that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags and/or other markers. Calls to the FWP regarding a dead animal should be made within a specified time frame.

7 bobcats in TD2 is too many. 5 is more than tolerable.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Electronic calls should not be permitted for wolf trapping or hunting, as it goes against fair-game ethics. Neither should they be hinted outside of daylight hours on public or private land. Further, collared wolves should not be lawfully taken. Not only do they provide valuable information, they have been cared for and protected as one would protect a household pet. This warrants greater protection. Additional wolf harvesting past the 450 quota is baseless and baseless, not having proved the need for such a drastic increase. The 450 quota should *\*include\** those harvested within WMU 313.

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# #378

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is not a humane practice, it is cruel. It also sends an unpleasant message to people considering visiting Montana. The worst part, in my opinion is that traps don't care if it the target animal or someone's pet. Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf viewing has the potential to bring continuous revenue to Montana. Predator hunting negatively impacts the balance in nature and has the potential to increase diseases such as chronic wasting disease. The Integrated Patch Occupancy Model being used to estimate the statewide wolf population uses data exclusively from the hunting community. That model is also not peer reviewed. Predators play an important role in our world. Wolves have family structures similar to own own.

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# #379

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## Q1

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## Q2

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Thank you for your time.

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### Q3

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Thank you for your time.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quota should be zero.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Like the whaling industry these archaic modes of income generation for a few folk should be gone. What is there a couple of dozen people who profit from this? There is more cost to farmers and cattle ranchers through fence destruction by elk than there is depredation of livestock by predators. So supporting these hunts and furbeaers under the guise of predator management to help the "poor" ranchers is misguided at best. At worst it's pandering to your friends so they can have a few photo ops with dead wolves and bragging rights at the bar.

Let's move on. Montana should be promoting tourism which will bring in far more cash and support a wider community to see these animals. And then someone else can see the same animals then next week. Amazing scenario of a renewable and exploitable resource for the whole community. And you have to absolutely zero to support it. Just stop allowing 23 people to profit from killing. I can't imagine anyone would lose to many votes over this.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These animals represent more than fur. Fur bearers can bring in far more money for the state by ecotourism. This is especially true of wolves. Quotas should be a bare minimum, if not zero, to allow these populations to flourish as they should.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Continued hunting of the gray wolf will not allow it to recover as a species- throughout a "significant portion of its range" as originally required by the USFWS. They do not represent a significant portion of livestock losses and trapping/hunting to reduce livestock losses is not a reliable, evidence-based method.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Why it is like shark fishing ! Leaving the wolves alone will be better for everyone even hunters

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing the wolves

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# #383

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing wolves!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop killing wolves

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# #384

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Leave the quota on the bobcats as it has been. There is a lot of us trappers that did not trap the bobcats last year as the cat market is down and 2 yrs of harvest sitting at the auction that had not sold, so let the bobcats alone to rebuild more. The population is in good shape out there yet and the weather has a lot to do with the harvest with the houndsman and trappers. Also the lynx population is up in our area. Thank you!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We need to be able to harvest these wolves to help keep the population in check. Snow conditions last year were made it hard to trap. We lost 2 more weeks of wolf season trapping set back because of the grizzlies instead of gaining 2 weeks like we were suppose to. Also we need to do away with some of the set backs in our area like we did in Sanders County. It makes it really hard to pull wolves from that far away from the logging roads or any road. In the back country there is hardly any people going in there so it would be ok. We still have over population of wolves in region 1. Especially the northwest corner. I've spent 60 plus years with my hounds and trapping and I can see what is going on out there all the time. The predators have to be contained to a degree. Otherwise the government will have to hire people to get the job done. Thank you!

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# #385

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I totally agree with reporting accidental dog captures in traps or snares being reported to a FWP regional office within 24 hours. However, I am totally opposed to someone who possesses a Resident Hound Training License to use dog or dogs to aid in pursuing mountain lions or bobcats for training purposes or otherwise. Who reimburses the RHTL holder if a dog or dogs are killed during these training exercises?

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. I am concerned that wolves are being killed after they have left the boundaries of the national parks, specifically, Yellowstone National Park, where they are protected. Wolves do not know where boundary lines exist. Could you please expand the area surrounding Yellowstone National Park, so they are not shot or trapped immediately upon leaving the park?
  2. According to your 2021 wolf management plan, you allow hunters/trappers to report their harvest up to 24 hours after the kill. I feel that the 12-hour emergency closure window should be maintained to decrease the possibility that the quota far exceeds the stated goal.
  3. Your 2021 management plan also states wolves can be hunted on private lands outside of daylight hours with the use of artificial lights, thermal imaging technology or night vision scopes.  
Can wolves be hunted on private land if the land is posted with "no trespassing signs"? I own 80 acres of land. Can anyone hunt on my private property without my permission? This is a safety concern.
  4. I am concerned with the method you use to count your wolf population. Your method is unscientific and not peer reviewed.
  5. It seems to me, based on a number of articles I have read a majority of the individuals who oppose wolf hunting/trapping in Montana are not being heard. The MTFWP seems to focus more on the revenue generated and satisfying the wants of trophy hunters.
  6. Wolves generate more revenue in Yellowstone National Park than the revenue generated in Montana by selling a \$10 resident or \$15 non-resident license.
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# #386

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quota on wolves should be a maximum of 1 in those areas adjoining Yellowstone and the season should be reduced. Far too many wolves were killed last year.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

First of all, The wolf count should be based on science not just a tally from hunters.

The units or regions adjoining Yellowstone should have a quota of only 1. Wolf watchers and tourists bring in millions of money to the Yellowstone area and their opinions should be considered also.

Wolves help to keep nature in balance, by killing the old and weak, and only as many as needed.

Therefore, they help to eliminate the spread of CWD and other ailments. Baiting of all animals should be eliminated to prevent spread of disease.

as far as trapping, it is inhumane and causes suffering. It should be outlawed.

Please consider more than the hunters opinions as Yellowstone is a National Park and any hunting and trapping along Yellowstone's adjoining areas, affects the National Park's wildlife. It is a treasured area that should be protected and honored.

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# #387

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please give the wolves a fighting chance for survival. They are powerless against hunters with scopes. These are sentient beings who deserve a chance to LIVE on this planet in peace. It feels like a slaughter against them, to me, with absolutely no humanity or consideration for their right to exist! They are part of the eco system and are being obliterated into nonexistence...☺

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# #388

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Do not combine with wolf hunting, do not support, do not agree

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I have been visiting Montana and the Yellowstone area for many years. I come twice a year and stay about two months total. Through the years I have spent thousands of dollars at places of business for lodging, food, tour guides, gas, etc.

I am very disappointed and angry regarding your new wolf proposal.

Yellowstone wolves help produce 82 million dollars for gateway communities in Montana. More than 3 in 5 jobs in Park County are supported by visitor spending. They are essential for touring businesses and guides. Wolves are worth more alive than dead.

Hunting Yellowstone wolves, when hunters near Yellowstone bait the wolves across the border, this is not fair chase hunting. The ecosystem is balanced and wolves play a major role as a keystone species in Yellowstone, helping to support healthy levels of bison, beaver, elk and other species.

I would like to see all peoples' opinion taken into consideration, do the right thing. Re-establish a quota of ONE wolf in WMU 313, 316 and 110. Don't combine wolf management with trapping and furbearer management. Start listening to the non-consumptive wildlife friendly community request and follow real science.

Fewer people coming to Park County to view wolves will put the livelihoods of Park County residents and businesses at risk. Local businesses have been harmed enough by fires, covid and the recent devastating floods. This proposal adds insult to injury. It is time all of the people have a voice and are being heard, not giving preferential treatment to trophy hunters and outfitters. Science does not back up your proposals.

Jane Newsome

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# #389

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no observations on the topic.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. THOUGH I LIVE OUT OF STATE, I AM A FREQUENT visitor to Yellowstone. Rather than endorsing wolf hunts, you should instead realize the economic and esthetic value of having wolves on the landscape. There are many people like myself that see this value potential for Montana.

Also, Please remove the inhumane methods of killing the wolves. I ask that for the next hunting season you ban baiting wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring.

Finally,  
Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. Here again, if the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone area.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I may not live in Montana, but i do believe I have a right to comment on the unreasonable law you have regarding the MURDER you allow of predators in your state. I was raised in a family that hunted deer, moose and elk. Killing of herding animals keeps the numbers down to AVOID starvation. Killing of Wolves does none of this. It's to profit Cattle ranchers. No one else!!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas on trapping and hunting of Wolves should be UNLAWFUL!. Wolves raise their children was we humans hope to raise our children. If a parent wolf is killed the next closest relative will take over the roll of mother/father. We humans should be so lucky. Wolves DO NOT ATTACK HUMANS. Yet Humans attack wolves! We are not the most Civilized animals in this planet. We are the most Ruthless. Think again about killing Wolves and wolf pups please!

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# #391

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think quotas should be significantly reduced.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I do not support the 80% reduction to the wolf population in Montana. They were brought back for a reason and belong here more than we do.

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# #392

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The idea of reducing the state's wolf population by ~80% while the statewide elk herd is ~50K animals above objective, with no change to hunter success rates, no change to livestock loss due to wolves and the spreading of chronic wasting disease seems like a bad idea.

Who are we reducing the wolves for and why?

An economic study released in June of 2022 found that 3,270 jobs in Park County are based on tourism. Wildlife watching is among the most popular activities for Montana visitors, and wolves are the most popular species to observe. Wolf watching generates an annual average of \$82 million dollars for local economies around Greater Yellowstone. The study also found that 50 percent of the tourists who hire a guide or outfitter in Montana list wildlife watching as one of their primary activities, compared to the four percent who list hunting as the activity of choice.

Montana has yet to do a comprehensive scientific evaluation of what the biological and social carrying capacity is for wolves in the state. The estimation for wolf numbers in Montana doesn't seem to accurately reflect the number of wolves in the state. The Integrated Patch Occupancy Model is not being peer-reviewed and therefore the total number of wolves in Montana is still unknown.

Wolf hunting in the proposed WMU 313 is not a legislative requirement for managing the statewide wolf population. This area has not been identified as an area of concern in recent legislation related to wolves. There is no legal mandate for a high quota here.

There is no scientific rationale for aggressive wolf harvest in the proposed WMU 313. Livestock depredations attributable to wolves have not been documented in the area. Additionally, the elk herd that uses WMU 313 has been at or above population objectives set by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks since wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone.

A low harvest quota of two wolves worked in this area for a decade. Returning to a low wolf quota in WMU 313 will prevent Yellowstone wolves from bearing a disproportionate share of the wolf harvest pressure in Montana and represents a return to a balanced management strategy that will protect Yellowstone wolves and the local economies that depend on them.

Thank you for your time,

-Ronan Donovan

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No more killing of the wolf's.  
Let nature be nature!  
They are a part of history and created by God

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

No more killing!!

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# #394

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a citizen of Montana & of the United States, & as a lifelong Republican, I oppose all trapping seasons---whether or not they are proposed or otherwise in effect--in their entirety as inhumane, barbaric, cruel & grotesque: Trapping wildlife, whether wolves, or other animals who are caught by these horrific devices, should be outlawed in civilized society.

I also do not agree with the commercialization of Montana wildlife: Doing so spoils the very essence of what our state represents to ourselves & to the world! Killing any wildlife for their fur, for pleasure, for sport, because they are perceived as a "nuisance" to human habitation or to livestock---all of these are ludicrous & nefarious reasons to kill wolves, in my opinion.

Tourism dollars far outweigh the revenue in state coffers from guns, traps, & snares. Does Montana want the reputation of being a state that enjoys destroying what the rest of the world reveres in awe, which are our gorgeous landscapes along with our intact ecosystem & our wilderness habitats?

I am not afraid to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves, & I am worried that the state of Montana is returning to the horrific practices of a century ago. We need to learn better ways to live with wildlife, including wolves, through education to the general public at large.

Thank you for reading my thoughts herein; I believe that there are many people who think as I do about these issues, but for whatever reasons, they do not speak up: I have also sent this to every member of the MT FWP Commission as an email, & I LVM for the Chair, Leslie Robinson, Region 6 & for Pat Byorth, Region 3, Bozeman, where I live.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that it's my duty as a citizen of Montana & the United States to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. I'm a lifelong Republican, & I adamantly oppose eliminating the WMUs as they now exist because I fear that potential mismanagement & poaching will be less likely to be documented properly.

I also vehemently oppose trapping & hunting of wolves in the Treasure State without exception, because millions of people from across the globe visit our national parks to glimpse intact ecosystems & the thrill of seeing wildlife---especially wolves & grizzlies, in many cases. Our legacy as a "Treasure State" is partly dependent on how well we preserve & protect our natural resources, & that includes our wildlife.

Too many times, wildlife "management" is a codeword for targeted elimination. I believe that God created wolves, along with everything else, & that they have their role & purpose in our ecosystem. Instead of finding excuses & more clever ways to kill wolves, we should be increasing our educational efforts to ensure that wolves thrive. Tourism dollars filling our state's coffers far outweigh trophy hunting fees!

Thank you for reading my thoughts herein; I believe there are many who think about these issues as I do, but for whatever reasons, they do not speak up:

I have also sent this to every member of the MT FWP Commission as an email, & I LVM for the Chair, Leslie Robinson, Region 6, & for Pat Byorth, Region 3, Bozeman, where I live.

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# #395

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Na

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Killing off 90% of the wolf population cuz "you like to hunt wolves" is so barbaric. Why do you all have such a hard on for killing these innocent animals. We all know wolves ain't killing livestock on the daily. This is getting ridiculous. You all should be ashamed.

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# #396

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**Q1**

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

In 2021, unethical hunters and trappers killed more than 270 wolves in Montana. 21 of those wolves spent 95-100% of their lives in Yellowstone National Park. Recent Montana legislation encourages the slaughter of up to 90% of the region's wolf population. Despite there being no biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves, minority special interest organizations are being allowed to drive this slaughter forward. The voice of the opposing majority has been suppressed and ignored by the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time for us and the facts to be heard.

This mass slaughter is not supported by science. The primary means of monitoring wolf distribution, numbers, and trends in Montana is now Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling, or "iPOM." Rather than being based on science, the iPOM method relies solely on information retrieved by the hunting community. Thus creating recommendations and sample data that comes from a biased and inaccurate tool. There is also an attempt to make the wolf community unaware of the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves by changing from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This change is also not based on science and we urge you not to do it.

\$82 million dollars is how much sustainable revenue Montana could benefit from Yellowstone wolves. Instead, Montana is costing its residents thousands of tax dollars a year on inhumane and biased wolf management tactics.

Montana wolf depredation only accounts for a small portion of livestock killings. There are also livestock reimbursement measures in place of up to 3 times their value for livestock producers. Wildlife managers and livestock producers have a variety of non-lethal management tools to reduce conflict with wolves. If utilized, these tools can be effective and used proactively to prevent and control conflict with wolves.

Now that the MtFWP leadership & Commission has proposed regulations that attack half of Montana's wolf population, the silent majority is speaking up. We have to put an end to the push to commercialize Montana wildlife at the expense of Montana wolves. Under the public trust, Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans and we are opposed to their slaughter. The time has come for MtFWP to finally include our voices, the voices of the non-consumptive wildlife-friendly majority, in the decision-making process.

We encourage you to stop the slaughter of wolves and support legislation that is non-lethal and restorative for the Montana wolf population.

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## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #397

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and baiting should not be allowed.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota for wolves needs to be 0. Nature needs to be left alone and states need to focus more on making wildlife wild and beautiful instead of these hunter scare tactics towards mother natures creatures. Consider using the human brain cells to come up with new ideas and ways of life instead of these outdated killing ones.

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# #398

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana's recent wolf slaughter is a symptom of a sickness with our state government that ignores the will of the people and scientific evidence regarding the harm that these activities place upon these important keystone species. We are no longer living in the 1800s. State officials, listen to your constituency or be prepared to lose your job.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana's recent wolf slaughter is a symptom of a sickness with our state government that ignores the will of the people and scientific evidence regarding the harm that these activities place upon these important keystone species. We are no longer living in the 1800s. State officials, listen to your constituency or be prepared to lose your job.

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# #399

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

\* Rules for managing wolf population should be based in data and science. Integrated Patch Occupancy Model – Beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model ) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

\* Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units.

- Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a quota of zero in a WMU)

- If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 1 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a quota of zero in a WMU)

Montana should give more significant consideration to the “value” of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We're talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

\* Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

\* Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

\* The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.

\* Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

\* Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

\* Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

\* Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

\* Snaring will further degrade the face of hunting.

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# #400

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No issues.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Sensible wolf hunting regulations should be considered in the future. The pivot by FWP to permit the use of trapping, bait, electronic calls, etc. appears to be setting the stage for a multi-year slaughter of wolves.

Not sure how a small group of hunters can be proud about a "wolf trophy" bagged under current regulations, when essentially they are shooting fish in a barrel.

Proposed 2022 quotas are fine, but why not require folks to track / hunt wolves with simply a rifle and high-powered spotting scope?

That seems a lot of more balanced and longer-term focused, especially given the data science indicates elk populations are thriving relative to 1995. I have heard my Montana-resident bow hunter friends whine about wolves destroying elk numbers since the late 2000s. Data doesn't support their case or anger.

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# #401

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

let the animals live so non human predators can take them

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

20 wolves per person is absurd  
stop trapping - innocent animals fall victim to trapping

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# #402

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Keep seasons the same. Thanks

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yes please continue the harvest of wolves if anything we could raise the harvest number. Wolves must be managed keep the hunts quota high as you can for the sake of all baby elk Thanks

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# #403

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do realize hunting and trapping maybe necessary. Please control your over eager to kill Tendencies, live with predators and what nature alone can do. Your numbers to kill are far out stating the need.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

These quotas are not necessary wolves control their populations. Horrific killing methods that are inhuman are against human nature and morally wrong. If you need to kill wolves due to problem wolves that is understood, but stop gassing pups in a den. You want to be supported then change your quotas to be realistic to your populations, stop killing wolves from National Parks, and learn to coexist!

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# #404

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to see harvest quotas for wolves bordering Yellowstone reduced to what they were in previous years. I'm sorry, but last year was uncalled for. It was a slap in the face to the American people..protect and preserve wolves around the Park.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I really hated to see that so many wolves we taken around Yellowstone..one area, as I understand from locals, is that there isnt livestock to become prey to wolves. Tourism brings in tens of millions of dollars to local communities..how can this be ignored? After the floods in June, gateway towns and even the Governor were asking tourists to please come...the economies of these towns would be hurt severly..truth!...yet when we mention winter tourists' and peak season visitors, money seems unimportant. Please follow good sound science when you decide on quotas. Everyone's thoughts should be taken into consideration on this. Don't turn a wildlife agenda into a political one...sound science. I visit every year ...my vacation is always in Montana, I would like for it to stay that way. Great wildlife, all wildlife, is important. God Bless America! Thank you.

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# #405

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower hunting quotas in the areas around yellowstone. Animals are not aware of the invisible line between protection and being fair game for humans with advances technology to hunt and kill them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower wolf hunting quotas in the areas around yellowstone. Wolves are not aware of the invisible line between protection and being fair game for humans with advances technology to hunt and kill them.

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# #406

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Good Afternoon, just writing as a lover of the Yellowstone wolves to please please consider lowering the hunting quotas in the areas surrounding Yellowstone (WMU313).

Thank you so much!

Kerry Gialloreto

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# #407

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think it is important to remember regarding trapping of furbearing animals like otter, beaver, etc. that they are not the only animals that might be falling victim to these traps.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a former Montana resident. I lived there for the first 18 years of my life - most of it near either Glacier or Yellowstone National Parks. I never saw a wolf. And now the chances are that any of the tourists visiting the area of YNP won't either. There are only 88 wolves left after a hunting season the decimated the population. A new study says 50% of the visitors to the Greater YNP area hire a guide to wildlife watching and that is over 12 times the number of people who hire a guide for hunting. When I grew up in the 1990's without wolves in the Yellowstone Park Ecosystem, I also remember the stories from ranchers in the area about the overpopulation of elk (and often bison) and the disease that can spread as a result of that. With a lesser wolf population, there is no predator at the top of the food chain to assist with the overpopulation of many of the animals that are part of their diet. I also think about the fact that once the female alpha is killed or dies in a pack often that pack hierarchy falls apart. There are also issues with the biodiversity with fewer genes in the ecosystem with few wolves. Please consider this as these animals populations are decimated by hunting and trapping and as quotas are established for next season

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# #408

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone is a federally protected park. That means the state of Montana has no right to kill Yellowstone wolves. Furthermore, the reasons for these killings are unjustified. The animal does not pose a significant threat to livestock. Rather, hunting of wolves has been pushed forward by special interests interested in commercialized hunting. Listen to wolf advocacy organizations who have the interest of ecosystems and the public (who are largely in favor of wolf conservation) in mind.

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# #409

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am categorically opposed to leg-hold traps because they are inhumane and barbaric! I am also opposed to hunting that does not adhere to fair-chase standards. If people must trophy hunt then at least do it with integrity!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It seems insane to me to allow wolf trapping and hunting immediately adjacent to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Millions of dollars are spent on researching the wolves in the parks and to hunt and trap collared wolves defeats the purpose and validity of the studies.

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# #410

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

While it is impossible to deny that trapping and hunting is a part of Montana's history and culture, it seems erroneous to claim that this industry is currently "highly regulated...[and] biologically sustainable." The quotas far exceed what is reasonable, particularly for game that is considered "trophy" rather than subsistence. This is especially true for animals that play an important role in the ecosystem as a keystone species, including but not limited to wolves.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana wolves are an invaluable part of what makes the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem so precious and economically profitable. Over \$82 million in sustainable revenue for Montana and its gateway communities is produced every year, in large part due to the influx of tourists wanting to see the wolf packs in Yellowstone National Park. Under the public trust doctrine, Montana wolves and Yellowstone belong to all peoples of Montana, not just the hunters, just as Yellowstone and other federal lands belong to the American people. It would be a grievous mistake to allow for the continued trapping and hunting of wolves in the Rocky Mountain West region, and the MTFWP would only be contributing to the already shocking decrease in wolf population across the region by pushing through the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas. The method utilized to determine the Montana wolf populations (the IPOM) is not peer reviewed and is inaccurate. Furthermore, the MTFWP should not change the Wolf Management Units (17 WMU's) to Regional Units (7). This proposed change will hinder the management and monitoring of Montana and Yellowstone wolves. It would be a disservice not only to Montanans--both present and future--but also to all citizens of the world to allow the continued killing of wolves. Last year's wolf season saw approximately 1/5 of Yellowstone's wolf population dead, and the killing of wolves in an attempt to bring back the "glory days" of the American West is but a misguided effort to return to a past that is best not resurrected.

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# #411

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe that the furbearer 2022 quotas are not sustainable. If we continue that quota, multiple species will see extinction by 2035.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My family and I own a cabin northeast of ovando on coopers lake. We regularly spend 6 months out of the year at the cabin. We enjoy wildlife watching. This includes the species of bears and wolves. We believe that wild life watching and primarily watching wolves brings sustainable revenue to Montana. I am not speaking about hunting the animal. If you look at the revenue brought into the Yellowstone area for example it is close to 82 million. This number represents just wildlife watching and not hunting. For wolves, wildlife watching enthusiasts are not being heard by current state policy in montana. Furthermore we take issue with how wolf numbers are addressed. IPOM is not an accurate method because it is not peer reviewed by wildlife biologists. Also, the Yellowstone wolf population will go extinct in 5-10 years if the state continues to allow the hunting of wolves in the areas that surround the park. Yellowstone and federal lands belong to all Americans.

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# #412

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Consider the majority of people who use public lands in your guidelines. Traps are a dangerous and unethical activity and can threaten native wildlife, people using trails and domestic animals.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I request that the committee learn from the mistakes made last year and make three important changes:

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. While I do live out of state, I have been a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park, and killing those wolves DIRECTLY impacts me, my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area.
  2. Please remove the inhumane methods of killing the wolves. I ask that for the next hunting season you ban baiting wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring. Think about Aldo Leopold hunting ethics and apply them here.
  3. Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. Here again, if the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone area. In Wisconsin, we know all too well what happens with wolf quotas...they are exceeded! Set it lower – and use real hunter ethics and science NOT politics and greed drive this decision.
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# #413

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As someone with a deep respect for the wilderness and natural beauty of Montana, it is difficult for me to stand by and not comment regulations for wolf season in the state. The voices of individuals that do not engage in hunting are not being proportionally represented in the decisions being made within the state. Wolves represent an increasingly important economic and environmental role that not only draws tourism and capital (estimated over \$82M annually and growing) to the state but also helps to naturally regulate other animal populations without the need for trapping or hunting. The current process used to determine wolf populations is not backed up by science and ultimately harms the economic and environmental interests of the state. We must make choices that represent the greatest good for not just the state but all Americans who visit this land with decisions that are backed by data.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully propose the following:

- No change to regional units from wolf management units
  - Re-establish the 1 wolf quota in wolf management units 313, 316 and 110
  - Maintain the 12-hour emergency closure window for WMUs 313, 316 and 110 to prevent quotas being exceeded
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# #414

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No season should be permitted in denning areas and where young are present. Quotas should be based on species sustainability based on scientifically established objectives clearly documented and shared with the public. No quotas should be allowed without data verifying the need for killing and the impact of removal of an allowable number of animals. Enforcement of strong oversight provisions must consistent and effective.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I grew up in Montana and the hunters I knew believed strongly in fair hunting. Most hunted for food. Only adolescents admitted to killing for fun and most of them regretted it later. The regulations now encourage hunting for income and fun -- with a commission dominated by those making money for sport killing and "protecting livestock" with inhumane methods that include snares and traps that are not sufficiently overseen by wildlife respect and protection provisions. The increase in wolf killing surrounding Yellowstone National Park and intrusion in the Yellowstone ecosystem is neither ethical nor scientifically justifiable. It is not supported by objectives or data we can examine and comment on. The wolf population in Yellowstone has contributed to balanced, sustainable wildlife populations and drawn thousands of visitors to the park to learn about the animals and the conservation success story that was ongoing until the recent changes have turned a wildlife learning opportunity into a heartbreaking observation of unwillingness to protect families of wolves and a healthy ecosystem. Please ban trapping and snaring unless evidence reveals immediate danger to livestock from an identifiable wolf or other predator. Create commissions that include science and wildlife proponents in at least equal proportions to proponents of animal killing for sport and money. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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# #415

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

You represent more than just hunters in MT. You need to do better regarding wolves in MT. You are failing thousands of MT residents who make a living providing non-consumptive users with access to wildlife. Wildlife is a sustainable resource that can make MT a lot of money. You are killing the goose that lays the golden egg by allowing so many wolves to be killed, particularly close to national parks.

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Management of wolves should be science-based. The IPOM method being used to determine MT wolf populations is inaccurate and not peer-reviewed. MTFWP should not change from WMUs to Regional Units. This will inhibit the monitoring of the already blatant mismanagement of MT and Yellowstone wolves.

The wolf quotas in WMUs 313, 316 and 110 needs to go back to 1. These are areas adjacent to national parks where people pay millions to see wolves in the wild. The 12 hour emergency closure window needs to be kept intact for these WMUs. Quotas are routinely exceeded and a 24 hour window only heightens the risk of going over quotas.

Do the right thing for your constituents and for the people who support your state with their tourist dollars.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In 2021, unethical hunters and trappers killed more than 270 wolves in Montana. 21 of those wolves spent 95-100% of their lives in Yellowstone National Park. Recent Montana legislation encourages the slaughter of up to 90% of the region's wolf population. Despite there being no biological reason to kill Yellowstone wolves, minority special interest organizations are being allowed to drive this slaughter forward. The voice of the opposing majority has been suppressed and ignored by the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks. It is time for us and the facts to be heard.

This mass slaughter is not supported by science. The primary means of monitoring wolf distribution, numbers, and trends in Montana is now Integrated Patch Occupancy Modeling, or "iPOM." Rather than being based on science, the iPOM method relies solely on information retrieved by the hunting community. Thus creating recommendations and sample data that comes from a biased and inaccurate tool. There is also an attempt to make the wolf community unaware of the mismanagement of Montana and Yellowstone wolves by changing from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. This change is also not based on science and we urge you not to do it.

\$82 million dollars is how much sustainable revenue Montana could benefit from Yellowstone wolves. Instead, Montana is costing its residents thousands of tax dollars a year on inhumane and biased wolf management tactics.

Montana wolf depredation only accounts for a small portion of livestock killings. There are also livestock reimbursement measures in place of up to 3 times their value for livestock producers. Wildlife managers and livestock producers have a variety of non-lethal management tools to reduce conflict with wolves. If utilized, these tools can be effective and used proactively to prevent and control conflict with wolves.

Now that the MtFWP leadership & Commission has proposed regulations that attack half of Montana's wolf population, the silent majority is speaking up. We have to put an end to the push to commercialize Montana wildlife at the expense of Montana wolves. Under the public trust, Yellowstone and Montana wolves belong to all Montanans and we are opposed to their slaughter. The time has come for MtFWP to finally include our voices, the voices of the non-consumptive wildlife-friendly majority, in the decision-making process.

We encourage you to stop the slaughter of wolves and support legislation that is non-lethal and restorative for the Montana wolf population.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

To consider to trap and hunt wolves is to be without empathy or understanding of our wildlife's health, and without our wildlife the human population, our community, and our relationship with the world is nothing. The ecosystem where wolves are present and thriving are much like a coral reef with an extremely present shark population, thriving. Our nation's wolves and their home should remain untouched by humans and, therefore, be out of harms way. Anything but that is devastating to think about. Pleas consider letting our wolves repopulate and thrive. It is the only way! Let them live, please!

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## Q3

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I disagree with the length of the season and the exorbitant quotas. Do not pass this regulation!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The extensive scientific reports do not support the complete massacres of this vital predator species in Montana. Time and time again we have seen how wolves repaired the landscape decimated by ungulates overeating in lower meadow and river areas. These trophic cascades are continuing to reoccur where wolves have been over hunted. I competley disagree with the number of wolves proposed to be harvested in Montana and especially in Units 313 & 316, bordering the globes beloved YNP wolves. who live there and raise their young each spring. Wolves are protected in most stated for this exact reason, overzealous predator hunters and trappers. Do not pass this regulation.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not do harm with unreasonable seasons and quotas

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are being unfairly targeted and need all the help they can get. By harming wolves we are harming ourselves. The snares are popular only because they are cheap. They give no thought to the damage they do. They can give a slow, painful death. To any being that crosses their path. Dog, children, livestock, any wildlife. Montana is a state known for its beauty and wilderness. In a time of economic uncertainty tourism should be encouraged. In a time of climate uncertainty the ecosystem should be valued. Wolves, whose population is not high, are a positive, not a problem.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

STOP KILLING OUR WILDLIFE, MOTHERFUCKERS 😡😡😡😡

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

STOP THE HUNT, STOP DESTROYING OUR WILDLIFE! THE WRONG SPECIES ARE BEING MURDERED, IT SHOULD BE HUNTERS, AND THEIR FUCKING KIDS TRAPPED, AND MURDERED! FUCKING SUBHUMAN SCUM, I WOULD CUT THEIR THROATS WITH MY HANDS, NO REMORSE! EVER!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping should have been outlawed a long time ago. It is an inhumane and unsportsmanlike method of hunting that causes undue suffering to the quarry.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

313 and 316 surrounding Yellowstone need a quota of zero. All trapping should have been halted long ago. It is not fair chase.

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# #422

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment at this time.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The quota for WMU 313 should be reduced. This impacts wolves that use Yellowstone National Park as part of their habitat. I have been to Yellowstone a few times and while I have not actually seen a wolf I like to know they are present. I have seen them on TV Special Broadcasts from Yellowstone.

Methods used for killing wolves that should be stopped are baiting, and night hunting. These methods are unethical, not in keeping with the true sense of hunting.

The overall quota for the wolf hunt should be reduced. There is great concern that genetic diversity is affected when too many wolves are killed during one season.

Science and data should be the determining factors for the wolf hunt quota.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

These and all wild life should be left alone. We visit the state parks to see these majestic animals.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Your quota's are reconning. My family and I along with others spend plenty to visit the beautiful national parks out west. We look forward to seeing any wild wolf which we had in the past.

It's shameful that y'all want to kill them.

I'm recommending to relistwolves.

BR  
Mark Murgolo

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## Q1

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## Q2

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Need to ban any Furbearer Seasons and zero quotas

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Need to ban trapping and hunting for wolves in 2022!

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# #426

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I consider the General Season of six months to be too long.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. Please prohibit snaring on Public Lands.
2. Ban Power Ram snares.
3. Restrict to just 1 snared wolf per trapper.
4. Eliminate all wolf unfair chase methods to include pre-baiting, shooting over bait, night hunting, and the use of infrared cameras.
5. No chasing of wolves in All terrain vehicles. In no way can that be considered "Fair chase".
6. Change the wolf trapping season to January 2 through February 28.
7. Mandate a 24 hour trap check.
8. Consider the revenue that wolves bring to Montana. It is considerable.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respect fully submitted,  
Rhonda Lanier  
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# #427

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

How can you correctly determine how many wolves there are? It is not the popular opinion to protect these beautiful animals but please do.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the inhumane murder of these majestic animals.

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# #428

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have been a Park County Montana resident for 35 years. The main reason I purchased property here, raised my family, and located my business in Park County is primarily because of the wildlife. I have watched in horror as Montana's Fish and Game Commission and the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department have deteriorated from public agencies renowned for their wildlife management based on peer-reviewed science to political bodies serving special interests with complete disregard for the majority of Montanans who believe in a balanced approach to wildlife management.

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I am writing to oppose the agency's proposed rules for the wolf hunting season, especially for the quotas for the wolf management units boarding Yellowstone and Glacier. During the 2021-2022 season, over 20% of the Yellowstone wolves were killed, significantly surpassing the previous quotas of 2 or 3%. Many of my friends in Gardiner with businesses that rely on wildlife viewing have been seriously impacted by the loss of these animals.

I oppose the combining of units 313 and 316 into a single unit. I oppose increasing the quota and only support taking 1 wolf in each unit or, if combined, 2 wolves in the larger unit. Please include the quotas for 313 and 316 in the total threshold for Region 3, not to exceed 72. I urge you to restore the quota of only 1 wolf to WMU 110 outside Glacier.

I oppose the 24-hour reporting time and urge you to return to the previous 12-hour reporting time.

I am adamantly opposed to trapping wolves anywhere and also oppose night hunting and baiting. These practices are barbaric and cruel and don't belong in a civil society.

Lastly, I urge Commission members and agency personnel to seriously reconsider your attitudes and positions on wolves. There is no biological justification for the assault on these animals. Wolf depredation of livestock is minimal, and ranchers are compensated. More cattle die from larkspur poisoning than wolves. There are many effective ways to prevent depredation that are being used by ranchers who border Yellowstone, whom I know well and work with closely.

Elk numbers are above the MFWP's own projections, so there is no justification there either. You are catering to a small number of people who just want to kill wolves. And, many of you on the Commission have a direct conflict of interest since you are in the outfitting business. You should recuse yourself from these decisions because of this conflict.

I urge the Commission and Department to return to science-based management for the benefit of all Montanans.

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# #429

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Quotas should be the lowest suggested by the scientists studying the animals.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I lived in Alaska for 55 years and tried to follow the ever-changing wolf hunting and trapping rules which affected the Denali wolves. As soon as the buffer area was removed from protection and the one or two trappers in the area allowed to set traps close to the boundaries, the wolf population suffered. It was not so much the numbers as the fact that the alpha pair, often in the lead, were often the ones trapped. The pack was left with mostly juveniles, and without the elders' knowledge to pass on, the future of the entire pack was in jeopardy. This is what I see as the strongest reason not to rely purely on numbers. WHICH wolves are taken is as important, if not more important, as HOW MANY wolves are taken. If you attack a village, and focus on killing the leaders, it throws the whole population into chaos. Much time passes before the village as a whole recovers -- if ever -- to function properly when you remove the historic memory of that population. Wolves are very much like us in that way. Wolves have developed techniques for hunting that fit their particular landscape and prey population. The Denali wolves learned to "ski" down the slopes of the snowy mountainsides when they were after mountain goats, their tails used as rudders.

I am among the large number of Americans who find wolves to be fascinating, believe them to be a cornerstone species, and would like to see them seriously incorporated into our future planning, perhaps even considering them as partners in renewing the natural landscape. Studies of wolves reveal amazing facts that argue against the traditional view that they are pests. The studies have been damaged by the taking of so many wolves, disrupting their culture. I strongly recommend listening to the scientists, naturalists, and biologists who study them. I also recommend reading the book, *Among Wolves*, Gordon Haber's *Insight into Alaska's Most Misunderstood Animal*, by Marybeth Holleman. Haber's priceless research, built on older research, was ended by a tragic plane crash. I only hope that the Yellowstone research, together with the significant income from tourists wolf-watching, will influence the future of YNP wolf packs. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

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# #430

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We feel strongly that the proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable. Reduce threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate quota system. That is what makes sense for wolf preservation. Which we did so successfully and are now destroying through shoddy non-science! We, the vast majority of the Montana people and tourists love wolves and want cared for wolves in our state.

SB 314 does not require a drastic reduction in wolf numbers. It requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic.

And we believe and ask that wolf hunting and trapping stop until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves, not killing wolves at all has worked even better. The wolf population hit a high a decade ago and then leveled off. There is absolutely no actual evidence that killing wolves impacts domestic animal deaths. The whole thing has been politicized and removed from data based discourse and the vast majority of public opinion.

Wolves and other animals are not commodities. They are part of our state and national treasures and should be cared for and honored. Additionally, trapping of any animal is cruel and my family and I feel strongly that humans can do better than this by animals. We can be better and less cruel.

Wolves are a keystone species and all actual evidence points to this. Everything else is not data based and not a way to run care for wildlife and eco-systems.

And Do not extend reporting time from 12 to 24 hours. This is simply a way to kill more wolves. Last year two more Yellowstone Park wolves than the quota allowed were killed in the 12-hour reporting time. This is not right by wolves and wildlife care and the law. Then the wolves of Yellowstone, which is so much of my family's livelihood, should NOT be hunted right out of the Park. This is wrong, unsportsmanlike, and destructive of years of conservation and care. Yellowstone Park wolves are not commodities for Montana hunters and it is reprehensible to treat national treasures this way. they belong to the whole nation and those of us around the Park who care about them and need their presence for income. last year, 96% of the wolves killed in the current WMU 313 dened in YNP. Twenty percent of YNP wolves were killed in last year's season. Taking out ten more wolves from the 89 surviving in the park threatens to scatter and destroy the wolves left. They need each other to survive. When humans kill wolves, wolf families splinter, wolves fall on hard times, and conflicts with humans increase.

Finally, there is no evidence that they negatively impact elk herds. In fact, quite the reverse.

Please do better by wolves and start caring for them as they have been cared for until recently!

Thank you for your attention to our comments.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We feel strongly that the proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable. Reduce threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate quota system. That is what makes sense for wolf preservation. Which we did so successfully and are now destroying through shoddy non-science! We, the vast majority of the Montana people and tourists love wolves and want cared for wolves in our state.

SB 314 does not require a drastic reduction in wolf numbers. It requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic.

And we believe and ask that wolf hunting and trapping stop until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves, not killing wolves at all has worked even better. The wolf population hit a high a decade ago and then leveled off. There is absolutely no actual evidence that killing wolves impacts domestic animal deaths. The whole thing has been politicized and removed from data based discourse and the vast majority of public opinion.

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# #431

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf population is in danger. Stronger protection must be given to this endangered American emblem. The wolves are vital to the natural management of the environment. Their numbers must be protected.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please give stronger prison to the wolves and ensure that they will be able to grow in numbers sufficient to continue having healthy packs and numbers. Wolves are iconic animals and must be protected.

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# #432

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I currently work in Alaska, but previously lived and worked in Whitefish Montana. I am a professional photographer and designer that works with predator coexistence and public land issues. It is essential that wolf management be science-based, which is the legacy of Montana.

Regarding the new management unit: What packs in 313-316 did you derive those numbers from? Because Montana does not collar anymore we don't know of any packs in 313-316, and the biologists I have spoken to speculate no more than 5 wolves reside in this unit.

Yellowstone wolves were used to set the numbers. And if Yellowstone wolves are being counted, why? These wolves don't live or den in 313-316 and are in the park 96% of the time. The new WMU is targeting Yellowstone wolves. The 18-40 estimate for "in proximity" is not based on science. If 313/316 truly had 40 wolves, it would be the highest wolf density in the world.

Integrated Patch Occupancy Model is not being peer-reviewed, and the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Montana must adapt and recognize the enormous tourism value and economic draw of Wolf Watching in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs. This is a huge business with the capacity of generating far more \$\$\$\$ than wolf hunting ever can.

Wolves can also help Montana combat the chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

I strongly support the following to ensure Montana adheres to fair chase hunting and the best available science:

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  - \* Make annual wolf reports available in a timely fashion.
  - \* Trapping should be ended on our public lands. Trapping is dangerous to the public, recreationalists, children, and dogs.
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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment...I don't hunt or trap so don't see any need for a season of trapping these animals simply for their fur.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

It is clear according to the proposal read above that you have no concern for the fact that a large portion of the wolves harvested in Montana last year were harvested in regions 313 and 316. As that is the region of Montana that borders Yellowstone National Park, and wolves in the park are used to being around humans, don't you think it would be practical to eliminate hunting in 313 and 316, or at the very least, limit harvest to one wolf in each unit? Yellowstone's wolves have suffered a severe blow as a result of last year's hunting in 313 and 316. They don't need that pressure put upon them again. If you really want to reduce the wolf population in Montana, then why don't you do that...instead of focusing a large percentage of the kill on wolves leaving Yellowstone National Park. It has become evident that politics are playing a greater roll in your wolf management plans in Montana than actual science is and I find it abhorrent that people ignore the science in favor of killing (never hunting) when wolves are the animal of conversation. Wake up and realize that people coming to see wolves in YNP pump far more money into your economy than your so called hunters ever could and get on board with your scientists who actually know more about managing wildlife than your politicians do. Wake UP MWFP!!! The world is laughing at your wolf management plan.

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# #434

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

PLEASE don't repeat mistakes made last year with these 3 changes:

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. I am a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park and killing those wolves impacts my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to the area >> less important tourism money!!!!!!
  2. Remove inhumane methods of hunting like baiting wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring.
  3. Significantly reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is CRAZY and represents 1/2 of the state wolf population. If not, the genetic diversity of the entire population in the Greater Yellowstone area is damaged.
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# #435

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

n/a

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider in your decision making about wolf trapping and hunting seasons and quotas that many Americans travel to the region to observe wolves in the wild. Our family visited Montana last summer for several weeks and spent thousands of dollars in the Montana communities adjacent to Yellowstone and we hired a wildlife guide for a day trip. One of our primary motivators was to be able to see wolves. We were considering a trip back in the winter when it is easier to see them but we are dismayed that so many wolves are being killed despite no evidence that this is a necessary culling. Wolves have different values to different people and MTFWP doesn't seem to be balancing these differing values in a way that will ensure a future for wolves in Montana.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider losing the quota for amount of furbearers that can be killed each season.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider lowering the amount of wolves individuals are able to kill near Yellowstone. Being allowed to kill 20 wolves is unacceptable. Also trapping is extremely inhumane. If you aren't doing this to dogs you shouldn't be able to do it to wolves.

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# #437

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As an American with Indigenous ancestors, I know the history of the Fur Trade, my comment on the above is based on my strong belief in respect and to take only what you need for your survival. There is not a single valid reason for these quotas. With all do respect it is wasteful and I oppose all trapping , trapping quotas. In this day and age no one needs fur to wear, the quotas are set to appease a minority against the wishes of the majority.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As an American that visits National Parks I feel it is a violation of the public's trust to allow snares on any public lands. I feel all traps should be banned as they do not discriminate and many non target species have been caught in these traps

Ban Ram power snares (a rapid kill spring activated snare device).

I oppose all Wolf hunting, trapping and snaring. Without review of the scientific data from credible biologists for 2021, I find it remarkable that you could determine quotas without knowing the actual numbers from the previous year, therefore I submit that this demonstrates extremely poor management of wolves in Montana. There must be full disclosure and signage of trapping and snaring on private land block units.

There should be no hunting or trapping of wolves that are collared or tagged, clearly these wolves are from Yellowstone National Park. Eliminate all wolf unfair chase methods, i.e. pre-baiting, shooting over bait, night hunting, use of artificial light, thermal and infrared, game cameras.

I strongly oppose the use of trapping and snaring, if I must make submit a change it would be to change the wolf trapping season to Jan 2- Feb 28.

Set wolf quotas of 1 in the wolf mgt units adjacent to Yellowstone and Glacier National Park.

Mandate 24 hr trap checks! This is one of the many problems with setting traps, even if mandated to check in 24 hours how will there be oversight to make sure these rules are followed. Thank you for considering my comments.

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# #439

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Animals feel pain, like you and like your loved ones. If you do not care about the pain they suffer by traps they you are not fit to be called a human being.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

see below please

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello MFWP & Hello Commissioners,

I've been visiting Montana for more than 25 years. I travel to the Rockies to spend time in nature, I love wolves and I want to see them healthy and conserved. On average I spend \$5k to \$10K visiting the north end of the park and local businesses.

I oppose snaring on public lands. Public lands belong to all Americans and our wildlife should be safe to roam. I also oppose night hunting, infrared, thermal, night vision scoping. It is disruptive to neighbors and taking unfair advantage of wolves. Stop party trapping, pre-baiting, & enforce one trapper ID tag per trap/snare.

Reinstate the 1wolf quotas in 313/316 outside of Yellowstone & 110 outside of Glacier NP which is an important corridor for wolves migrating into the U.S.

MTFWP should keep the 12-hour emergency closure window, as is, for WMUs 313, 316, 110. A 24-hour emergency closure window makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

Keep the WMUs as they stand now at 17 units for accountability, that's how you collect important data.

Where is the science to substantiate the killing of Gray Wolves? The IPOMS are not peer reviewed & are inaccurate. The elk populations are at a high point, for the last 10 years with wolves on the landscape. With 2.5 million head of livestock less than 100 livestock were confirmed killed by wolves last year. I don't agree with your increasing opportunities to kill wolves when you don't have an accurate population count and they have been nothing but a positive force for the ungulates including weeding out the sick including those w CWD.

I feel strongly that the Wolf trapping season be changed to January 2 – Feb 28 to avoid trapping of grizzlies before & after hibernation. The current wolf trapping & hunting schedule until March 15th can kill pregnant wolves, so please cut back on the duration of the season.

Checking of traps must be daily, as in within 24 hours, otherwise you risk extending the suffering & increased injury of unintended animals & I believe trappers must pull their traps and snares within the 12 hour notice of closing as it approaches quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided. Also, to avoid going over quota a region or WMU should close as it APPROACHES quota/threshold with a 12 hour notice provided.

Limit the number of traps & snares a trapper can set & the number of snared wolves per trapper

I have seen pics and read of many domestic dogs caught, maimed or died due to traps. The state must provide trapping signage at trail heads and high use recreational areas. It's surprising to me that you haven't initiated this step to protect people and unsuspecting dogs. There must be a rule which requires a sign and disclosures for traps and snares on block management areas.

Reinstate for the public's safety, ALL wolf trap setbacks in Sanders county that the Commission removed.

Instate minimum 150' trap setbacks on ALL open & "closed" public roads.  
Stop the use of snares on elk & deer high use wintering grounds.

Thank you for taking the time to read my plea. Please reconsider your 2022-2023 Wolf Management rule proposal.

# #441

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please relist wolves as protected since they are vital to the ecosystems.

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## Q3

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #442

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comment

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My wife and I are retired, live 10 miles NW of Helena, and visit Yellowstone National Park on average 8-10 times per year, mainly in winter, and primarily to view wolves. Over the last 20 years I have observed an enormous increase in interest in viewing Yellowstone's wolves by people all over our country and from abroad. I have witnessed for myself the value of wolves in maintaining a balanced ecosystem and the economic impact that results in the visitation to our state that is specifically related to the recovery of Yellowstone wolves. I just can't see any reason to reduce wolf populations while our state's elk population is over projection and the predation on cattle is relatively low. Killing our wolves, as currently allowed, is biologically indefensible and contradicts any sense of fair chase.

It only makes sense to retain WMUs 313 and 316. This will allow FWP the information needed to focus management options and creates flexibility for the Agency. Should the Commission decide to combine these two units, I support establishing a quota of 2 wolves for the entire unit.

I do not support changing the WMUs to Regional Units. Again, this does not allow precise and informed management decisions. Retain the WMUs for the same reasons we have them for big game.

Wolf Management Unit 110 that borders Glacier National Park likewise should be retained. I support a quota of one wolf in WMA 110.

Please do not change the 12-hour emergency closure for WMUs 313,316, and 110 so we can minimize exceeding quotas and creating unnecessary controversy.

It is totally unnecessary and unethical to allow night hunting and hunting wolves over bait.

I do not support trapping or snaring in Lynx and Grizzly recovery areas. Placement of snares on public land should be prohibited.

Traps should not be allowed within 150 feet of all public roads and trails and 24-hour trap checks should be required.

I thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment on this proposal that is dear to my heart. I hope the Commission will consider the comments from citizens like myself that no longer hunt but still immensely enjoy viewing our wildlife.

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# #443

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Regarding the new management unit: What packs in 313-316 did you derive those numbers from? Because Montana does not collar anymore we don't know of any packs in 313-316, and the biologists I have spoken to speculate no more than 5 wolves reside in this unit.

Yellowstone wolves were used to set the numbers. And if Yellowstone wolves are being counted, why? These wolves don't live or den in 313-316 and are in the park 96% of the time. The new WMU is targeting Yellowstone wolves. The 18-40 estimate for "in proximity" is not based on science. If 313/316 truly had 40 wolves, it would be the highest wolf density in the world.

Integrated Patch Occupancy Model is not being peer-reviewed, and the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Montana must adapt and recognize the enormous tourism value and economic draw of Wolf Watching in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs. This is a huge business with the capacity of generating far more \$\$\$\$ than wolf hunting ever can.

Wolves can also help Montana combat the chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

I strongly support the following to ensure Montana adheres to fair chase hunting and the best available science:

- \* Don't count Yellowstone wolves as part of 313,316, these wolves do not live or den in these 313 - 316.
- \* Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units.
- \* Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110
- \* Make annual wolf reports available in a timely fashion.
- \* Trapping should be ended on our public lands. Trapping is dangerous to the public, recreationalists, children, and dogs.
- \* Traps and snares are indiscriminate, and injure and kill countless non-target animals, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx.
- \* The trapping and snaring of wolves has directly been shown to lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf pack structure.
- \* Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.
- \* Snaring and trapping damage Montana's public image, and degrade the hunting community.

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## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #444

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

There is nothing humane about any type of trapping...I know I have to be realistic that most likely you will never ban trapping. So I ask you to not add anymore ways to make it easier for trappers to kill them....and for the trappers to check their traps more often at least every 12 hours....any suffering of a animal caught in a trap is cruel and barbaric

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Again...I am 100% against any type of trapping on wolves...it's a dark age barbaric method to kill not only wolves but any animal. There is no way the trapper can prevent any pain and they can't prevent any domestic animal to not get caught in a trap.

Please to not add anymore methods for trappers and hunters to make it easier for them to kill wolves. The current laws you have for wolf hunting and trapping is cruel and barbaric.

Please put back the wolf quotas in WMU 313, 316 and 110 to only one wolf to be killed....we know in the past that these areas have gone over quota..and thats just what was reported..how many more wolves have been killed in these units that were never reported.

Wolves are worth more alive than dead in your beautiful state of Montana..people from all over the world come to Yellowstone National Park to hopefully see wild wolves.

The outrageous quota changed you did last year killed way to many wolves in units 316 and 313..

What a sad situation for the wolves in your state.

Please I ask you to reconsider changing the quota back to only one wolf allowed to be killed in units 313, 316 and 110

Thank you for you time and consideration

Anita Chittenden

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# #445

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I don't have one

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am a Montana resident with a degree in Veterinary Medicine and a PhD. in zoology. As such I have the following concerns about the wolf harvest quota adjacent to Yellowstone Park:

As a citizen of Montana:

In the past, Montana has regularly been cited as an example of reasoned and science-based wildlife management. However, recently we have seen Montana laws and rules that have destroyed that reputation in and outside of the state, and, since the killing of an inordinate number of Yellowstone wolves in 2021, around the world.

As a scientist:

The killing of 21 Yellowstone Park wolves (~10% of all wolves taken in MT) in the two hunting districts outside the Park is of concern to me, particularly because of its effect on the scientific study of wolves and of their effects on ecosystems. This research is dependent on a wolf population that is not severely and regularly disturbed by the influence of humans artificially altering their numbers, distribution, and social structures. FWP should also be concerned about management decisions that hobble scientists from Montana, the US, and around the world.

I want to thank FWP for proposing the reinstatement of a wolf hunting quota in WMUs 313 and 316. However, I think the proposed 10 wolf quota is still too high. There is no management justification for this number. The elk population in WMU 313 has been at or over objective since wolves were reintroduced, wolf livestock predation is low in Park County, and predation has not been confirmed in areas just outside the Park. Quotas of 1 or 2 in each unit have proven to be reasonable compromises and have worked well in the past. Please reinstate a total quota of 4 or less, either divided between the two units or in a single combined unit 313.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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# #446

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reintroduce the quotas. Wolves primarily kill female elk above breeding age. Knock down some of those billionaire's ranches and create more habitat if you want more elk.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #447

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully ask that quotas on wolf hunting around the Yellowstone area be lowered. They are a vital aspect in the control of sickly deer, elk, and other wildlife within the area.

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## Q3

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #448

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I do not have a comment on this.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop killing wolves. They are critical to the health of the ecosystem and a national treasure. It is selfish to eliminate such a magnificent creature for blood sport. These animals do not do the damage to livestock ranchers think they do. The science shows that.

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# #449

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping should be totally banned. In addition to being unnecessary and an evil form of recreation, it limits many of us and our pets from low-impact recreating on our public lands.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves should be protected, not trapped and hunted. I am speaking for wolves in and outside of Yellowstone National Park. If the State won't protect them, the US Government should, under the Endangered Species Act. Trapping is a particularly evil, archaic venture.

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# #450

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop this nonsense. The hunters have more rights (hunter harassment clause) than the wolves which live in packs and raise families. It is cruel to hunt an endangered species, especially for fun. The methods proposed don't give wild animals a fair chance to stay away and safe. Wolves are crucial to the ecosystem and there are more people that like to see them in the wild and shoot them with their cameras than there for hunting them, so these proposed rules and hunting regulations are catering to the minority that pays the lawmakers to tilt rules and regulations in their favor. STOP THIS NONSENSE

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# #451

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow these creatures to live in peace and harmony. Furbearing and trapping is a necessary in today's times.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please, please, please do not pass legislation to further devastate the North American wolf population. These creatures are powerfully spiritual and are the most majestic creatures in the wild of North America. Please allow further generations to have the opportunity to experience these wonderful, intelligent, beautiful and necessary animals. I beg of you not to choose monetary gain or loyalty to your constituents over the value of our wildlife.

Respectfully  
Heather Frank

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# #452

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am not a hunter. But I have many friends that are. Although I don't believe in killing any animal (yes, I'm vegetarian) I was always told and taught (which I do respect) that you only kill what you can eat. If you do other than that, that's not hunting. It's just a sport. So I am opposed to this quota. I'm thinking not very many people will be eating the meat from these animals... please reconsider hunting for fur. Not food.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am out of state, but we visit Yellowstone National Park twice a year. We pay for our lodging, food, gas and even souvenirs for the family. The main reason for our yearly visits are to see the wolves. We've seen thousands of Bison and elk..Elk... wolves are rare. But every year we trek to YNP for a hopeful glimpse. Please don't allow the massive killings of these beautiful and rare animals. They are elusive, you have to work at finding them. Buys high powered lens, spotting scopes, and just pure luck. I've done my research, I know of the handful of cattle deaths in the past 7 years. The ranchers get reimbursed plus some for the cattle deaths. To me it sounds like this is All for sport AND misguided information about wolves. The slaughter last year killed an entire pack. It killed collared wolves. They were allowed to be baited outside of the park then killed. How is that hunting? Baited?? That's not hunting... i know you won't do away with this annual "hunt" but could you PLEASE, PLEASE reconsider the amount They are allowed to kill. We need wolves... YNP needs them in the ecosystem. They are NOT the Big Bad Wolf from the fairy tales. They are pack animals, they care and protect their pack. They kill for food not sport or because they can. Please at least reconsider the large number the hunters are allowed. Plus make baiting outside the park illegal with a heavy fine if caught. They can't see the invisible line drawn. The line from safety of the park to dying on the other side. Thank you for listening.

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# #453

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am in favor of a much more conservative approach to wolf takes in the units adjacent to Yellowstone NP. The idea that 25 years of wolf research in more or less natural conditions, with all the pre-settlement predators and prey present, would be interrupted and essentially rendered unreliable by large quotas seems to me to be very telling. The knowledge being gained of an intact ecosystem seems far more important than immediate hunting and trapping desires.

As a story in the media quoted Doug Smith, "Our claim to fame with Wolf Research was we have the best data in the world in an unexploited-by-humans population. We don't have that now. And that's, I think, a shame and a tragedy." I agree completely.

Another reason to reduce the impact on the Yellowstone wolf population is the economics of wildlife tourism for Gardiner and other gateway towns. As anyone who's tried to drive in the park, even in winter, knows, it is a huge benefit to these communities. Surely there are impacts on these economic benefits with takes of 20% of the park's population, which of course includes breaking up the structure of individual packs.

I'm in favor of limiting the take to low single digits in WMU 313 and 316.

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# #454

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I dont think people should hunt wolves. They are eccental to over population of other animals.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the number of wolves killed to zero, for all zones outside of Yellowstone.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Will you please stop allowing the killing of Yellowstone Wolves? We visited Yellowstone last year and went to SEE the WOLVES. If you allow so many to be killed, you will lose many visitors to the park. We will not be returning to WY and MT if you do not change your wolf kill quotas. We avoided ID entirely, due to their stance on wolves. A lot of tourism dollars to be lost. In addition, the trapping of wolves is extreme animal cruelty. What a lazy way to "hunt". This archaic brutality should be abolished.

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# #456

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose the trapping and snaring of wolves in WMU 313.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I applaud the committee's acknowledgement of the disproportionate number of wolves harvested in the area now designated as WMU 313. I also appreciate their nuanced and prudent proposal to reinstitute a quota in that unique portion of the state adjacent to Yellowstone National Park.

On behalf of the many small business owners who depend on the substantial revenue generated by wildlife watching and ecotourism, I ask the committee to take an even more courageous and munificent stance by lowering the quota of ten wolves in 313 down to two. This quota is unprecedented and clearly warranted in the current economic downturn. These businesses have survived a deadly pandemic, historic inflation and, most recently, a devastating flood. The importance of wolves as an incentive for guests to stay and play (and spend!) in the Treasure State is undeniable and cannot be overstated. If there was ever a time to serve the interests of these hard working Montanans, it is now. The best way to do that is to preserve a thriving and lucrative non-consumptive tourism industry that is dependent upon the health and prosperity of the region's wolf population. Doing otherwise could be the final crippling blow to the dedicated entrepreneurs who desperately need the support you have the political power to deliver or deny.

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# #457

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see Comment 3.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners,

I have been mortified by the onslaught of anti-wolf legislation and regulations being adopted by your state. I visit to Yellowstone exclusively to view your beautiful wolf population. As a recent visitor to Yellowstone National Park, I was appalled at the killing of over 1/4 of the wolves in the park. I can't help but believe that this is going to have a very severe impact on your tourism dollars. I do not, for one moment, believe that your "wolf management" is science based. IPOM, the non-peer reviewed model upon which you rely uses data gathered from the hunting community. Really? That's like asking the fox to guard the henhouse. This approach is hardly objective and science based.

I would request that you seriously consider the impact of your proposed regulations on the broader community which includes recreational users of public lands. Wolves serve such an important ecological function for not just the Yellowstone ecosystem but for Montana, as a whole. Public sentiment is strongly opposed to what you are proposing to do. Please do not 1) continue trapping on public lands which result in an obscene amount of collateral damage to non-target animals which include dogs etc. and 2) continue the use of snaring which is the most primitive and torturous way to kill.

I respectfully request that you do not change the wolf management units to 7 regional units. In addition, please stop trapping on public lands, rescind regulations allowing for the unlimited and horrific means by which wolves can be killed and at the very least, lower the threshold of the number of wolves that can be hunted. 450 wolves being killed year over year is ridiculous. This is not wolf management...it is an extermination campaign.

Also, please be mindful of the negative impact your decisions will have on countless number of Montanans who rely on tourism for their livelihood.

I sincerely hope that you will seriously consider my comments.

Very truly yours,

Leslie Williams

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# #458

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See next comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As the Fish and Wildlife Commission, your highlight is that a person can "take up to 20 wolves with no more than 10 via hunting and no more than 10 via trapping (maximum harvest of 20 wolves per person)." Since when did we normalize a wolf being something we 'harvest'? I think instead of "A wolf harvest must be reported within 24 hours" being set as a reminder, we highlight the wolves that leave Yellowstone National Park are 5.5x more likely to die, or should I say be 'taken' instead of die? Have we forgotten the Yellowstone Wolf Project? There's no greater example of the unanticipated and enriching effect of where wolves live, their biology is a direct expression of the ecology of that landscape. Yet this Commission has quickly forgotten the vital role of this keystone species that restored the nutrient cycle in the ecosystems of Wyoming and Montana. Wolves have a natural place in and on this landscape, and the killing, not taking, of 460 wolves, or roughly 50% of your state's population of wolves in one year is not healthy nor sustainable 'trophy' hunting practices. Stop killing wolves, protect this species or set a quota based on science and ethics, not politics or pockets. Not only are we playing God and essentially slaughtering off a species by choice, we're proposing another hunting and trapping season allowing for the indiscriminate and inhumane killing of wolves with baiting, artificial lights, thermal imaging, trapping and snaring. I demand the end of wolves being unnecessarily slaughtered and I demand the end of these inhumane hunting and trapping methods. Since the Montana legislature has somehow made a quota of 0 illegal, I demand this Commission set a quota of 1 in wolf management unit (WMU) 313 rather than the quota of 10 wolves that you're proposing for WMU 313.

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# #459

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

- Wolves are more valuable alive than dead: wolves help control CWD and brain worm, allow recovery of native flora, and bring over \$80M to the GYA ecosystem, far more than al hunting, trapping and angling combined;
  - YNP wolves rarely depredate livestock. YNP wolves should be protected with a 0 quota buffer along park boundaries
  - Trapping and snaring are inhumane and threaten non-target species
  - Wolves are responsible for LESS THAN 1% ALL LIVESTOCK LOSS and are unfairly targeted by outdated extirpation policies
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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

- Wolves are more valuable alive than dead: wolves help control CWD and brain worm, allow recovery of native flora, and bring over \$80M to the GYA ecosystem, far more than al hunting, trapping and angling combined;
  - YNP wolves rarely depredate livestock. YNP wolves should be protected with a 0 quota buffer along park boundaries
  - Trapping and snaring are inhumane and threaten non-target species
  - Wolves are responsible for LESS THAN 1% ALL LIVESTOCK LOSS and are unfairly targeted by outdated extirpation policies
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# #460

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I applaud the Commission's willingness to reinstate wolf hunting quotas in Unit 313. However, a quota of 10 is still unreasonably high for the unit directly bordering Yellowstone National Park. Almost all of the wolves harvested in 313 and 316 this past season spent 95% or more of their time inside Yellowstone (and in fact, inside Wyoming and not Montana), where they are worth far more alive than dead. Wolf tourism brings tens of millions of dollars into the local economies of Gardiner, Silver Gate, Cooke City, and West Yellowstone. I would ask that the Commission reduce the quota in 313 to a total of 4 wolves (similar to the excellent compromise we had for roughly a decade that allowed up to 2 wolves each in 313 and 316). This seems like a reasonable compromise that protects the economic and research value of Yellowstone's wolves while still allowing Montana to achieve its wolf management objectives throughout the rest of the state.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

In addition to my comment above about reducing the 2022 wolf harvest quota in Unit 313 from 10 wolves to 4 wolves, I also urge the Commission to reconsider continuing to allow snaring, baiting, and night-vision hunting. None of these tactics are in keeping with the longstanding hunting tradition of fair chase, and they are a disgrace to the traditional values and ethics of a true sportsman and hunter. Furthermore, I ask that the Commission consider establishing a 12-hour reporting time at the close of the season, rather than a 24-hour reporting time. This will ensure that the number of wolves harvested does not accidentally exceed the established quota during that window.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I think any type of "hunting" that is not a fair chase for the animal should be illegal. No snares, traps, baiting, night goggles etc.... Let the animals have a chance like they do in nature! I also think it is time to leave the skin and fur on the animals, we do not need to wear them!!

Thank you.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone and Montana's wolves belong to all Montanans, and under the Public Trust Doctrine, Yellowstone and Federal lands belong to ALL Americans. The non-consumptive person who actually makes up the majority, is not being represented or heard by the MFWP! Yellowstone wolves bring in a lot of revenue for Montana and surrounding communities, they should not be fair game because they step outside of Yellowstone border, actually quite often they are baited out! That is not right!

Please do not change the Wolf management units from 17 WMU's to 7 Regional, it will inhibit the monitoring of mismanagement of the Montana and Yellowstone wolves, making it more difficult to close a region if a quota isn't met at a macro level.

The quota of 1wolf should be put back into place for WMU 313,316 and 110. MFWP should keep a 12 hour emergency closure window instead of a 24 hour one in these areas so that it's easier to shut down one quota is met.

I also think snares, baiting, traps, night vision goggles should all be illegal. You want to hunt these animals (any animal for that matter) it should only be a fair chase hunt. Stop the massacre of our wolves in the Northern Rockies please.

Thank you for your time,

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see my comments below on the proposed 2022 wolf trapping and hunting season quotas.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Members of the Commission,

My name is Remy Sexton and I am a junior at Park High School in Livingston. I am a Conservation Leadership Intern for Park County Environmental Council, and I am grateful for the opportunity to comment on the current wolf trapping and hunting quotas. As a young person, Yellowstone Gateway community resident, and Montana citizen, I implore that the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) 2022/2023 wolf hunting and trapping plan be modified to limit the wolf quota to two wolves in Wolf Management Unit (WMU) 313.

Growing up, Yellowstone was like my backyard. Hikes on Specimen Ridge, cross country skiing at Mammoth Terraces, and filling out wildlife checklists were staple parts of my upbringing. Only a few times was I able to check off the gray wolf on my wildlife scavenger hunt, but I did so with much satisfaction, relishing this unique experience that Yellowstone provides. A harsh reality, however, is that Yellowstone doesn't have a fence; it's not an unbreachable boundary. Yellowstone and the National Park Service were built on the foundational premise of preserving some of the last untouched places on the face of the planet for the enjoyment and education of future generations. This goal was betrayed by the slaughter of 25 Yellowstone wolves - about 20% of the park's total population - in the 2021/2022 hunting and trapping season alone. For me, seeing Yellowstone wolves and learning about their journey of reintroduction to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) has instilled a strong desire to preserve their presence here, and the brutal eradication of Yellowstone wolves is a flagrant violation of core Montana values. Whether it's to support a way of life, as a sanctuary for recreation, or simply an appreciation for one of the last wild places, the importance of nature is a central idea that nearly all Montanans can agree upon. The destruction of natural ecosystems doesn't benefit anyone and in some ways, wolves are more than a keystone species in the GYE. They're a keystone species to local economies and politics as well. The passionate debate that has erupted as a result of wolves' presence here shows that people care deeply about these animals and that they've become an integral part of the culture of rural areas surrounding Yellowstone. Maintaining this balance in our communities is only possible through legislation that limits the harvest of wolves and keeping the quota in WMU 313 to two wolves.

Thank you for your reflection and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Remy Sexton

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# #463

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I believe the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and quotas, changes on wording in the regulations, and all other rationale and recommendations look sensible.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My name is Donn Sponholz and I have lived in Helena for 16 years. Before that I was a state and federal fish biologist in WI, WA and AK. I also trap, fish and hunt. I write because once again uneducated radical activists have leveled their sights on trapping and the currently successful management of wolves in MT. The director of Footloose (Capra) is ready to offer free food and booze and scripts to read in a staged effort to fill a bus for the August 25th commission meeting. He hopes to overrun it. Their intent is to have all predators run forever free in Montana. They have zero respect for the abilities of our wardens, biologists and managers. Capra and his cohorts wouldn't recognize reason if it ran them over. I hope the Committee chooses to stay the course and allow our experts at FWP to continue their successful efforts at keeping Montana the Last Best Place instead of allowing these radicals the ability to turn us into yet another liberal clone of the coastal ideology.

I also believe Trapping Districts are an easier way for the general public to understand our regulations versus wildlife management units. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this serious issue facing the Committee.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please help end the slaughter of these ecologically necessary predators who only want to leave in peace. There are no biological or necessary reasons to hunt & kill wolves or any other predators in Montana/Yellowstone. The majority of the slaughter is driven by minority groups that only has a recreational purpose and no real reason behind it. Thanks

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please help end the slaughter of these ecologically necessary predators who only want to live in peace. Montana has 2.6 million cattle, and livestock depredation last year was only 64 which farmers were reimbursed for. Nature knows how to manage itself and does not need our help for we have only decimated the species before and should not do so again please. Thank you

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I work here at a restaurant in Gardiner. We count on tourists coming here to see wolves, especially in the winter. Everyone here is glad that you are bringing the Wolf management units back north of Gardiner. Please keep it as Wolf management units, not trapping units. That just makes more sense. Please keep the quota low, like down to two total. That way people will still come to hunt the wolves that are really easy to kill, coming out of Yellowstone Park. But it also helps our businesses to draw visitors in, and they won't be so mad about all the wolves that are being killed that they came to pay money to see. We've all been stressed out and struggling to make ends meet since the flood hit. I hope you can understand that and not just think of the small number people that wanna kill wolves. Thank you

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# #466

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow the Yellowstone pack to replenish their losses before resuming this hunt.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please allow the Yellowstone pack to replenish their losses before resuming this hunt.

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# #467

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Use science. SCIENCE!!!! NOT POLITICS!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please use science in determining your quotas. The number of wolves killed last year was unsustainable. You used to use science in determining quotas, but that has apparently gone out the window and now seems very political. Wolves have restored our ecosystems. We should be thanking them!

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# #468

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## Q1

Contact information:

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Once again quotas are far too high and don't reflect common sense or reality on the ground. Why do trappers get so much power?

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The 450 quota is simply ridiculous—it's way bigger than last year for no reason, just a simple and animalistic bloodlust that betrays the people of Montana and the will of Americans. While I appreciate the special proposal for 313, this number should reflect what the state already agreed to years ago, one wolf per district, which would make the quota two at most, not 10. Again, a ridiculous number.

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# #469

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Your proposal to present all marten pelts is wise.

Regarding bobcats, I have concerns about their possible declining populations in both regions 1 and 5.

Please propose what biologists recommended for region 1- a quota change to 200, not 225, because region 1 has a history of going over quota.

Region 5 should also be reduced to 200, as quotas should be set by scientists rather than trappers.

Thank you,

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Several of your proposals do not meet with Montana's fair chase - rules to ensure hunters have no unfair advantage over wild game by balancing the skills and equipment of the hunter with the abilities of the animal to escape.

Regarding fair chase, proposals should:

Reinstate in regulations the prohibition of spotting and shooting wolves from aircraft.

Eliminate night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal, and night vision scopes.

Stop bounty payments for wolves.

Stop party trapping- allow one trapper id tag per trap or snare.

Stop pre-baiting and shooting wolves over bait.

For humane reasons, fairness should:

Require 24 hour/daily trap checks to reduce additional injury, suffering, and mortality of non-target animals.

Prohibit dangerous ram power snares, and snaring on OUR public lands. Snares should be allowed only on private lands (with written landowner permission).

Snares need a 275 lb. rated breakaway, with diverters, a relaxing lock, and a stop for a minimum loop size of 10".

Adjust the wolf trapping season to Jan 2 - Feb 28, because current trapping and hunting dates (which go to March 15th), kill pregnant wolves, and cause incidental grizzly and hunting dog trapping.

Limit the number of traps and snares a trapper can set, and the number of snared wolves per trapper.

For public safety, please require:

Minimum 150' trap setbacks on open and closed public roads.

Trapping signs at trail heads and recreational areas.

Signs for traps and snares on block management areas.

Reinstatement of wolf trap setbacks in Sanders County.

Ideally snares should be prohibited in elk and deer wintering grounds, and killing wolves in elk management units should be closed in both over-objective and where CWD has been reported.

Interestingly, MT has 50,000 over elk management objectives - every region is at or above objective, and CWD is a much bigger threat to elk populations than wolves are. We need to keep the WMU's, and to avoid going over quota, units should close as quotas are neared.

Lastly, and of particular significance to the tens of millions of people who visit our National Parks, please return to the previous quotas outside both Yellowstone and Glacier to one wolf. Twenty-five Yellowstone wolves were killed last year, including pups and yearlings. Nearly a third of Yellowstone's wolf population is now gone, with one pack eliminated entirely. It was a death toll unlike anything Yellowstone has seen since wolves were reintroduced. The killing of our collared and popular Park wolves is giving us all a bad name. "The level of mortality is historic and catastrophic." Even more wolves are missing. Their biodiversity will be compromised. If you don't change wolf management around our Parks, next winter will be a disaster for the remaining wolves.

Thank you,

BP Casbara





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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop killing these beautiful creatures they have purpose here on earth just as ever human has purpose . Mother Nature knows karma too

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## Q3

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #471

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

My comments were for the 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana is facing great changes every day. The state has been “discovered” and is becoming home to thousands more people every year. With them they bring their habits and desires which impact all of the state, the environment and the wildlife.

Montana has the good fortune to be the home to many rare and precious wildlife species. There are many areas of the world that, regretfully, wish they still had the vast wildlife resources present in Montana. Under the Public Trust Doctrine, wolves belong to all of us, not just small special interest groups that are making a profit from killing wolves.

Wolves contribute to the health of other species by removing the infirm and those infected with Chronic Wasting Disease. By keeping herds moving, they help prevent erosion along streams from over grazing and help preserve habitat for beavers and other species.

But, instead of protecting this valuable resource for the present generation and those to come, there is presently an all-out assault on wolves that is beyond comprehension.

Wildlife watching is one of the greatest revenue sources for the state of Montana.

Wolf watching in YNP is unique and generates more than \$82 million in revenue to communities near YNP. Tourism creates over 3,200 jobs, 3 out of 5 in Park County alone. These communities recently endured great loss due to flooding which could take years to repair. Those businesses need wildlife watchers now more than ever in order to survive.

The reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone National Park, one of the greatest conservation success stories in history, is being destroyed. Wolves helped bring the YNP ecosystem back into balance and the reintroduction allowed extensive research to be conducted on wolf behaviors.

Research has been severely hampered due to the number of YNP wolves killed. The Park is being used as a production source for wolf killers, while a conservation program that costs millions and is admired around the world is being decimated.

Because YNP wolves are used to the presence of humans, they do not fear them and when they leave the protection of the Park, seeking food, a mate or territory, they are shot or trapped.

Shooting or trapping wolves that leave YNP is reprehensible. 20% of YNP wolves were killed last year with an entire pack destroyed. 96% of the wolves killed in the current WMU 313 denned in YNP. When alphas are killed, the entire pack can fall apart with the younger wolves not benefitting from learning from the adults. They need each other to survive.

Wolves are a keystone species. Their presence allows other species that rely on wolf kills to thrive.

Yet, wolf kill quotas quadrupled from 5 to 20 per killer, including baiting and night hunting. Three quota areas for YNP and Glacier National Park were removed. The impact of this on other species is immeasurable.

Ranchers are compensated 300% for the small number (0.003%) of livestock killed, such a small fraction, it is not even considered a statistic. None of this killing of wolves is warranted or science based.

Elk herds are now at 50,000 over elk management objective, leading to special hunts. Thus, wolves are not a threat to elk numbers.

Trapping is cruel and indiscriminate, killing an unknown number of fragile and endangered species. Traps are cruel and cause intense suffering to animals (including pets) caught in them.

The current Montana laws and policies are anti-science, supported by flawed data, estimates that are not even peer-reviewed and lacking any logical or ethical foundation.

Surely Montana can do better than this before it is too late.

As the managers of wildlife in Montana, the results on wildlife preservation and the survival of the gateway communities surrounding the Parks are on your watch.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Filson

# #472

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

ENOUGH killing done STOP this KILLING FIELDS anyway OR the feds should take away your so called harvesting and animal management rights form Montana

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

ENOUGH killing done STOP this KILLING FIELDS anyway OR the feds should take away your so called harvesting and animal management rights form Montana

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# #473

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment on this

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners and Montana FWP,

We were absolutely appalled with the wolf killing that you allowed and supported this past season. It was especially galling to see the excessive killing on Yellowstone National Park's boundary. It is apparent that you are accommodating a small, but vocal group of hunters and trappers that have a pathological hatred of wolves. Their motive is not hunting, but rather political revenge and killing.

It strongly appears your goal is the near elimination of the wolf in Montana. It's also clear that this wolf killing has no scientific or legitimate management basis. In fact, FWP doesn't even know how many wolves are in Montana. We know you have a very questionable system of estimating numbers, but we don't buy it. Our vast experience in the outdoors doesn't match up with your inflated estimates.

We urge you to go back to a much smaller quota system. How can you justify killing such huge numbers such as 450? It's almost like you're craving Federal intervention. Until a couple years ago, the state was managing wolves rather professionally, but with the election of Governor Gianforte, everything changed into an unsportsmanlike killing spree.

The luring and killing of Yellowstone Park wolves should be stopped. You've left these adjacent units open to a few locals with abnormal animosity towards wolves, psychopathic really. Why aren't you acting in the interests of the large numbers of people that love to watch and photograph these animals? It's time you quit kowtowing to the small group of anti-wildlife haters.

Finally, with all of the trapping and snaring going on, it's unsafe to even hike with your pets through the whole winter. What about all of the recreationists whose purpose in the outdoors isn't killing wildlife. You should be managing wildlife for every citizen.

Frankly, last years wolf hunting and trapping seasons were unprofessional, and both commissioners and FWP should be ashamed.

Please reverse this during this coming season and regain some of the honor and good reputation that was once held by Montana FWP.

Sincerely,

Michael & Lynn Koeppen  
Florence, MT 59834

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# #474

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am against killing live animals for the fur trade. Period.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop senseless killing of wolves in Montana. Top-tier predation on the part of wolves is essential. The economic value of millions of people from every corner of this planet that come to witness and learn about wolves in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is priceless.

The life-changing education that our children derive from living and learning so close to wolves is precious.

Just STOP increasing wolf quotas. STOP trapping and line-snare traps to innocent wolf pups. Just stop killing wolves.

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# #475

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Lower the quotas for the Furbearer season.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce the number of wolves that people can hunt and trap. I'm from Orlando Florida and I love visiting your beautiful state. I truly believe you are the Last Best Place. The Wolves are part of your state natural beauty. Beside no one needs 20.

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# #476

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The only issue I have is with the wolf quota, particularly WMU 313.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quota in 313 to 1. Many Montanans - myself included - making a living through wildlife tourism. The Yellowstone wolves are an absolute gold mine for Montanans living in Cooke City, Gardiner, and West Yellowstone, along with those of us who live elsewhere but photograph and guide in the park. FWP has, historically, been one of the best wildlife management divisions in the country. Continue that tradition by relying on science and considering the well-being of Montanans living in different communities. I fully support science-based wolf management, but I - like most Montanans - do not support politically-based wildlife management of any sort. These wolves do a lot of good for this state; some of us rely on them, to one degree or another, to make a living.

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# #477

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the nonsense. Why do ppl feel they need to kill all that is alive

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Leave the wolf alone. If you need to kill anything, kill yourselves

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I vehemently oppose the aggressive and ruthless hunting/trapping of wolves in your state. Trapping is a lazy, grotesque practice and should be banned. My family recently visited Yellowstone to see wolves. We spent over \$6,000 on our 4 day trip. Not one penny was spent in Montana. Until you change your approach to wildlife, especially the management of apex predators we will not spend any of our hard earned money in your state. Yellowstone wolves belong to everyone and they are more valuable alive.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping should be banned. No hunting should be permitted on the border of Yellowstone National Park. Do the right thing Montana!

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**Q2**  
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

#RelistWolves Please

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**Q3**  
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

#RelistWolves Please

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# #480

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please base your numbers of peer reviewed scientific data.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider hearing the voices of all the people, instead of just special interest groups, in regards to the wolves in Yellowstone and surrounding areas. If the scientific data backed the killing of high numbers of wolves for the betterment of the wildlife ecosystem, that would be one thing, but that is not what these numbers are based on. They are not scientific and are not accurate. We cannot base any animals population control on skewed numbers from hunting groups alone, disregarding the voices of the majority of Americans. There is zero biological reason to kill large numbers of wolves. The cattle population is not hurting and the loss from wolves is minimal.

Please consider these changes in the proposal:

MIFWP should not change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to Regional Units (7) which will inhibit the monitoring of mismanagement of Montana & Yellowstone wolves making it more difficult to close a region if a quota isn't met on the macro level.

MTFWP should re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 & 110. WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park should stay in place.

MTFWP should keep the 12-hour emergency closure window intact for WMUs 313, 316, & 110. A 24-hour emergency closure makes going over quotas a much higher risk.

Although I have and can only visit this part of the country, as an American, these lands are mine too. I want to see these beautiful creatures protected so we can enjoy them.

Thanks.

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop that much Wolf trapping and hunting

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**Q3**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Less hunting, we need our Wolves!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is part one.

July 21, 2022

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Fish and Wildlife Commission  
P.O. Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701

Submitted via <https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission/august-2022-meeting> and via email

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters, Western Watersheds Project and WildEarth Guardians appreciate the chance to comment on the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department's ("MFWP") proposed season and quota changes for gray wolves. For the reasons below, we urge the Fish and Wildlife Commission ("Commission") to manage gray wolves on the basis of politics rather than science.

Western Watersheds Project ("WWP") is a nonprofit environmental conservation group with 12,000 members and supporters. Founded in 1993, WWP has field offices in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California. WWP works to influence and improve public lands management throughout the West with a specific emphasis on the protection and preservation of western watersheds and wildlife.

WildEarth Guardians ("Guardians") is a regional non-profit organization whose mission is to protect and restore the wildlife, wild places, wild rivers, and health of the American West. Guardians has offices in Montana, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington, and over 7,000 members. For over 30 years, Guardians has worked to restore and protect imperiled native carnivores, including gray wolves. Guardians works to protect wolf habitat in Montana and across the West, promote coexistence and fight lethal wolf "management," educate the public about the importance of wolves to maintaining healthy natural ecosystems, and advocate for protecting these iconic animals under state and federal law, including through listing under the Endangered Species Act.

I. The Commission retains broad discretion to disregard many of the legislature's politically-driven suggestions for expanded hunting and trapping.

We recognize that the Montana legislature passed laws in 2021 to guide these rulemakings, but must again emphasize that few of the legislative "directives" in HB 224, HB 225, and SB 314 are binding, and none prevent the Commission from adopting cautious, science-based hunting and trapping regulations that largely reflect management prior to the 2021 legislative session.

In the three bills, the legislature passed just two general mandates. SB 314 directs the Commission to reduce the state's wolf population "to a 'sustainable' level, but not less than the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs" (emphasis added). The legislature thus set a minimum number of wolves, preserving the Commission's discretion to maintain the wolf population at what has been a relatively stable number over the last several years. HB 224 requires the use of snares, but also in a way that preserves the Commission's discretion. The bill requires that "[t]rapping seasons must allow for the use of snares by the holder of a trapping license," yet leaves the Commission broad discretion to decide when and where to allow snaring.

The three bills' remaining directives are entirely discretionary. SB 314 allows ("the commission may authorize") unlimited wolf kills on a single tag, the use of bait, and night hunting. While the Commission has appropriately rejected allowing unlimited wolf kills on a single

tag, it still chose to include the use of bait and night hunting in some circumstances during the 2021-2022 wolf hunting season. These drastic, unsporting, and dangerous measures should be rejected for the 2022-2023 wolf hunting season.

HB 224 leaves the Commission broad discretion to decide when and where to allow snaring. The Commission should include minimal modifications to snaring allowed in the 2021-2022 season pursuant to HB 224, namely, the allowance of snares should itself be limited. MFWP considers snares the most lethal of the legislature's measures—"most anticipated to increase harvest" by virtue of their efficacy, low cost, and ease of placement.<sup>1</sup> Snares also pose the greatest risk to domestic dogs and non-target wildlife, including federally-listed grizzly bear and Canada lynx.<sup>2</sup> We urge the Commission to maintain the restrictions on snares in Lynx Protection Units ("LPZs") while also adopting MFWP's 2021-2022 proposal to limit the use of snares to private land statewide. The Commission should further limit the season for snares given their lethality and the risks they pose to pets and non-target species.

HB 225 likewise allows, but does not mandate (again, "the commission may authorize") an extended wolf trapping season. The Commission should reduce the length of the wolf trapping season to avoid non-target capture of grizzly bears both in the spring, as they are emerging from their dens, and in the winter, as grizzly bears enter dens late. All told, MFWP correctly recognized during the 2021-2022 wolf hunting and trapping regulation setting that all three bills contain discretionary "legislative options," not commands.<sup>3</sup> The commission would do well to remember this and to further exercise their discretion by not including cruel hunting and trapping methods in the 2022-2023 season.

The legislature's options for gray wolf hunting and trapping are not only discretionary, they are unnecessary. According to MFWP estimates, wolf populations remained steady in Montana between 2012 and 2019, stabilizing at approximately 190 packs and 1,150 individual wolves.<sup>4</sup> Increased wolf killing can and has taken place under the previous hunting and trapping rules. Hunters and trappers killed an average of 242 wolves per year between 2012 and 2019, but that number jumped over 35 percent in 2020, when hunters and trappers killed 329 wolves.<sup>5</sup> In 2021, hunters and trappers killed 273 wolves state-wide. By itself, this level of hunting and trapping satisfies the legislative direction to reduce wolf populations in the state—MFWP predicted that hunting during the 2020-21 season lowered the wolf population to 900–950 individuals.<sup>6</sup>

The recent wolf hunt in Wisconsin illustrates the threat posed by liberal wolf season regulations, such as those the Commission adopted last year and is once again considering. In 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued 2,380 hunting tags with an objective of killing 119 individual wolves over a one-week season.<sup>7</sup> In less than three days, hunters killed 218 wolves, contributing to a minimum 27–33 percent population decrease in one year.<sup>8</sup> Reductions from the proposed season regulations could be far greater (continuing the bag limit of 20 wolves per person via combined hunting and trapping, and allowing trappers to kill 10 wolves on a single license). Although the season regulations contain a 450-wolf kill trigger with an additional 10 wolves proposed for killing in WMU 313 for initiating a commission quorum, the Wisconsin wolf season—where hunters exceeded the allowable quota by 83 percent before the state agency could halt the hunt—shows that such a safeguard is not guaranteed to prevent drastic and unintended reductions to Montana's wolf population. Indeed, whether the 450-wolf kill trigger for Commission review is a safeguard at all is not guaranteed under the proposed season regulations, since neither the 450-wolf kill trigger, nor the regional/TD kill triggers, require action.

Importantly, the legislature has not overridden MFWP's own directive to "implement conservation and management strategies to make sure that wolves continue to thrive and are integrated as a valuable part of Montana's wildlife heritage"<sup>9</sup> so long as the Commission retains discretion to reduce excessive and cruel wolf deaths. This includes "principles of maintaining and enhancing Montana's contribution to the overall northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf population and the gray wolf's connectivity between contiguous populations in Canada, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming."<sup>10</sup> These directives should continue to guide MFWP and the Commission's decision here.

Sources:

1. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Hunting Season-Quota Change Supporting Information (hereinafter, "2021-22 Supporting Information"), at 2.
2. Id.
3. Id. at 1.
4. Id. at 8.

5. Id. at 13.
  6. Id.
  7. Treves, A., Santiago-Ávila, F. J., & Putrevu, K. (2021). Quantifying the effects of delisting wolves after the first state began lethal management. *PeerJ*, 9, e11666. <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.11666>.
  8. Id.
  9. Mont. Admin. R. 12.9.1301.
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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

You people killing animals disgust me. Choose synthetic furs and don't kill any animals.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Totally wrong to kill these wise beautiful relatives of the domestic dog. Leave more open spaces for them and people. They are important to the food chain and nature in general. Get a new hobby.

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# #484

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Nothing

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Hello, I am a local business owner and member of the Gardiner community. This town has had a pretty rough go over the last few years. Killing a lot wolves recently around Yellowstone is one big reason. We and most folks that visit us like the wolves a lot. There is true prosperity here. Please lower the quota—as low as it can go.

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# #485

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower the quota, or remove it altogether. These hunts are u necessary and detrimental to the environment. Stop protecting the ranchers cattle and start protecting the wildlife, including wolves. NO ONE NEEDS A WILD ANIMAL FUR/SKIN.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower the quota, or remove it altogether. These hunts are u necessary and detrimental to the environment. Stop protecting the ranchers cattle and start protecting the wildlife, including wolves.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners,

Martens are important ecosystem cogs, and we need to pay more attention when they're killed. Please institute presentation of their lower jaw and pelt to be tagged and inspected.

Bobcats are amazing creatures who also contribute to a balanced ecosystem. Since they are near the top of the food chain, they play a vital role in regulating species populations lower in the chain which positively affects vegetation as well.

Biologists are concerned that the quotas in regions 1 and 5 have been too high so please lower the bobcat quota to 200 in region one and 100 in region 5; lower quotas would fall in line with wildlife biologists' suggestions.

Not even limiting or reporting beaver trapping is irresponsible so please suspend reckless recreational and commercial beaver trapping. Ignoring species interdependence does not negate the fact: humans depend on other species to restore the intricate environmental balance we take for granted as demonstrated by Yellowstone's ecosystem recovery after wolves were reintroduced.

Dr. Allyson Dallmann

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Commissioners,

When you allow people to place traps and snares on private property without permission, you are taking away their right to manage their own land the way they see fit. When you allow traps and snares on public land, you take away the public's right to venture safely on Public Lands. These indiscriminate devices should only be allowed with signed permission on private land and should require 24hour checks; Ram power snares should be outlawed. There should be no trapping or snaring allowed in Grizzly bear and Lynx recovery areas.

As detrimental to the Yellowstone ecosystem, economy and wolf genetic variability as killing is, wolf trapping dates should be managed to avert grizzlies so please change the wolf trapping dates to January 2- February 28. Utilizing a minimum 150-foot trap setback from public roads and trails with signs in recreational areas is just common sense. Safety should be your concern as well as ours.

Please maintain 17 wolf management units; dropping to only 7 would be unscientific and it's not done for ungulates. It would make it harder to keep an eye on wolf kills and then closing the area for evaluations. Having a one- wolf quota in units near Yellowstone, 313 and 316, as well as 110 near Glacier national park (vital wildlife corridor) and keeping a twelve-hour emergency closure notice when reached, would greatly benefit the parks, surrounding economies, ecosystems and survivability of the iconic species that tourists travel from around the world to see. When wolves are killed in wolf management units 313 and 316, they should be part of the quota trigger review. Please limit wolves killed using SB 200 to 25.

Wolf watching tourism brings \$82million into the state; local businesses and economies depend on wolves for their livelihoods so why are you intentionally hurting these people and their businesses? Montana's tourism industry depends on non-resident tourism. In 2019, non- resident tourists spent by region: \$140, 342,000 in the Missouri River, \$492,279,000 in SE, \$297, 886,000 in Central, \$1,187,913 in Glacier, \$378,727,000 in SW and a whopping \$1,274,459,000 in Yellowstone. According to the AVMA, 57% of American households have pets and more are taking their pets with them as they travel. The hotel industry has added pet friendly accommodations to keep up with the demand. Actually, there is no biological, scientific, ecological or economic reason to kill Yellowstone wolves.

With the Yellowstone Northern Elk herd above objective and the rest of Montana's elk populations near or above unit objectives, wolves are clearly not harming these populations. In fact, Montana's elk population was 109,500 in 1995 with no elk hunt data. In 2018 (post wolf reintroduction), hunters removed 30, 348 elk and the current elk population is 135-140,000 -- a clear increase with wolves on the landscape. So why are you doing it? Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks bowing to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical organizations and outfitters who represent very few, while ignoring the vast majority of Montanans who are non-consumptive and do not want wolves killed is short-sighted and demonstrates inequity in representation. These wolves belong to all Montanans per the public trust doctrine.

Wolf conflicts with livestock are rare despite the widespread belief that they pose a threat to the livestock industry; in 2019, only 0.003% of livestock losses were due to them. The vast majority of livestock deaths are due to starvation, dehydration, poisonous plants, infections, birthing complications, weather, toxins and theft. Domestic dogs cause far more livestock deaths than wolves. Livestock carcasses are not disposed of and attract all kinds of animals; wolves then are wrongly blamed.

Wolves do not kill for fun; they actually risk injury or even death when they hunt. Humans are the only species that hunts for "fun." Real hunters know that night hunting is dangerous and wouldn't do it, nor would they bait, party-trap or aerial spot and shoot. None of these tactics are fair kill, nor are they acceptable to most Montanans or the American public.

Since wolves seek ill and weak deer and elk, they help reduce CWD infection and exposure improving ungulate herd health as well as reducing livestock exposure to CWD. Thus, we should stop hunting and trapping in wolf management units with CWD thereby utilizing this natural resource.

Ignoring species interdependence does not negate the fact: humans depend on other species to restore the intricate environmental balance we take for granted as demonstrated by Yellowstone's ecosystem recovery after wolves were reintroduced.

Dr. Allyson Dallmann

# #487

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is Part II.

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II. If the Commission adopts WMU 313 as proposed, the harvest quota should be one, not ten.

While we are grateful that MFWP has recommended that a quota be reinstated in wolf management unit ("WMU") 313, we urge the Commission to not only adopt a quota, but adopt the minimum allowable quota of one wolf. The wolves in WMU 313 only make up approximately 2 percent of Montana's wolf population; they provide significant economic benefits to the state of Montana; they have not reduced the area's elk and deer populations below the population objectives; and they do not kill a significant number of livestock.

MFWP has recommended that a quota be re-established north of Yellowstone National Park ("YNP") by combining former WMUs 313 and 316 into one WMU to be known as WMU 313. We support the proposed WMU 313 as well as having a quota in place in that WMU. Last year, 21 wolves were killed in the proposed WMU 313, a disproportionate amount of the wolves killed in Trapping District 3 and also a disproportionate number of wolves killed relative to the number that live in the area. MFWP stated in its justification for establishing WMU 313 that "[b]ased on wolf population data from 2011-2015, the period when most recent data are available, the average number of wolves in the proximity of proposed WMU 313 is 29 (range 18-40)."<sup>11</sup> This means that 72 percent of the "average" number of wolves were taken in proposed WMU 313 last year. This is significantly above the high end of the range MFWP uses to determine what percent of a wolf population can be killed without having a negative impact on that population. It should be noted that the studies MFWP relies on to develop a range of mortality that can be tolerated before a wolf population declines at best (29 percent)<sup>12</sup> represent the high end of the range settled on in most scientific literature, and at worst (48 percent)<sup>13</sup> represents an anomalous study that was found to have been affected by a statistical error.<sup>14</sup>

MFWP notes that because hunters and trappers killed 21 wolves in the proposed WMU 313 last year, that the population in that area is expected to be on the low end of the range. MFWP states that because of this, "the mortality rate may be greater than the average if the quota is achieved." In fact, if the population is on the low end of the range now, the mortality rate would be upwards of 50 percent if a quota of 10 is met. This is unacceptable and vastly exceeds the generally accepted scientific findings that a wolf population will start to decline when mortality exceeds 19-29 percent.<sup>15</sup> This would be alarming in any portion of the state, but as noted by MFWP, the proposed WMU 313 and Yellowstone region contain a small number of wolves that are highly visible and highly regarded by Montana visitors and locals alike.

Last year, we saw the destruction of the Phantom Lake wolf pack, a pack watched by hundreds of thousands of visitors to YNP. YNP officials stated the pack had been "eliminated" after all or most of its members had been killed.<sup>16</sup> The pack did not even contain 10 members. A quota of 10 wolves is enough to destroy one or more wolf packs, which can have biological and ecological consequences.

For example, research shows that 77 percent of the time when the breeding members of a wolf pack die, the pack dissolves.<sup>17</sup> Dissolution is more likely to occur when the breeders are killed by humans than when the death is from natural causes. This dissolution then leaves other members to search for new packs, or wander as lone wolves disrupting the social balance of the wolf packs in the region. Alternatively, coyotes have been found to exhibit compensatory breeding following the removal of members of a pack,<sup>18</sup> something that may also be occurring in Yellowstone's wolves this year. Wolf watchers in YNP have observed the Junction Butte pack, a pack that lost three members just over the Montana border this year, had four litters.<sup>19</sup> This is extremely unusual and will similarly disrupt the social dynamics of YNP's wolf packs. The biological and ecological outcomes of this are unknown, but with such an unprecedented level of loss for the region's wolves, impacts will likely be apparent in coming years. The loss of so many wolves, including numerous collared wolves will also undoubtedly disrupt YNP's long standing wolf research project. Historically, YNP's wolf population has been the largest unexploited wolf population and has provided incredible research opportunities for understanding the dynamics of wolves, their interactions with prey, and how that impacts the larger ecosystem.

Also notable is that in 2016, researchers found that wolf viewing opportunities within YNP and Denali National Park and Preserve (DNPP) were significantly impacted by the number of wolves killed by hunters and trappers along the borders of the national parks. Specifically, researchers found that, “[s]ightings in YNP increased by 45% following years with no harvest of a wolf from a pack, and sightings in DNPP were more than twice as likely during a period with a harvest buffer zone than in years without the buffer.”<sup>20</sup> This is critical, considering the number of visitors to YNP and Montana that travel to the area specifically to see wolves.

In 2020 alone, 3.8 million people visited Yellowstone National Park and spent over \$444 million in communities surrounding the Park. Spending in 2020 supported 6,110 jobs in the local Yellowstone area which had a total cumulative benefit to the local economy of an estimated \$560 million.<sup>21</sup> Communities surrounding Yellowstone rely heavily on wildlife watchers visiting the Park. The lodging industry in Paradise Valley, in Montana just north of the Park, generates an estimated \$1.8 million in state taxes.<sup>22</sup> The industry is largely fueled by visitors to YNP. A recent analysis found that visitation to the North and Northeast entrances to YNP doubled between 2005 and 2021 and that lodging tax revenues have tripled. A large amount of increased revenue can be attributed to wolves. The analysis estimated the total annual visitor spending in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho) attributable to wolves is \$82,732,702.<sup>23</sup>

It is irresponsible for the state of Montana to overlook such a significant economic benefit to the state, instead aiming to kill much of Montana’s wolf population and YNP’s wolves, under false pretenses. The stated goal of the various pieces of legislation directing the Commission is to reduce Montana’s wolf population. The claims behind the legislation are that wolves are decimating elk and deer populations and that wolves are destroying the livestock industry. These claims raise several questions, particularly in the Yellowstone region and the proposed WMU 313. First, 18 of the 21 wolves killed by hunters and trappers in the proposed WMU 313 during the 2021-2022 hunting and trapping season were wolves that reside primarily in YNP. If the goal is to reduce Montana’s wolf population, concentrated killing of Yellowstone wolves in the proposed WMU 313 does not accomplish this. This begs the question; why allow such a high number of killing in an area that contains so few of Montana’s wolves? Second, elk and deer populations are still robust in the Yellowstone region. In fact, the only elk hunting district that is not consistently at or above the elk plan objective has been below objective for at least 10 years.<sup>24</sup> All it takes is a quick review of MFWP data to show that game populations in the region are not suffering. Finally, wolves are not destroying the livestock industry in the YNP region. Since 2013, ranchers in Park county have lost a total of seven cows to wolves while ranchers in Gallatin county have lost three.<sup>25</sup> That is less than one cow per year when each county hosts 20,000-30,000 cattle and calves per year. Even in Carbon county where the death toll was slightly higher, ranchers still only lost 20 cows to wolves in a nine year period.<sup>26</sup> Even during a higher year, when wolves killed seven cows in Carbon county, that equates to only a 0.02% loss of cattle to wolves in the county.<sup>27</sup>

It is clear that having such a high concentration of wolf killing in the proposed WMU 313 is not based on science or economics. Montana law allows a quota of one and we urge the Commission to listen to science and economics and adopt a quota of one for the proposed WMU 313.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please stop hunting and trapping our wolves. They are an extremely important part of the ecosystem. If wolves go extinct, the entire food chain will crumble. I beg you to protect these important and beautiful animals.

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## Q3

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I'm writing in opposition of such a high volume of harvesting of the wolves. As a tourist who's been visiting the park since the 1990's I come to see the very wildlife you are destroying. I'm all about management and quotas, but only if they are reasonable and scientifically thought out. I come from a family of hunters but I feel the season needs to be a responsible one. I come and stay in all gateway towns. I buy gas, food, souvenirs, and rent cabins and hotels. I spend a large amount of money there and in your states economy. If you take the very animal and wildlife we seek to come watch then think about what that means for the economic future for your small towns and businesses. No wolves to watch means no tourist money. Think about how much they are worth alive versus all dead. Then please use scientific data and consult with professionals on what the best course of action and quota should be. Decimation of the species is not the answer. There has to be a balance in nature. I hope you take many other opinions, like mine, into consideration.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is Part III.

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III. The total number of possible wolf kills in Montana, including by hunters and trappers, Wildlife Services, and kills authorized under SB 200, is unsustainable.

MFWP recognized when setting the 2021-2022 season regulations that there was considerable uncertainty about “how much additional harvest [would] be generated with the new legislative inputs.”<sup>28</sup> This uncertainty remains going into the 2022-23 season. Hunters and trappers killed 273 wolves during the first year of liberalized wolf hunting and trapping allowed in Montana during the 2021-22 season. This number is in addition to natural mortality (numbers unknown because of a lack of data collected by MFWP) and other human-caused mortality including poaching, the 45 wolves killed by Wildlife Services in 2021 and the killing under SB 200 (numbers currently unavailable to the public). The uncertainty is heightened because the integrated patch occupancy model (iPOM) used to estimate the state’s wolf population is full of compounding errors, meaning there is no accurate estimation of Montana’s wolf population available. In light of this uncertainty, the Commission should follow a precautionary approach<sup>29</sup> and return to season parameters from 2020-21, with only minimal modification to allow snares pursuant to HB 224.

Reducing the wolf population to reach an unidentified target based on a questionable population estimate is the opposite of the scientific management that MFWP has been known and celebrated for in the past. Currently, MFWP uses the iPOM to estimate wolf populations purportedly to “eliminate the need for intensive field-based monitoring.” However, this fails to recognize that the only way to understand just how accurate the model’s predictions are is to ground-truth using those same “intensive field-based monitoring” techniques the model avoids. The design of the iPOM technique MFWP uses means that each model that builds on the last also absorbs the potential errors of the last, producing a model filled with compounding errors. In fact, experts have called this method into question as it is the only model of its kind that claims to reliably estimate population size in the absence of demographic data and/or population counts.<sup>30</sup> Some of the most significant concerns over this model are that it leads to a potentially dramatic overestimation of the population. This may occur because the model as used does not accurately account for dispersing wolves; the model overestimates populations in areas occupied by full packs because it does not differentiate between dispersing wolves and wolf pack observations submitted by hunters and entered into the model. The model also underestimates territory size, which also leads to overestimation of the population size. Use of this model has created significant uncertainty, finding that killing 450 wolves via hunting and trapping “could have no impact on the state’s population, or it could have a severe impact.”<sup>31</sup> This kind of uncertainty cannot govern the management of a species that is once again at the precipice of being listed as endangered.

In particular, experts noted that this model is unlikely to detect important changes in the wolf population in Montana. This is notable because the number of wolves Montana has authorized to be killed far exceeds the number scientists agree can be killed while still maintaining a sustainable population level. The iPOM is not likely to detect a plummet in the wolf population due to liberalized killing last season until the population has already dropped dramatically, and potentially even below the 15 packs legally designated as the minimum in MCA 87-1-901(1).

It is already questionable whether the population has in fact maintained itself around 1,150 wolves as the model predicts, considering the number of wolves hunters and trappers killed during the 2021-2022 season. The 2021-2022 season saw significantly liberalized wolf hunting and trapping methods and a longer season, yet hunters and trappers killed 273 wolves; this number is 17% less than the 329 killed during the 2020-2021 season and also less than the three prior seasons. Typically, with more effort and a longer season, an increased bag limit, and liberalized hunting and trapping methods one would expect a greater number of wolves killed. This is important to consider because when an ecological researcher puts more effort into collecting a population count and comes out with the same or fewer individuals at a raw data phase, statistical adjustments are made to account for the extra effort and it is assumed that the population is in fact lower. When extra effort does not yield a higher number it is likely that something is amiss and it requires

additional attention.

The questionable population model is even more concerning considering that the number of wolves proposed to be killed prior to commission review during the 2022-2023 season far exceeds the scientific consensus for a sustainable level of hunting. Assuming a statewide population of 1,150 wolves, 450 represents approximately 39 percent of the population – a full 10 percent higher than the high end of the sustainable killing range that scientists generally agree upon. A large body of research has found that wolf populations decline when the killing rate exceeds 19-29 percent of the population.<sup>32</sup> However, as stated above MFWP has chosen to rely only on two studies to set the range at 29-48 percent.

Adams et al., which sets the lower range used by MFWP, represents the high end of the range otherwise agreed upon by scientists. However, Gude et al., which sets the higher end of the range used by MFWP, is unreliable because it is based on data that is impacted by a statistical error.<sup>33</sup> Further, the 450 wolves authorized to be killed statewide is not even a limit or a quota, it is simply the point at which the Commission will reconvene to discuss whether or not to close the season.

Additionally, the 450 wolf kill allowance is only for legal kills by hunters and trappers – meaning the overall mortality of the wolf population could vastly exceed even the 48 percent mortality that MFWP claims a wolf population can sustain. Wolves in Montana are also killed by Wildlife Services in response to livestock depredations (50-100 per year); there are approximately 10-20 wolves reported each year that die from car or train collision; MFWP estimates that another 10-20 wolves die each year through illegal killing (although other estimates are that 20 percent or more of wolf mortalities are due to poaching)<sup>34</sup>; and an unknown and unreported number die from natural causes every year (according to various sources anywhere from 6 to 20 percent of wolves will die from natural causes each year (70-230))<sup>35</sup>. Assuming hunters and trappers kill 289 wolves, which is the five year average, and an “average” amount of wolves die from each additional cause of mortality, as many as 654 wolves, or 57 percent of the wolf population, could be removed each year. And, if hunters and trappers do manage to kill 450 wolves, this would mean that 70 percent of Montana’s wolf population may be removed in a single year. This is well above even the 48% rate that supposedly supports a stable wolf population. These alarming figures further bring into question the accuracy of current population estimates; in reality, a significantly higher number of wolves could be removed from the population each year than what MFWP is accounting for, causing a drastic decrease in the population that is not being detected by the faulty iPOM.

It should also be noted that in 2019 there was a 24 percent increase in wolf mortalities over the 6-year average and in 2020 there was a 12 percent increase over the 8-year average. This was due mostly to increased legal “harvest.” MFWP’s Annual Wolf Reports state that the reported mortality number is the minimum, because there were “undoubtedly” more wolves killed illegally and more natural deaths than had been documented.<sup>36</sup> This is important information to consider when setting a limit for how many wolves can be killed by hunters and trappers.

Finally, the Commission has broad discretion under MCA 87-1-901(3)(c) to establish a yearly quota for wolves that may be taken by a landowner or their agent on the landowner’s property without purchasing a license when the wolf is a “potential threat to human safety, livestock, or dogs.” MFWP has proposed to allow up to 100 wolves to be killed under this statutory provision, in increments of 25, which is both unnecessary and unsustainable when added to the total allowed kills discussed above. First, allowing a landowner or their agent to kill a wolf whenever they deem the wolf a “potential threat” conceivably means that such a person could kill a wolf, without purchasing a license, for merely walking near a grazing allotment or pasture in wolf habitat. The Commission should subtract the number of deaths it allows under this provision, which should be the minimum of 1, from the number of deaths it allows through hunting and trapping, to remain consistent with MFWP’s previous commitment to “wolf restoration,” which it has described as being “fundamentally consistent with Montana’s history of wildlife conservation.”<sup>37</sup>

It is clear that MFWP has failed to consider the potential cumulative death toll via the various means of wolf mortality. It is particularly clear that MFWP has not taken these impacts into account when considering the inaccuracy of the existing population estimate method. MFWP does not know how many wolves are in the state and does not know the impacts that such a high level of mortality is having. It is essential for the Commission to consider the potential cumulative death toll prior to setting an unreasonably high level of killing by hunters and trappers. Further, there should be distinct quotas in each region based on these cumulative mortality factors rather than numbers at which the commission will reconvene. Otherwise, MFWP is not remaining true to its commitment to wolf restoration.

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**Q2**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

\*\*No trapping or snaring in Grizzly bear and  
Lynx recovery areas.  
Wolves killed in WMUs 313 and 316 are to be  
included in the quota review trigger mechanism.

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**Q3**

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

1. Please require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging.
2. Please reduce Region 1 bobcat from the 275 quota to 200 per the wildlife biologists recommendations.
3. I support Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100.
4. Please put a moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of the unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month long current season!
5. Institute mandatory 24hr/daily trap checks.

According to the wildlife biologists, indicators are the bobcat populations are possibly declining in these two regions, 1 & 5.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

My comments on the proposed 2022 wolf trapping and hunting seasons are as follows:

1) You want to combine units 313 and 316 into one. No reason is given for this, so please leave them as they are.

2) You seek to limit the harvest of wolves from this unit to 10 wolves. This would still be 10% of the wolves left in the Park, or possibly more. 25 YNP wolves were killed this past season, but some are also missing, so likely more perished. Please restore the quota to the 1 in each unit as it was prior to the change.

3) Changing the required reporting time from 12 to 24 hours is not a good idea. This will only extend the season.

Yellowstone Park wolves are worth more alive than dead. The 25 wolves killed last season brought a few hundred dollars into MFW&P's coffers. Wolf-watching brings \$82 million into the economies of MT and WY.

I have been watching wolves in Yellowstone since the reintroduction. I live 1 1/2 hrs. from the Park and make 1/2 dozen 3-day trips annually, since I retired in 2011, to see them and grizzlies. I spend well over \$1,000 on these trips for gas, lodging and food, to say nothing of the money spent in local shops for cameras, binoculars and spotting scopes. I have friends who come to visit every year to go with me, and they spend thousands of dollars, including airfare and car rentals. The one thing we heard this spring from visitors was how appalled they are at the wolf hunt. I was constantly asked, "What is wrong with MT?" The wolf hunt is giving MT a black eye world-wide.

It was also the most difficult to see wolves last spring than since 2011, when the hunt started, and many alphas were killed.

Since people don't eat wolves, there are no reasons to hunt them, save greed and hatred. Greed because of the money pelts bring in Asia, and from \$1,000/ wolf "reimbursements" from the Foundation for Wildlife Management in ID. Hatred I don't understand. Don't these people have dogs?

The other reasons given for killing don't pan out -- livestock losses and elk depredations. Only 60 livestock were killed in 2021 out of 2.5 million, and the ranchers were reimbursed. Elk populations are above objective all over the state. And, research is being done on how wolves help decrease the numbers of animals affected by Chronic Wasting Disease.

The target for the wolf hunt this past season was 450 animals, but 273 were harvested, not many more than 2 yrs. ago. Despite the plethora of unethical methods allowed to hunt them, like snares and night and bait hunting.

I suspect this means that the State is over-estimating the number of wolves, which makes sense, since I understand it uses an algorithm, not actual sightings?

Montana needs to return to using science in its wildlife management, not politics.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**Q2** Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Yellowstone wolves help provide over \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue for Montana and gateway communities.

Yellowstone Northern Elk herd is growing and above objective. And elk recruitment is healthy along with hunter success rates near Yellowstone.

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**Q3** Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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**Q2**  
Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana Elk populations are virtually near or  
in most management units above objective.

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Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and  
Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

1. Appreciate FWP commissioners reestablishing quotas along northern boundary of YNP.
2. If a single unit is established from combining units 313 and 316, limit the quota to 2 wolves taken from the entire unit. However, keeping the 2 units allows for greater management in each unit; flexibility and accuracy.
3. It is imperative to limit the quota to 2 wolves in the above respective units due to the economic impacts to Gardiner, MT from COVID, and most recently the floods. Approximately \$80 million in tourism in MT is directly linked to visitors coming to view wolves!!!
4. Request placing caps on the number of wolves that can be taken. Wildlife studies in Montana have shown elk numbers are not in danger of being decimated. In fact, they are above objective! In addition, wolves are not decimating livestock numbers either. Montana livestock board reimbursed ranchers only \$18,000 for loss of livestock due to wolf predation. It is recommended by biologist Lane Adams that the taking of more than 29% of a wolf population is not sustainable. The 313 wolf harvest was disproportionate. FWP needs to lower the overall wolf quota in MT to no more than 29% maximum harvest. This would prevent population decline. A quota of 450 would exceed the maximum 29% that is necessary to maintain a sustainable population.
5. Stop managing wolves using unethical and inhumane methods of killing which include the following: baiting, night hunting using spot lights, snaring, and thermal imaging (night vision goggles). These methods run counter to the accepted principles of ethical hunting and fair chase. These regressive regulations reflect poorly on the state of Montana and are grossly unnecessary!!! A friend's two dogs were killed by snares within minutes of each other. Snares are indiscriminate killing other unintended wildlife. Snares are what poachers in Africa use!!!
6. Keep wolf management units instead of managing them by trapping units; greater accuracy of wolves harvested, including a 12-hour reporting time (not 24 hours) so as not to exceed quotas at the close of the unit or season.
7. Restore WMU 110 near Glacier with a quota of 1 wolf.
8. Include 313 and 316 quotas in the total threshold for Region 3, so the count should be 72.

Lastly, Appointments must be made without regard to political affiliation and must be made solely for the wise management of fish, wildlife, and related recreational resources of this state. A person may not be appointed to the commission unless the person is informed or interested and experienced in the subject of fish, wildlife, and recreation and the requirements for the conservation and protection of fish, wildlife, and recreational resources."

Wildlife/wolf management decisions and regulations need to be based on science not a few special interest groups!

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I mostly fish as opposed to hunt, but wolf hunting and trapping have a big impact on our economy so I wanted to comment. In the restaurant that I work at, I often hear tourists come in and are bummed out about the wolf hunting. We need to encourage tourists to come to our town and spend money, especially after the June flooding that destroyed the roads. I would prefer that you kept quotas on the border of Yellowstone instead of unlimited wolf hunting. And also that you kept the number of wolves that can be hunted there to two instead of ten. Our town is different than the rest of Montana and should be treated that way as we recover from the recent disaster.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The IPOM methods used to determine wolf populations is inaccurate. There are no biological reason to kill Yellowstone and Montana wolves - this murder of Yellowstone wolves is being driven by the minority special interest organizations like Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical hunting organizations. This slaughter is not even supported by ethical hunters. Yellowstone wolves help provide a lot of revenue for Montana ( \$82 million dollars in sustainable revenue) and the wolves continue to keep the ecosystem running properly. There is still a huge elk population. There are non lethal means of conflict resolution between wolves and ranchers.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #498

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is Part IV.

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IV. Decreasing the wolf population will hinder management flexibility, impair ecological health, and harm Montana's economy.

The Commission should not continue to risk significant declines to the state's wolf population. First, MFWP loses management flexibility as the wolf population decreases. "[A]t population numbers near to 15 breeding pairs the flexibility to address conflicts and provide harvest opportunities would become severely restricted."<sup>38</sup> Low wolf populations—and even the adoption of permissive hunting and trapping rules—also give cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") to relist the species under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"), in which event MFWP will lose its management authority.

Second, less wolves mean less healthy ecosystems. As apex predators, wolves play a critical role in promoting ecosystem health and biodiversity. Targeting carnivores alters "processes as diverse as the dynamics of disease, wildfire, carbon sequestration, invasive species, and biogeochemical cycles."<sup>39</sup> For example, the presence of wolves changes the behavior of ungulates such as elk, which in turn prevents overgrazing and promotes aspen recruitment and improved riparian habitat for other species such as birds, beavers, and fish.<sup>40</sup> Wolves also create carrion that benefits scavengers and even soil health.<sup>41</sup> And while wolves certainly prey on deer and elk, this predation promotes healthy herds. By keeping deer and elk populations at sustainable levels, wolves prevent die-offs from starvation and other stochastic events and may help reduce chronic wasting disease, which spread to deer herds in Montana in 2017.<sup>42</sup>

And third, killing wolves will hurt Montana's economy. Wildlife viewing produces significant revenue. According to a study conducted by the University of Wyoming, wildlife watchers in Wyoming in 2016 spent nearly twice (\$364,965,105) that of big game hunters (\$206,337,652).<sup>43</sup> A 2008 study by University of Montana researchers calculated YNP visitor spending in the local economy due to the presence of wolves at \$35.5 million annually.<sup>44</sup> A 2022 study by the University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research and RRC Associates estimated that 2021 "direct spending by YNP visitors who would not have visited the park without the presence of wolves is likely at least \$82.7 million."<sup>45</sup> While the Commission should put primacy on the ecological importance of wolves, it should not lose sight of their economic importance as well.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quota

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reduce the quota. Wolves are native to our land and we already made this mistake once in our history no need to repeat it went poorly. The tourism industry will take a bigger hit from killing more wolves in the long term. England is less wild and feels sterile compared with American because there are no large predators please keep Montana wild.

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# #500

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**Q1** Respondent skipped this question

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**Q2** Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

With quota's re-established in WMUs 313  
and 316 and 110 there is no biological or social  
reason to move towards regional management.

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**Q3** Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and  
Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #501

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Wildlife should not be exploited for commercial profit.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping and snaring threaten non-target species, such as lynx, elk and bears; Wolves are unfairly targeted by outdated extirpation policies; Wolves are responsible for less than 1% livestock loss annually.

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# #502

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Hi I'm writing you today to ask to decrease the limit on wolves in the hunting districts around Yellowstone National Park.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Last year a whole pack of Yellowstone Wolves was eliminated due to the hunting outside the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. Today I ask that you reinstate the 1 wolf quota for the hunting areas outside of Yellowstone National Park. Also I ask that no baiting, snare traps, and night hunting be allowed this upcoming season. The wolves in the park have no idea that once they cross that imaginary line they can be shot. Thank you for your time.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

quotas should be hold to minimum, or nul

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are not the bad guy... yet there are not enough of them to support a healthy forest.

Trophy hunting is an abuse of privilege that humans have accepted as a right. No animal should be killed without purpose.

Killing from aircraft , using infrared thermal, night scopes or baiting should be illegal. When using such techniques, we are governing this land without respect for it inhabitants. Animals, even predators have the right to be here.

While zero quota is preferred, re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Do not take away WMU 110 that borders Glacier National Park. This is a vital wildlife corridor into the U. S.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is Part V.

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V. Expanded trapping rules—including the legislature’s snaring mandate—will create liability under the Endangered Species Act.

Expanded trapping will harm not just wolves, but also ESA-protected grizzly bears. This harm is illegal: § 9 of the ESA makes it unlawful for “any person,” including state wildlife agencies,<sup>46</sup> to “take” an endangered species.<sup>47</sup> “Take” is defined broadly to mean “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.”<sup>48</sup> It includes incidental take as a consequence of activities such as trapping, even when “trappers comply with all applicable laws and regulations in place.”<sup>49</sup> The take prohibition applies by regulation to many threatened species as well, including grizzly bears.<sup>50</sup>

To minimize the incidental take of grizzly bears, the Commission should reduce the number of wolves each individual trapper may kill to 2020-2021 season levels (maximum of five wolves via a combination of hunting and trapping) and implement a season length from December 31 to February 28 in or near occupied grizzly habitat, including the additional geographic areas we suggest below. More traps on the landscape for a longer period of time increases the incidental take risks to grizzly bears, and the “floating” open season date for wolf trapping and snaring applicable in and near grizzly occupied habitat does not go far enough to protect grizzlies or to minimize ESA liability.

Grizzly bears occupy similar habitat types and geographic ranges as wolves across western Montana, putting them directly in the crosshairs of increased wolf extermination efforts. Grizzly bears are listed as “threatened” under the ESA, a listing that has been most recently reaffirmed by the courts in 2020.<sup>51</sup> Grizzly bears in the contiguous United States have been listed as “threatened” since 1975. At the time of listing, grizzlies had been “reduced to less than two percent of their former range in the lower-48 States...and the estimated population in the lower- 48 states was 700 to 800 individuals.”<sup>52</sup> Currently, grizzly bears occupy approximately 6 percent of their former range in the lower 48 states, with much of this area being in Montana.<sup>53</sup> All or portions of four of the six grizzly bear recovery zones are in Montana. These include the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the North Continental Divide Ecosystem, the Bitterroot Ecosystem, and the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem. Because of this, Montana is key to the recovery of a connected grizzly bear population.

According to the 2021 grizzly bear Species Status Assessment, “[g]rizzly bears in the lower-48 States need multiple, resilient ecosystems distributed across a broad geographic range in order to be redundant and withstand catastrophic events.”<sup>54</sup> The Species Status Assessment also notes that “[t]he primary factors affecting grizzly bears at both the individual and ecosystem levels are excessive human-caused mortality and human activity that reduces the quality and quantity of habitats, which increases the potential for human-caused mortality, both directly and indirectly.”<sup>55</sup>

There are several reasons why the proposed season regulations fail to minimize ESA liability for incidental take of grizzly bears: (1) expanded wolf trapping (up to 10 wolves on one trapping license) will result in more indiscriminate traps and snares on the landscape with grizzly bears; (2) the end of the proposed extended wolf trapping season (March 15) overlaps with den emergence and the floating open season date effectively allows the season open date to be much earlier than December 31; and (3) the floating open season date is only applicable in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat, which does not account for dispersing bears or bears in habitat considered unoccupied.

To minimize ESA liability for incidental take of grizzly bears, we urge the Commission (1) to adopt the minimum allowed number of wolves per individual trapper and to require individual wolf trapping licenses for each wolf; (2) reinstate the end of the wolf trapping season to be, at the latest, February 28 (as it was before last year’s season), and to apply a consistent wolf trapping season open date of December 31; and (3) apply the December 31 trapping season open date in any area where there have been verified sightings of grizzly bears or at least in WMUs 200, 250, and 330 bordering and including the Montana portion of the Bitterroot Ecosystem.

Additionally, we urge the Commission and/or MFWP to create a map clearly depicting what areas are in and near occupied grizzly habitat. The description currently proposed to describe this area includes highways, county borders, bridges, a U.S. Forest Service trail, a cable crossing, and a mountain peak.

i. Snares are inherently indiscriminate and pose severe risks to grizzly bears.

The expansion of the wolf trapping season, and the inclusion of snares as a tool to reduce the wolf population as the legislature desires, will put grizzly bears at risk of incidental take. Trapping and snaring are inherently non-selective and often result in non-target take. Foothold traps and snares are indiscriminate tools that result in the capture and death of many non-target species. A recent analysis performed by Wildlife Services-Montana found that 68 percent of animals that were unintentionally killed by the agency were killed in foothold traps and neck snares.<sup>31</sup> Neck snares have been reported as being anywhere from 21 to 50 percent selective with foot snares being approximately 32 to 45 percent selective.<sup>32</sup> This leaves a wide margin of error, and given the overlap of grizzly bear and gray wolf habitat, makes it extremely likely that grizzlies will be unintentionally captured in traps and snares meant for wolves.

In fact, according to MFWP reporting, in the six-year period between 2012 and 2017, trappers reported 349 captures of non-target species across the state.<sup>56</sup> Among these non-target captures were three grizzly bears, including one grizzly caught in a leghold trap intended for wolves.<sup>57</sup> And this was before the liberalized wolf trapping and snaring authorized by the state's recent wolf-killing legislation.

Researchers<sup>58</sup> have determined that:

- Snares do not operate humanely, either as restraining or as killing traps;
- The mortality and morbidity of animals caught in snares is higher than with most other restraining traps, such as box traps;
- Snares are inherently indiscriminate and commonly catch non-target, including protected, species;
- Snares can cause severe injuries, pain, suffering, and death in trapped animals (target and non-target species);
- Stopping of snares may not prevent injury or death in trapped animals (target and non-target species);
- The free-running mechanism of a snare is easily disrupted and likely to fail, resulting in injury, pain, suffering, and death in trapped animals (target and non-target species);
- It is difficult to assess the severity of injury in an animal when the animal is caught in a snare;
- Animals that escape, or that are released, may subsequently die from their injuries, or from exertional myopathy, over a period of days or weeks;
- The monitoring of correct snare use is difficult, if not impossible; and
- Neck snares are open to abuse because they are cheap and require minimal effort to set and maintain.

Further research has found that "significant capture-related effects in ursids may go undetected at the time of capture, thus providing a false sense of the welfare of released animals."<sup>59</sup> For example, grizzly bears captured in leghold snares more frequently exhibited biochemical indicators of muscle injury as compared with grizzlies captured by helicopter or barrel trap.<sup>60</sup> Additionally, the rate of movements made by bears decreased below normal levels immediately after capture and took between three to six weeks to normalize after release. However, researchers recorded that one grizzly died of capture myopathy—a physical reaction to the stress and trauma associated with snaring—approximately 10 days after being captured by a leghold snare, and a subadult male grizzly died from exertional myopathy after being trapped in 2019.<sup>61</sup> Traps and snares on the landscape, particularly under the season regulations

currently proposed and those adopted last year, put federally threatened grizzly bears at risk of incidental take.

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47. Id. § 1538(a)(1)(B).
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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider the following suggestions related to furbearer trapping proposals for the 2022 season. Presentation of marten lower jaw and pelt for inspection by FWP should be required. The bobcat quota for Region 1 should be reduced from 275 to 200 to comply with biologist recommendations. I am supportive of the Region 5 bobcat take reduction. There should be mandatory minimum daily trap checks instituted. Finally, I urge you to consider a moratorium on the unlimited recreational and commercial trapping of beaver. These animals are ecosystem engineers and provide habitat to a number of important species in Montana. Thank you for your consideration.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please consider the following suggestions related to wolf hunting and trapping proposals for the 2022 season. Snaring should only occur on private land with the landowner's express written permission. Wolf trapping dates should be adjusted to January 2 - February 28 in order to avoid the trapping of grizzly bears, as well as pregnant wolves. Aerial spotting and shooting and the use of bait for hunting wolves should be prohibited. After all, fair chase is defined by the Boone and Crockett Club as the lawful, sportsmanlike, and ethical pursuit and taking of a free-ranging animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage. Aerial hunting and baiting is fully contradictory to fair chase. For the wolf management units bordering Yellowstone National Park (313 and 316) the quota should revert to one wolf. The quota should also be one wolf for WMU 110 bordering Glacier National Park. Trap setbacks of 150 feet should apply to all public roads and trails and signage should indicate trapping activity on these roads and trails. There should be mandatory minimum daily trap checks instituted. Finally, closure of all wolf hunting and trapping in WMUs that are known to have chronic wasting disease positivity should be considered. Wolves are naturally allies in helping limit the spread of CWD. Thank you for your consideration.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Fish and Game Commissioners,

It is essential that wolf management be science-based, which is the legacy of Montana. Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments on the 2022 wolf season in Montana.

I do not support eliminating Wolf Management Units, combining WMUs 313 and 316 with a set quota of 10, removal of the authorization for the FWP to initiate an emergency closure, or wolf trapping and wolf snaring on public lands.

What wolf packs living within WMU 313/316 were the current numbers derived from? Currently Yellowstone wolves are being counted as part of WMU 313/316 even though they do not live or den within these units. They stay within park boundaries 96% of the time, with no issues, and minimal seasonal travel. I am concerned WMU 313/316 quotas directly target Yellowstone wolves, an issue that is on a global stage.

Montana's iPOM estimated the number of wolves living in an area the size of 313 and 316 combined is 14.36. By counting wolves "in proximity" this number is inaccurately inflated. Setting a quota of 10 is a 71% offtake of the area's wolf estimate based on MTFWP's iPOM, far exceeding the MTFWP's stated 34% offtake goal for WMU 313/316.

Wolves within WMU 313/316 have enormous economic value to Montana and there is a huge opportunity and job creation in wildlife tourism. Wolf watching brought \$82 million to the communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many within Montana. This needs to be taken into consideration within the context of setting quotas.

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I noticed MCA 87-6-401, regarding wolf collar tracking, was omitted from the 2021-22 Wolf Hunting Regulation booklet, this should be reincorporated into the 2022-23 Wolf Hunting Regulation booklet. "87-6-401. Unlawful use of equipment while hunting. (1) A person may not: while hunting, possess any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism, as defined by commission rule, that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter." This is important in maintaining Montana's ethics in fair chase.

Going forward the primary goal is cultivate wildlife populations long into the future for ecosystem health, climate resilience, ethical hunting, and generations to come.

Thank you for your time,

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is Part VI, the final part.

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ii. The proposed season start and end dates, including the floating open season date, are inadequate to minimize the incidental take of grizzly bears that enter dens late or emerge early.

The proposed season would allow trapping from as early as December 1, based on a “real time reading of conditions,” to March 15, which does not account for bears who enter dens late, emerge early, or briefly leave a den during hibernation,<sup>62</sup> all of which are likely to increase as climate change decreases the periods during which bears are inactive. The 2020-2021 season, which ended on February 28, was set using science to avoid these unwanted impacts to grizzly bears, however HB 225 ignores this in favor of more time to kill more wolves, and the Commission did as well when setting season regulations for 2021-2022.

The 2021 Species Status Assessment explained that grizzly bears in the lower-48 states typically enter dens between October and December, with males entering later than females; and males typically emerge from dens starting in early March, and females typically emerge beginning in mid-March.<sup>63</sup> Therefore, both the proposed beginning and end of the wolf trapping season will subject grizzly bears to incidental take by wolf traps and snares. Last year (2021) provides an excellent example as to the variability of grizzly bear denning seasons. Famous grizzly bear 399 and her four cubs made their way to their den near Grand Teton National Park in early January 2021,<sup>64</sup> a late den entry. Then, March 13, 2021 was the first grizzly bear sighting for the season in Yellowstone National Park.<sup>65</sup> In 2022, the first grizzly bear sighting in YNP was on March 7.<sup>66</sup> Den emergence consistently occurs up to several weeks before the end of the proposed wolf trapping season, and den entrance can go beyond the floating open season date allowed under the proposed regulations. This variation in denning is natural, and allowing wolf snaring and trapping during this time when grizzly bears may encounter a snare would violate the ESA.

iii. Grizzly bears exist outside of the areas subject to the floating open season date.

Limiting the application of the “floating” open season date to areas currently recognized as “in and near occupied grizzly habitat” fails to account for grizzly bears outside such areas.

The Montana portion of the Bitterroot Ecosystem (“BE”), for example, is not subject to floating open season date restrictions, presumably because it is not considered “occupied” by a grizzly bear population.<sup>67</sup> However, there have been multiple verified grizzly bear sightings in linkage zones close to the Bitterroot Ecosystem, including the zone between the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem and the BE (an estimated 3 mile gap at present)<sup>68</sup>; to remedy this, the Commission can designate the land within currently-designated WMUs 200, 250, and 330 as ‘in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat.’ Movement between ecosystems is essential for grizzly bear recovery, and movement into the Bitterroot Ecosystem is particularly important: according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the BE has the best potential for grizzly bear recovery out of all unoccupied grizzly habitat, and provides significant potential to support a healthy grizzly bear population and support long-term species survival and recovery in the lower-48.<sup>69</sup> The 2021 Species Status Assessment noted that agencies need to “provide and maintain movement opportunities for grizzly bears” among all populations in the lower-48 states to address the threat of population isolation.<sup>70</sup> If the Commission allows trapping and snaring in areas outside of those in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat without even the minimal protection potentially offered by the floating open season date, it may impede the recovery of the federally threatened grizzly bear population in the lower-48 states and create ESA-liability.

VI. Aggressive trapping rules will lead to increased conflicts with, and risks to, the public.

In addition to the threats posed to wolves, threatened species, and other non-target species, the aggressive approaches to reduce wolf populations in the state put people and pets at risk.

According to an MFWP report,<sup>71</sup> between 2012 and 2017, 148 domestic dogs were accidentally caught in traps. This equates to approximately 25 dogs per year. Of these, seven captures resulted in the death of the dog. In 143 of the cases the injury level of the dog was reported with 28 percent of the incidents resulting in injury. For 95 of the incidents the target for the trap was recorded, with approximately 8 percent (8 total) of these incidental captures occurring in wolf traps. The number of dogs caught in snares vs foothold traps is not recorded, but if expanded wolf snaring is allowed again, one could conclude that the number of dogs caught in such snares might increase.

In addition to the very real threat posed by traps and snares on public and private lands to dogs, is the likelihood of psychological trauma resulting to the owners of these pets, as well as to the public that might come across an animal in a trap. Many people feel deep connections to animals and travel to and live in Montana to view and photograph these animals. Encountering these same animals caught in traps can be deeply shocking and disturbing.

## CONCLUSION

Many members of the public have spoken out against the expanded wolf killing measures. These expansions are contrary to the highly-regarded science-based approach that MFWP has taken towards wildlife management historically. The Commission must consider the threats that the expanded wolf killing measures pose to the wolf population, threatened species and other non-target species, people and their pets, Montana's economy, and the now questionable credibility of MFWP.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I strongly oppose the killing of wolves through hunting and trapping.

I strongly oppose any trapping of any 'furbearers.'

You are using "anecdotes from trappers" in part to determine population trends" but you have no idea how many animals exist, you don't know anything about their struggles in trying to survive increased human encroachment, habitat destruction, climate change, associated high temps, wildfires and/or drought and you don't know anything about how many 'furbearers' and wolves are poached.

I object to the use of "harvesting" wild animals. One harvest what one has sowed, cared for, and raised, you have done none of this.

This is work done by wild animals--mostly the females, the mothers. You are "killing" Montana's wild animals.

This being said, I support any proposals for stricter regulations and to make it harder on trappers, and less 'convenient' for 'sportsmen' to kill wild animals.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

As a resident of Montana for 22 years, I am appalled at the current proposal designed to make it easier to kill wolves. So, a resounding “NO!” to any killing of wolves in Montana, including Yellowstone National Park wolves. I am asking you to reinstate a quota with the number ‘zero.’

Not only is the proposed quota/threshold of killing 450 wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park not ‘sustainable’ but it is “pure, unbridled cruelty” ((Dan Ashe’s comment, see below). Please also see the impact of snares set for wolves has on other wild animals, in this case grizzlies: Chris Servheen article\_Anti-predator and Anti-Science\_.pdf

I understand that you believe that you are bound by legislation in engaging in this ongoing massacre of wolves but SB 314 merely requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic, or one hopes!

Clearly, wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves for fun, recreation, trophies and profit (in addition, turning killing wolves into a money-maker for FWP) not killing wolves at all has worked just fine.

However, given the SB 314 restraints, wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state’s wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

In general, my thoughts on FWP and its wildlife/wolf management are as follows:

“Let’s be honest. What is happening in Idaho and Montana is not hunting. It is pure, unbridled cruelty.” These are the words by Daniel Ashe, the former US Fish and Wildlife Service in a 2021 article in the Washington Post, calling for an emergency re-listing of wolves. FWP’s annual wolf slaughter is neither about science nor do decisions consider ethics but all about politics, self-interest of a minority group, commercialization and profiteering—by outfitters and even FWP, who raked in nearly \$340,000 by selling 20,828 wolf licenses that led to the officially reported killing of 273 wolves. If this is not commercialization, what is?

FWP manages the killing of wildlife-wolves

If it were about science, then the use of iPOM and other methods used to ‘estimate’ population trends would be evaluated by out-side scientists and the ‘science’ would be peer-reviewed; peer-reviewed studies would be considered that show

- the essential role of wolves as critical players in healthy ecosystems;
- the importance of individual animals playing essential roles and the need for their presence within their own communities;
- the fact that wolves are highly-evolved beings with complex emotions, cognitions and social relationships;
- that lethal control of gray wolves can disrupt the social cohesion of wolves’ society (which then can cause increased depredation;

blaming wolves for the death of cows is ridiculous given the facts that most of Montana’s over 2.5 million cattle and calves are unsupervised and left to fend for themselves before being rounded up and sent to slaughter. In 2019, wolves killed 69 cattle and 21 sheep. The ranchers were nicely reimbursed for ‘their’ loss of these poor animals. Compare the wolves’ impact with the death of at least 11,000 cows, who died a brutal death during a blizzard’s freezing temperatures in Montana in 2018. Who should we go after to seek revenge, perhaps dinosaurs if they were just still around, or perhaps God or his/her angels if anyone could ever track them down? The whining by so-called ‘sportsmen’ about wolves’ alleged impacts on ‘big game’/elk is equally ridiculous and not even worth mentioning here. And it is not even the reasons why we have a wolf slaughter in our state in the first place. Wolves should have never been de-listed simply because the paradigm and the mission of FWP and other state wildlife agencies has not changed.

Montana is a hostile state and FWP’s wildlife management is “anti-science and anti-predator” as Chris Servheen has so clearly described it. We have arrived at a state management that has been hijacked by legislators and profit-seeking extremists among ‘sportsmen,’ a process that is driven primarily by a growing influence by commercial and private profit interests—the anti-wolf Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Safari Club International whose members slaughter every trophy animal they can, the Outfitter Association, and wealthy landowners. Jeez, we now even have an outfitter and a representative of the SFI on the FWP Commission, truly unprecedented! At least, no one needs to wonder any longer whose interests FWP is serving, it all has become abundantly clear—a wolf slaughter to serve a special interest group—that of sport hunters and trappers, and the industries (and agency) who profit from their despicable activities of shooting and trapping and snaring wild animals for fun, recreation and private profit. In this way, FWP

is guilty of promoting aggressive, brutal and violent human behavior of those who relish in killing wild animals, especially wolves. In this traditional and lethal paradigm, compassion for the individual animal, non-lethal methods and interest in co-existence, even preserving wild animals to help us combat climate change and accelerating plant and animal extinctions in Montana, nationwide and globally, is of no interest.

This myopic focus and promoting the killing of wild animals has created a host of adverse and undesirable reactions from the general public. First, the public is increasingly opposed to the mass slaughter of wild animals, especially wolves. Second, the public is increasingly dis-approving of the fact that their voices are not being considered in 'traditional wildlife management decisions,' such as those you are addressing today. All this talk and 'discussion' about 'wolf quota' and 'thresholds' etc., when in fact, predators such as wolves should not be killed in the first place ... In addition, I share the suspicion by many people that you already have made your decisions and are just going through the motions of offering a 'public comment period' because you are legally required to do so. I hope that the day will come soon when the public no longer provides support for recreational/trophy, sport hunting and trapping, and instead, recognizes this for what it is: questionable behavior of a minority that enjoys killing wild animals for such frivolous reasons as recreation, trophies, and private profit.

In closure, what is happening to wolves and other wild animals in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming is pure madness and we are sadly, far away from a point of return to sanity, and the realization that we need to start managing ourselves and treat wild animals with respect and compassion.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have no comments on this issue, as I don't know it well enough to speak on it.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The vast, vast majority of Americans are strongly opposed to the harsh anti-wolf ideals the state of Montana currently displays. Not only are wolves a symbol of the west, a symbol of the wild that is the great state of Montana, but they are essential keystone species in the ecosystems of the northern Rockies. The current wolf hunt is not restricted enough from a scientific standpoint. Too many wolves are taken in each season for the hunt to be ecologically sound. It's time the state of Montana acts responsibly and bases its wildlife management policies on science, not on politics or emotion. The wolf hunting season and trapping quotas must be shortened for the benefit of the ecosystems of Montana, for the benefit the economy, of local wildlife guides, who thrive on wolf-centric ecotourism, and to keep the wilderness of Montana wild and intact, as it should be.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Trapping is abhorrent, and ridiculous in this day and age. With a quota of 5 on some species, what are you even trying to accomplish? Allowing some disgusting people who live in the past to slowly ensure that all animals but deer will be extinct or completely removed from Montana. Most of our forest will be burned up anyway, but this will help ensure we cause even more unnecessary suffering as that happens.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Most of my above comments count on this one as well. You can't even pretend you are trying to manage or conserve them, instead you are ruining any progress Montana has made in their conservation. You should at least charge some actual money for permits, they're cheaper than the REAL IDs. You continue to show the rest of the country, and the world, that most of Montana has become a mix of ignorant hicks and entitled rich people.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Invite to lower the hunting quotas, it's been proven that wolves are pivotal to the ecosystem. I think trapping should be illegal.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Sustainable and human hunting but with lower quotas. No one person should be allowed to kill 20 in a season. And trapping should be illegal. What an incredibly inhuman way to take a life.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please decrease the quotas and the length of the season for trapping of furbearers.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana state constitution says that public lands "shall be held in trust for the people." This includes the wildlife that depend on these open spaces for survival. The majority of residents in Montana (and the rest of the country) do not support the extermination campaign that politicians and wildlife officials have been waging against wolves, at the behest of special interest groups that only represent a minority of Montanans.

**\*\*MT FWP needs to include all interested groups in their decision-making about wolves, including the non-consumptive, who make up a majority of both residents and visitors to the state**

**\*\*Please reinstate the one wolf quota per unit in WMUs 110, 313, and 316. The 12 hour emergency closure window should also be maintained for these units to prevent the quotas from being exceeded.**

**\*\*No changes should be made to the WMUs - they should not be reduced from 17 to 7 units. The current number of 17 makes it easier to monitor the units and to close a region if necessary.**

**\*\*MT FWP needs to use a more accurate and transparent method of counting wolf populations, instead of relying on IPOM.**

**\*\*Yellowstone wolves help generate almost \$100 million in revenue for surrounding communities and the state of Montana - it is much more economically beneficial to conserve wolves than to allow the indiscriminate killing of them. In addition, wolves are a critical keystone species - their presence creates a cascade of positive effects on the ecosystems in which they live.**

Thank you for considering my comments on this important issue.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana should give more significant consideration to the "value" of wolves. We know that every wolf is essential and as unique, sentient creatures, wolves have value in and of themselves. For Montana, however, wolves have a different kind of value and a lot to offer to the state. We're talking about chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects. Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups. Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

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# #514

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the hunt!!!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Stop the hunt!!!

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# #515

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

No comment.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I hope you will read this article and make the scientific and moral choice to stop all wolf trapping and hunting seasons in Montana now and evermore. Please have a heart for this iconic species which shares the earth with us. Like humans, wolves deserve to live their lives without threat of extirpation. Thank you.

[https://theintercept.com/2022/07/20/wolves-yellowstone-ranger-montana-greg-gianforte/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=The%20Intercept%20Newsletter](https://theintercept.com/2022/07/20/wolves-yellowstone-ranger-montana-greg-gianforte/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=The%20Intercept%20Newsletter)

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Chair Robinson and members of the commission,

I live full-time in the northern portion of Region 2, and I'd like to thank you for allowing me to participate in this public comment period.

Please reduce the Region 1 quota for bobcat from 275 to 200 per the wildlife biologists recommendations.

I support the Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100.

Thank you.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Chair Robinson and members of the commission,

I live full-time in the northern portion of Region 2, and I'd like to thank you for allowing me to participate in this public comment period.

As you know, your "Agenda Item Cover Sheet" says, "The first year of liberalized wolf harvest methodologies did not result in increased take." You had hoped for a number of approximately 450 dead wolves; however, 273 were "reported" killed. The reason fewer wolves were killed is most likely because there aren't as many wolves in Montana as you estimate. "iPOM" isn't reliable. It's not completely peer-reviewed. Therefore it shouldn't be used to help estimate wolf numbers. If the hunting community is called upon to provide data for iPOM, perhaps non-consumptive persons should be invited to observe and participate in the process as well to help maintain the integrity of the model.

Based on your provided documents referencing wolves, it appears your single concern is meeting your wolf harvest objectives. Why? Elk are considerably above objective and livestock loss due to depredation is extremely low. Numbers don't lie. When are you going to meet non-consumptive residents of the state and tourists who come to the state to see our wolves (...and people around the world who love and admire our wolves) halfway?

I do not support combining the furbearer trapping and wolf hunting and trapping regulations in a single published document. Some people are already confused with the wolf hunting and trapping regulations guide, as evidenced by our own governor supposedly not being aware that he should have taken a wolf-trapping certification class, which is clearly stated in the wolf hunting and trapping regulations guide, before setting a trap and killing a collared Yellowstone Wolf. So maintaining separate, distinct hunting and trapping guides is easier for "most" people to follow in the field. Additionally, are you considering combining these trapping and hunting guides because you're considering labeling wolves as furbearers in the future?

I do not support changing Wolf Management Units (WMUs) to Trapping Districts (TDs). For consistency and transparency, WMUs should remain.

I do not support combining WMU 313 and WMU 316 into one unit (313). And, please return the quota to one wolf per unit. There is no reason why quotas should be higher than one in these WMUs. We lost too many Yellowstone Wolves to hunters clearly targeting them last season. Please consider that living Yellowstone Wolves bring A LOT of money (and a positive image) to the state annually from tourism.

Why not include the number of wolves killed in WMUs 313 and 316 with the threshold for the region/state? If you don't, this would allow for the statewide threshold to increase. What's the point of having a set threshold if you're going to flub the threshold number by allowing wolves to be killed in a particular unit, but not include those dead wolves in the threshold number? If you're not going to include the wolves killed in WMU 313 and WMU 316 in the statewide threshold, you should then consider that most of the wolves killed in these units were Yellowstone Wolves, and you should not include Yellowstone Wolves in the State's (living) wolf count.

When a harvest quota is reached, a 12-hour closure notice is necessary to make certain the quota is not exceeded. A 24-hour closure notice increases the likelihood of the quota being exceeded.

Prohibit snaring on public lands. As a Montana resident and dog owner, I have the right to personal safety for myself and my dogs when we explore our public lands. I should also have peace of mind without fear of encountering traps while we're out walking/hiking. Please restrict trapping to private land only.

Prohibit ram power snares.

## Fall 2022-Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolf trapping season should be from January 2nd to February 28th to avoid trapping grizzlies.

Consider fair chase. How can night hunting and the use of infrared, thermal imaging, night scopes and the spotting and shooting wolves from aircraft be ethical? Please remove these unethical methods for killing wolves from wolf hunting and trapping regulations.

Additionally, I request a total quota of no more than 25 wolves killed under SB 200.

Thank you.

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# #517

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

All Wildlife Matters...they are put on Earth with a Scientific purpose ! Murdering of our Wildlife is not the answer to all ! Most civilized citizens believe Trapping, Snares, Night vision, and killing any number of animals you want is Criminal ! All of the fancy wording doesn't make a difference...it is Criminal !!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This isn't time for fairytales, plus folklore! There are many different sources of Scientific Evidence that Proves how Essential Wolves are for a Healthy Ecosystem ! The quotas, methods, number of Wolves Murdered is unimaginable by ALL of the tourists that come to Montana to see the Wolves ! With these non Scientific methods of "control" you are and will continue to devastate Montana as a state, plus the small businesses in it !!! Be real people don't come to Montana to view the Cattle !!?!?

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# #518

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to oppose all furbearer season trapping and hunting

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I would like to express concern about high levels of wolf trapping and hunting. I visit your area twice a year just to view wildlife, and I have heard how their populations are being decimated at a fast rate. Please be good stewards of the amazing resources you have, including the opportunity to share land with these incredible animals.

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# #519

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The Commission should set a quota of only one (1) wolf in WMU 313 to save wolves from being unnecessarily slaughtered. I would like to suggest a quota of zero, but am aware that this has been made illegal by the MT legislature.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There should be no trapping of wildlife. It is inhumane and appears to be non-selective - injuring countless animals, including endangered ones. Trapping should end altogether on our public lands.

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# #520

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am opposed to furbearer quotas and seasons. These necessary animals in our ecosystem should be managed, if needed due to direct conflict with human settlements.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I oppose wolf hunting. These animals play a critical role in our ecosystem. Additionally, they bring much more money to Montana alive via tourism, rather than hunting license fees.

And, finally, as a frequent backcountry user, I do not enjoy the potential prospects of my dog being killed by a hunter's snare or poison.

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# #521

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

STOP MURDERING wolves and other apex predators.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

STOP this abuse. It's barbaric.

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# #522

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

NA

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Due to the limitations of this portal, this comment on behalf of WildEarth Guardians and Western Watersheds Project will be submitted in several parts. This is a CORRECTION FOR PART I.

July 21, 2022

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Fish and Wildlife Commission  
P.O. Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701

Submitted via <https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/commission/august-2022-meeting> and via email

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters, Western Watersheds Project and WildEarth Guardians appreciate the chance to comment on the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department's ("MFWP") proposed season and quota changes for gray wolves. For the reasons below, we urge the Fish and Wildlife Commission ("Commission") to manage gray wolves on the basis of science rather than politics.

Western Watersheds Project ("WWP") is a nonprofit environmental conservation group with 12,000 members and supporters. Founded in 1993, WWP has field offices in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California. WWP works to influence and improve public lands management throughout the West with a specific emphasis on the protection and preservation of western watersheds and wildlife.

WildEarth Guardians ("Guardians") is a regional non-profit organization whose mission is to protect and restore the wildlife, wild places, wild rivers, and health of the American West. Guardians has offices in Montana, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington, and over 7,000 members. For over 30 years, Guardians has worked to restore and protect imperiled native carnivores, including gray wolves. Guardians works to protect wolf habitat in Montana and across the West, promote coexistence and fight lethal wolf "management," educate the public about the importance of wolves to maintaining healthy natural ecosystems, and advocate for protecting these iconic animals under state and federal law, including through listing under the Endangered Species Act.

I. The Commission retains broad discretion to disregard many of the legislature's politically-driven suggestions for expanded hunting and trapping.

We recognize that the Montana legislature passed laws in 2021 to guide these rulemakings, but must again emphasize that few of the legislative "directives" in HB 224, HB 225, and SB 314 are binding, and none prevent the Commission from adopting cautious, science-based hunting and trapping regulations that largely reflect management prior to the 2021 legislative session.

In the three bills, the legislature passed just two general mandates. SB 314 directs the Commission to reduce the state's wolf population "to a 'sustainable' level, but not less than the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs" (emphasis added). The legislature thus set a minimum number of wolves, preserving the Commission's discretion to maintain the wolf population at what has been a relatively stable number over the last several years. HB 224 requires the use of snares, but also in a way that preserves the Commission's discretion. The bill requires that "[t]rapping seasons must allow for the use of snares by the holder of a trapping license," yet leaves the Commission broad discretion to decide when and where to allow snaring.

The three bills' remaining directives are entirely discretionary. SB 314 allows ("the commission may authorize") unlimited wolf kills on a single tag, the use of bait, and night hunting. While the Commission has appropriately rejected allowing unlimited wolf kills on a single

tag, it still chose to include the use of bait and night hunting in some circumstances during the 2021-2022 wolf hunting season. These drastic, unsporting, and dangerous measures should be rejected for the 2022-2023 wolf hunting season.

HB 224 leaves the Commission broad discretion to decide when and where to allow snaring. The Commission should include minimal modifications to snaring allowed in the 2021-2022 season pursuant to HB 224, namely, the allowance of snares should itself be limited. MFWP considers snares the most lethal of the legislature's measures—"most anticipated to increase harvest" by virtue of their efficacy, low cost, and ease of placement.<sup>1</sup> Snares also pose the greatest risk to domestic dogs and non-target wildlife, including federally-listed grizzly bear and Canada lynx.<sup>2</sup> We urge the Commission to maintain the restrictions on snares in Lynx Protection Units ("LPZs") while also adopting MFWP's 2021-2022 proposal to limit the use of snares to private land statewide. The Commission should further limit the season for snares given their lethality and the risks they pose to pets and non-target species.

HB 225 likewise allows, but does not mandate (again, "the commission may authorize") an extended wolf trapping season. The Commission should reduce the length of the wolf trapping season to avoid non-target capture of grizzly bears both in the spring, as they are emerging from their dens, and in the winter, as grizzly bears enter dens late. All told, MFWP correctly recognized during the 2021-2022 wolf hunting and trapping regulation setting that all three bills contain discretionary "legislative options," not commands.<sup>3</sup> The commission would do well to remember this and to further exercise their discretion by not including cruel hunting and trapping methods in the 2022-2023 season.

The legislature's options for gray wolf hunting and trapping are not only discretionary, they are unnecessary. According to MFWP estimates, wolf populations remained steady in Montana between 2012 and 2019, stabilizing at approximately 190 packs and 1,150 individual wolves.<sup>4</sup> Increased wolf killing can and has taken place under the previous hunting and trapping rules. Hunters and trappers killed an average of 242 wolves per year between 2012 and 2019, but that number jumped over 35 percent in 2020, when hunters and trappers killed 329 wolves.<sup>5</sup> In 2021, hunters and trappers killed 273 wolves state-wide. By itself, this level of hunting and trapping satisfies the legislative direction to reduce wolf populations in the state—MFWP predicted that hunting during the 2020-21 season lowered the wolf population to 900–950 individuals.<sup>6</sup>

The recent wolf hunt in Wisconsin illustrates the threat posed by liberal wolf season regulations, such as those the Commission adopted last year and is once again considering. In 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued 2,380 hunting tags with an objective of killing 119 individual wolves over a one-week season.<sup>7</sup> In less than three days, hunters killed 218 wolves, contributing to a minimum 27–33 percent population decrease in one year.<sup>8</sup> Reductions from the proposed season regulations could be far greater (continuing the bag limit of 20 wolves per person via combined hunting and trapping, and allowing trappers to kill 10 wolves on a single license). Although the season regulations contain a 450-wolf kill trigger with an additional 10 wolves proposed for killing in WMU 313 for initiating a commission quorum, the Wisconsin wolf season—where hunters exceeded the allowable quota by 83 percent before the state agency could halt the hunt—shows that such a safeguard is not guaranteed to prevent drastic and unintended reductions to Montana's wolf population. Indeed, whether the 450-wolf kill trigger for Commission review is a safeguard at all is not guaranteed under the proposed season regulations, since neither the 450-wolf kill trigger, nor the regional/TD kill triggers, require action.

Importantly, the legislature has not overridden MFWP's own directive to "implement conservation and management strategies to make sure that wolves continue to thrive and are integrated as a valuable part of Montana's wildlife heritage"<sup>9</sup> so long as the Commission retains discretion to reduce excessive and cruel wolf deaths. This includes "principles of maintaining and enhancing Montana's contribution to the overall northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf population and the gray wolf's connectivity between contiguous populations in Canada, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming."<sup>10</sup> These directives should continue to guide MFWP and the Commission's decision here.

Sources:

1. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Hunting Season-Quota Change Supporting Information (hereinafter, "2021-22 Supporting Information"), at 2.
2. Id.
3. Id. at 1.
4. Id. at 8.

5. Id. at 13.
  6. Id.
  7. Treves, A., Santiago-Ávila, F. J., & Putrevu, K. (2021). Quantifying the effects of delisting wolves after the first state began lethal management. *PeerJ*, 9, e11666. <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.11666>.
  8. Id.
  9. Mont. Admin. R. 12.9.1301.
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# #523

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The excessively large wolf harvest in close proximity to Yellowstone National Park has had a seriously detrimental effect on the local tourist wolf-watching industry and has done little to achieve that legislature's directive to reduce the wolf population to a lower sustainable level statewide. Southern Park County, particularly Gardiner, has suffered economically from the closure of Yellowstone National Park due to the COVID pandemic and now by being cut off from the park by the flood damage. The State of Montana through the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks by unnecessarily and cruelly damaging the wolf-watching tourist industry. It would be my hope that the wolf quota in areas adjacent to Yellowstone National Park be set at zero. Hunters and trappers can be encouraged to harvest wolves elsewhere in the state.

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# #524

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please see below comments:

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves provide an incredibly important ecological and economic value to this great state. Yellowstone wolves in particular bring a lot of tourist dollars to Montana. Please restore the wolf hunting quota in WMU 313 to two individuals to reduce the impact on Yellowstone wolves. Help keep Montana's tourism economy in Park County strong! Thank you.

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# #525

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

To Whom It May Concern,

I think there needs to be a buffer zone around Yellowstone and Glacier Nation Parks for hunting wolves. In addition to a lessened quota. I understand the conservation aspect, but the means of how these wolves are harvested is not fair as well. Millions of visitors come to your state to spend a millions of dollars each year. With the major wanting to see wolves and grizzlies bears in their natural habitats. I have always thought it was funny how the federal government protects a species, yet the state looks to eliminate them. I hope you can come up with a better alternative then what was offered up last year.

Regards

Matt Le Roy

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# #526

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

We need lower quotas!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please protect Yellowstone wolves. The slaughter on the border of the park last year by cowardly "Hunter's" needs to stop. Zero quotas for 313 and 316. Those "Hunter's" can go hunt wolves in the rest of Montana.

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# #527

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I support all bobcat and marten regulation changes and I support the 100 wolf removal under SB200

I totally oppose the 313 and 316 unit combination. While I support a quota, it should be lowered to the reasonable 2020 season levels.

I also oppose the change preventing FWP from issuing emergency hunting closures and I oppose changing the closure notice from 12 to 24 hours.

furthermore, wolves are a state Heritage Species and should be treated like other species in the state.

Current wolf regulations do not allow for flexible, adaptive, local management OR the consideration of specific state industries like tourism.

The places where wolves create chronic problem should have more liberal hunting seasons and removals. But wolves do not cause problems for livestock producers or game species make up most of the state. Hunting in these areas should be regulated and conservative based on maintaining the species genetic diversity while still allowing for hunting opportunity for Montana residents like myself.

I live here and the wolves in the Gardiner basin are not a concern for the livestock or elk hunting community .

-FWP should reinstate the prohibition on using tracking devices for hunting as it is in direct opposition to fair chase ethics

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**Q3**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #528

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Reduce the quotas . Listen to biologist and not greedy politicians . Your tourism money will suffer

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves are a huge reason our tourism money is spent in MT. They are a vital part of the ecosystem and should be placed back on endangered list.

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# #529

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

no comment

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Being a tourist in the state to visit YNP this past March 2022 and to specifically see wolves was the draw. Not only did I come but 4 other friends were involved. Economically this is a boon for MT and the small towns around the YNP. We supported local hotels, restaurants, guide services and local shops. The other reasons to change the quotas on the wolves are scientific reasons: the current method for determining the MT wolf populations is not peer reviewed and inaccurate. Also some of the past hunting methods were not hunting methods: baiting, night hunting these are just kill and cull methods. A true hunter would not participate in these hunting methods as they are not fair nor do they require any hunting skill. The wolves of YNP and MT are an iconic symbol of the wild and the beautiful country in MT. Please allow the science to lead these quotas not age old fears and out dated information. Listen to the local businesses and gateway communities around YNP and they will tell you the wolves of YNP are an economic boon. Do not change the total number of wolf management units, this will inhibit the monitoring and management of the MT and YNP wolves. Reestablish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110. Keep the 12 hr emergency closure window intact for these units to help monitor and keep the quotas from exceeding the limit in these areas. No I am not from MT but feel strongly about saving the wolves and their need in the ecology of the YNP. Thanks Laura Cullins

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# #530

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Rules for managing wolves should be science-based. Beyond not being peer-reviewed, the model used to estimate the statewide wolf population (IPOM or the Integrated Patch Occupancy Model ) uses data exclusively from the hunting community.

Capitalize on the Economic Benefits of Wolf Watching in Montana. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units. Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a quota of zero in a WMU). If adopted, the proposed WMU 313 wolf quota should be 1 (the wolf quota should be zero, but the Montana legislature made it illegal to establish a quota of zero in a WMU).

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets.

The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups.

Trapping should be ended on our public lands.

Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals.

Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase.

Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife.

Snaring will further degrade the public image of hunting and does a disservice to ethical, responsible hunters.

Wolves Can Help Save Montana Wildlife from a 100% Fatal Disease. Montana should give more significant consideration to the "value" of wolves — specifically their innate ability to mitigate chronic wasting disease (CWD), an ultra-lethal degenerative neurological illness similar to mad cow disease infecting elk, deer, and moose across the American landscape, including multiple regions of Montana.

Currently, no known vaccine exists, and infection is on the rise in Montana. Thus far, their current control strategy: relying on hunting by humans to lower deer/elk numbers and subsequently CWD prevalence, has not yielded demonstrable effects.

Predation by wolves, however, could have potent effects on disease prevalence. Human hunters only remove sick deer randomly; wolves actively seek out the infirmed.

Because wolves are not susceptible to the disease and can safely consume prey infected with CWD, they effectively remove the infectious agents from the environment, reducing transmission to healthy deer, elk, etc.

Even former Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Commissioner Gary Wolfe said halting recreational hunting of large predators like wolves in areas with emerging CWD outbreaks could curb the disease.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Relist the worlds as an endangered species

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Relist the wolves as an endangered species

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Members of the Fish and Wildlife Commission,

Killing 450 wolves in Montana, plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable, ethical or based on science. Please reduce the threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate the quota system, which is more accurate, so the killing of wolves can be closed more quickly than the vague threshold, which would merely prompt the Commission to convene to determine if the killing in a particular region should be closed or continue.

In addition, wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

As a keystone species, wolves are the best ecosystem managers, containing disease in game animals and keeping them on the move, which prevents erosion and the cutdown of creeks and streams, which in turn provides habitat for beavers and plant and animal species. Peer-reviewed science has shown that wolves regulate themselves, are necessary for ecosystems, and are highly evolved and complex beings with sophisticated emotional and cognitive capabilities, and complex social relationships.

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# #533

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

The quotas were way too high -- especially in the regions boarding Yellowstone. I love watching wolves in the park and don't understand why the State is letting hunters kill an animal that brings in millions of dollars to small towns like Emigrant and Gardiner. There are plenty of elk in Montana -- it's not my problem if people are just not good enough hunters to kill them.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We should not have a wolf trapping and hunting season. We have too many deer and elk. Wolves avoid people and ranchers already get the multiplier for every cow or sheep killed. Additionally, I heard that dogs and other animals can get caught in snare traps, which is heartbreaking. Just stop the killing of wolves, bears, and other predators.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Montana residents and out of state tourists spend massive amounts of money in this beautiful state to see and support the incredible wildlife. The population does not support the continued year after year increased barbaric killing of wildlife. Please make trapping and all such activity illegal. Wildlife is a big part of tourism; how sad MT politicians and people in charge only listen to hunters and ranchers.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please reconsider and stop with the plan to basically decimate Montana's wolf population. This MT Republican administration has shown they have NO regard for wildlife and will continue to massacre wolves, by any and all cruel, barbaric means. Look at what they do, just look at Greg Gianforte's hunting and trapping escapades. The man at the top doesn't follow the law, his actions tell everyone it's basically open season to kill every wolf in the state, unless this agency stops that. This needs to be changed. The public isn't blind and can see and will never be silent. Wolves and wildlife are a huge part of the economy. How sad the politicians and this agency prefer dead wolves to beautiful wildlife that supports the state. Please reconsider your barbaric, sadistic wolf quotas that will continue wiping them out.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please require daily (every 24 hours) trap checks. This is a very reasonable requirement for the ethical harvest of trapped animals. Trapping is a recreational activity, and trappers can make slight adjustments in order to align with Montana's conservation values. (I only recently moved out of Montana). Please also reduce the bobcat quota in Trapping Districts 1 and 5 as recommended by the department.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please implement the following:

Prohibit snares on public lands and increase the setback of traps from roads and trails. Many more outdoor recreationists besides trappers utilize public lands with their children and dogs. These are common sense safety measures.

Require that trappers visually check traps at least once every 24 hours in order to minimize the suffering of harvested animals. Harvesting an animal does not necessitate prolonged suffering and distress. Wolf trapping is a recreational activity and this is a reasonable requirement for those who choose to participate in it.

Reduce the length of the wolf trapping season to January through February. This reduce the chance of incidental capture of grizzlies, which are expanding their range across the state. A grizzly - cub or adult - caught in a wolf trap poses an extreme safety hazard to both the trapper and any public recreating outdoors.

Prohibit night-hunting and baiting of wolves. These are not fair-chase hunting practices, and they do not reflect Montana's reputation for valuing wildlife and conservation.

Reduce the quota for WMU 313 and 316 (or combined 313) to one wolf. The extreme harvest of Yellowstone's wolf population outside the park is bringing lots of negative attention to Montana's wolf hunting and trapping policies and impacting many Montana businesses who rely on folks traveling to gateway communities to see wolves.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

See below

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Montana currently has a very liberal wolf hunting and trapping season and does not need to expand on it. The fact that Montana has allowed trapping, baiting, snaring and night vision goggles to needlessly kill wolves is horrific. As a tourist who contributes to the \$82million dollars that comes in - just to observe and see these wolves - will be drastically reduced if Montana continues to slaughter wolves. That's something Gardiner, West Yellowstone and other surrounding communities don't need - especially on the heels of Covid and the recent flooding.

I urge you to please consider my concerns.

Dr widen

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# #537

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

None

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas from Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP). I have carefully reviewed the proposal and supporting information, and I offer the following recommendations to strengthen the proposal.

(1) Define "sustainable level".

Montana's "Gray Wolf Management" law (MCA 87-1-901) mandates that "the commission shall establish by rule hunting and trapping seasons for wolves with the intent to reduce the wolf population in this state to a sustainable level, but not less than the number of wolves necessary to support at least 15 breeding pairs."

MCA 87-1-901: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0870/chapter\\_0010/part\\_0090/section\\_0010/0870-0010-0090-0010.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0870/chapter_0010/part_0090/section_0010/0870-0010-0090-0010.html)

It is unknown if the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas are intended to reduce the wolf population in Montana to a sustainable level because the term "sustainable level" has not been defined. MCA 87-1-901 does not define "sustainable level". Nor does any other Montana law or regulation. Montana State Senator Bob Brown, sponsor of the legislation (Senate Bill 314) that coined the term "sustainable level", indicated that it is the commission's responsibility to define "sustainable level". Senator Brown conveyed this information during the March 16, 2021 House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee hearing on SB 314. Senator Brown testified that SB 314 "allows discretion at the commission to decide what that sustainable number is" (time 17:04:50).

Senator Brown testimony <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20170221/-1/41646?startposition=20210316170234&mediaEndTime=20210316170709&viewMode=3&globalStreamId=4>

To the best of my knowledge, the commission has yet to exercise its discretion and decide the definition of "sustainable level". Absent a defined "sustainable level", it is impossible to know if the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas, which call for harvest of at least 450 wolves, comply with MCA 87-1-901.

The absence of a defined "sustainable level" also means it is impossible to know how last season's harvest of 273 wolves contributes to compliance with MCA 87-1-901. The proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas presume, implicitly, that last season's harvest did not achieve a sustainable level, hence the proposal to harvest at least 450 wolves next season. Given that the term "sustainable level" is undefined, the presumption that last season's harvest did not achieve a sustainable level is arbitrary.

To ensure compliance with MCA 87-1-901, I recommend the commission amend the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas to include a clear definition of "sustainable level".

(2) Restore the warning that is unlawful for a hunter to use "electronic motion-tracking devices" to locate a hunted wolf.

The 2021 wolf hunting regulations omitted a standard warning that it is unlawful for a hunter to use "electronic motion-tracking devices" to locate a hunted animal. The relevant state law is MCA 87-6-401(d):

"Unlawful use of equipment while hunting. (1) A person may not: (d) while hunting, use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism, as defined by commission rule, that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter."

MCA 87-6-401: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0870/chapter\\_0060/part\\_0040/section\\_0010/0870-0060-0040-0010.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0870/chapter_0060/part_0040/section_0010/0870-0060-0040-0010.html)

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The warning about MCA 87-6-401(d) was included in the 2021 hunting regulations for 9 other animals (antelope, black bear, bighorn sheep, bison, elk, deer, moose, mountain goat, and mountain lion) and it defined "motion tracking devices" to include live streaming cameras and radio telemetry. Below is an example of the MCA 87-6-401 warning that was included in the 2021 mountain lion hunting regulations:

"Motion-Tracking Devices (MCA 87-6-401) - It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter. Motion tracking devices are defined by the F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices" (pg. 6).

2021 mountain lion hunting regulations:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210903211306/https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/hunt/regulations/2021/2021-lion-final-for-web.pdf>

No such warning appeared in the 2021 wolf hunting regulations even though a version of the warning has appeared in the wolf hunting regulations of every previous season (2009, 2011-2020) under various headings: "Prohibited Methods of Taking", "General Regulations", and "Unlawful Methods of Hunting Wolves". Below is an example of the MCA 87-6-401 warning as it appeared in the 2020 wolf hunting regulations. Note that it incorrectly refers to the statute as a commission rule (CR).

"Motion-Tracking Devices (CR): It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to possess any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a wolf and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter.

2020 wolf hunting regulations: <https://fwp.mt.gov/binaries/content/assets/fwp/commission/2021/jun-24/wildlife/gm10b---2020-wolf-final-for-web.pdf>

To promote legal & fair chase wolf hunting, I recommend the commission amend the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas to include a warning that it is unlawful for a hunter to use "electronic motion-tracking devices", including radio-telemetry, to locate a hunted wolf as per MCA 87-6-401.

(3) Distribute wolf harvest to achieve other critical FWP wildlife management objectives.

Besides its mandate to reduce the statewide wolf population, FWP is also expected to reduce wolf predation on livestock (MCA 87-1-217, MCA 87-5-131), reduce elk numbers in over-objective hunting districts (MCA 87-1-301, MCA 87-323), and reduce spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD). The proposed distribution of the statewide harvest threshold of 450 wolves across regions in proportion to wolf abundance in each region does not adequately address these other management requirements. During the 2021 wolf hunting & trapping season, this approach led to too few wolves removed from areas of chronic livestock depredation, and too many wolves removed from over-objective elk hunting districts and districts with CWD. Current science indicates that wolves have good potential to control the spread of CWD (Brandell et al. 2022).

To leverage wolf harvest as a tool to achieve FWP's other critical management objectives, I recommend the commission amend the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas to distribute the statewide harvest threshold so that numbers of harvested wolves is greatest in hunting districts where elk and other big game are below population objective and where livestock depredation is a chronic problem, and least in hunting districts where CWD has been detected.

MCA 87-1-217: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0870/chapter\\_0010/part\\_0020/section\\_0170/0870-0010-0020-0170.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0870/chapter_0010/part_0020/section_0170/0870-0010-0020-0170.html)

MCA 87-5-131: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0870/chapter\\_0050/part\\_0010/section\\_0310/0870-0050-0010-0310.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0870/chapter_0050/part_0010/section_0310/0870-0050-0010-0310.html)

MCA 87-1-301: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0870/chapter\\_0010/part\\_0030/section\\_0010/0870-0010-0030-0010.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0870/chapter_0010/part_0030/section_0010/0870-0010-0030-0010.html)

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MCA 87-1-323: [https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title\\_0870/chapter\\_0010/part\\_0030/section\\_0230/0870-0010-0030-0230.html](https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0870/chapter_0010/part_0030/section_0230/0870-0010-0030-0230.html)

Background on 2021 wolf harvest with respect to elk population objectives:

[https://twitter.com/DanMacnulty/status/1525149077314232320?s=20&t=rVPjGocMJRQvpJObHtMT\\_w](https://twitter.com/DanMacnulty/status/1525149077314232320?s=20&t=rVPjGocMJRQvpJObHtMT_w)

Background on 2021 wolf harvest with respect to CWD prevalence:

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(4) Establish a quota of two wolves in the proposed new Wolf Management Unit (WMU) 313.

According to the State of Wyoming's 2021 annual wolf monitoring and management report (WGFD 2022), 14 of the wolves harvested in WMUs 313/316 during the initial 3.5 months of Montana's 2021 wolf hunting and trapping season (15Sept2021 to 31Dec2021) were members of the Wyoming wolf population. These included 6 wolves from the Junction Butte pack, 7 wolves from the Phantom Lake pack, and 1 wolf from the Rescue Creek pack. Public data from Yellowstone National Park indicate that 5 additional wolves were harvested in WMU 313 during the remainder of the 2021 season (01Jan2022 to 15Mar2022). These included 1 wolf from the Rescue Creek pack, 3 wolves from the 8-mile pack, and 1 wolf from the Wapiti pack. Wyoming's 2021 annual report classifies the 8-mile and Wapiti packs as members of the Wyoming wolf population (see Table 3 in WGFD 2022).

Together, these results indicate that 19 (90%) of the 21 wolves harvested in WMUs 313/316 during the 2021 season were Wyoming wolves that counted as losses to the Wyoming wolf population. Such an outcome does little to satisfy the intent of MCA 87-1-901 to reduce the wolf population in the state of Montana.

A quota of two wolves in the proposed new WMU 313 would minimize the number of Wyoming wolves that are harvested by Montana hunters and incorrectly counted as losses to the Montana wolf population. To ensure compliance with MCA 87-1-901, I recommend the commission amend the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas to a quota of two wolves in the proposed new WMU 313.

Wyoming Wolf 2021 Annual Wolf Report: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/WGFD/media/content/PDF/Wildlife/Large%20Carnivore/2021-Wyoming-Wolf-Annual-Report.pdf>

Yellowstone National Park wolf mortality data: [https://www.nps.gov/common/uploads/sortable\\_dataset/yell/F69370E7-954B-3CE2-1CBCB5E228B44704/yell-ConfirmedYellowstoneWolfMortalities-Updated21622.csv?t=1649866032377](https://www.nps.gov/common/uploads/sortable_dataset/yell/F69370E7-954B-3CE2-1CBCB5E228B44704/yell-ConfirmedYellowstoneWolfMortalities-Updated21622.csv?t=1649866032377)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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# #538

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Thank you for taking public comments on this divisive and important issue that should be scientifically based before proceeding.

I am a hunter but am appalled at the FWP's suggested 'remedy'. It has no scientific based reason to proceed and puts a very negative slant on MT FWP---an organization I try to encourage others to turn to, but with this proposal I no longer feel you are listening to science and the general public. It looks like a terrible way to increase revenues through the slaughter of wolves.

The proposed threshold of killing 450 Wolves plus ten in WMU 313 bordering Yellowstone National Park is not sustainable, and unscientific. Reduce threshold to less than 100 wolves and reinstate quota system, at the least.

It is my belief that SB 314 does not require a drastic reduction in wolf numbers. It requires a reduction to a sustainable population, which is not quantified and should be scientifically determined. There is no deadline for reduction, it can be over many years, using reliable scientific information rather than free-wheeling and potentially doing so much damage, a relisting of wolves will be automatic.

I believe and put forth that wolf hunting and trapping should be suspended at least until FWP has completed their counting (by the end of September) and can provide solid data, and the science used by FWP has been peer-reviewed. The model FWP uses to estimate the state's wolf population is flawed, which means the actual total number of wolves in Montana is unknown. At a minimum, the FWP Commission should use the precautionary principle and act extremely conservatively.

Don't be led by those with no scientific backgrounds---that leads to horrible public policy. Wolves should not be killed for recreation, or any other senseless reason. There is no scientific, biological, or social reason to kill hundreds of wolves. This is a decision made by legislators who lack scientific knowledge and ethics. Before the commencement of killing wolves, not killing wolves at all has worked even better. The wolf population hit a high a decade ago and then leveled off.

FWP should not use wolves as a profit-maker: FWP profits from the sale of hunting and trapping licenses: In 2021-20222, FWP sold 20,828 wolf licenses for nearly \$340,000 from the killing of 273 wolves. This is nothing more than commercialization of wildlife.

Thank you. Jim Parker

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## Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As a frequent visitor to both Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, I'm aware of how the current regulations have negatively impacted these areas, in particular, Yellowstone National Park. The park and its surrounding communities are already hurting from the flood that happened in June, so we need to consider the impact it will have on tourism when special wolves are killed and packs are impacted when wolves cross those invisible boundary lines. The increase in the quota around Yellowstone Parks boundaries has damaged important research happening in the park. Please consider installing a quota of 1 wolf for the areas boarding Yellowstone wolf management units (313/316) and 1 wolf for WMU 110 next to Glacier national park. Please also consider prohibiting the use of ram power snares, as the quick killing mechanism doesn't allow any chance for animals, such as people's pets, who get caught, a chance to live. I've spent many years walking my dogs on public roads and trails and aske that you mandate that traps are set back a minimum of 150' from these areas and include highly visible signs in these areas to avoid the injury or death of someone's pet. I gave up the opportunity to enjoy certain areas as it wasn't worth taking the risk that one of my dogs got hurt. We shouldn't have to fear walking on public land and trails. Please also consider closing wolf hunting and trapping in areas with Chronic Wasting Disease, as the wolves play an important role in helping to diminish the impacts of this disease.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The work of wildlife biologist is important and essential in the magangement of our lands and wildlife. Please consider reducing the bobcat quota from 275 to 200 in region 1 as recommended by wildlife biologist. I support the reduction from 200 to 100 in region 5. I realize that beavers can be pest to some and destructive at times, but they are also essential to maintaining healthy ecosystems and bringing life, through water back to areas that were previously struggling. I'd like to respectfully ask that you end the unlimited recreational and commercial trapping of this important animal. It is important for all trapping to be monitored both for the accountability of trappers and for the studies being done by biologists.

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# #540

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Protecting Yellowstone wolves protects and bolsters the economy of all business that depend on tourism in Montana. People come to see our wolves from all over the world. The wolves of Yellowstone provide amazing research opportunities to learn and study them and with the current regulations it is destroying packs in Yellowstone because baiting to lure wolves out of Yellowstone has been used as well as, snaring and trapping and night vision and spotlighting have been allowed. I respectfully ask you when writing the new regulations to stop the use of baiting, trapping, night hunting, and snares. Baiting is not fair game and trapping and snares are inhumane and cruel and not only kill wolves but other wildlife and peoples pets. If the Commission creates a new single unit 313 (by combining 313 and 316), please set a quota of 0 or at most 2 wolves taken from the entire unit. I'm asking for this small limit for any area that borders Yellowstone as well. Honestly I don't want any wolves to be killed in any area surrounding the park. People come to our state from all over the world. Do we really want to hurt our own economy and the people of Montana and give ourselves a bad reputation of wiping out and dismantling the wolf population?

Also please change back to a 12-hour reporting time (not 24 hrs.) so as not to exceed quotas at the close of the unit or season.

Our wolves are important to Montanans and tourists and therefore our economy. And wolves belong here in our ecosystem. I understand about hunting, I'm just asking to help protect the Yellowstone wolves and to have the regulations not allow night hunting, trapping, baiting and snaring. Please lower the state's quotas as well so we don't put them back on the threatened or endangered species list again. The wolves are important part of our ecosystem. Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

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# #541

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Make it mandatory that you report all incidental captures and mortalities.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

This needless slaughter of Yellowstone and Montana wolves has damaged how the United States looks at us. There is no biological, social, or economic value for this mismanagement of wolves.

1. Keep the WMUs
  2. Return the quota of WMU 313, 316, and 110 of 1 wolf in each.
  3. Keep the 12-hour emergency closure.
  4. Shorten the killing season till the end of February.
  5. Include and recognize the non-consumptive community.
  - 6 Allow each individual 3 minutes to comment publicly on the August 25th commissioner's hearing.
  7. Keep wolves separate from trapping regulations.
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# #542

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Lower quotas!

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

We come to Yellowstone to see Yellowstone wolves. Make the quotas in 313 and 316 zero. No wolves should be killed in 313 or 316. Ever.

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# #543

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

1. Change the quota to 1 wolf only in WMU 313 to limit the impact to the Yellowstone wolves. While I do live out of state, I am a regular visitor of Yellowstone National Park for 32 years – and killing those wolves DIRECTLY impacts me, my wildlife experience, and all other visitors to Montana and the Greater Yellowstone area.
  2. Please remove the inhumane and quite honestly, cowardly, ways to get a trophy wolf. I ask that for the next hunting season you ban baiting wolves, thermal imaging for night hunting as well as trapping and snaring. Think about Aldo Leopold hunting ethics and apply them here.
  3. Reduce the overall wolf season quota from 460 wolves which is HALF of the overall wolf population in Montana. Here again, if the state kills that many wolves it significantly lowers the genetic diversity which further jeopardizes the ENTIRE population in Montana as well as the Greater Yellowstone area. In Wisconsin, we know all too well what happens with wolf quotas...they are exceeded! Set it lower – and use real hunter ethics and science NOT politics and greed drive this decision.
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### Q3

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Traps and snares are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless non-target animals annually, including endangered and threatened species like grizzly bears and Canada lynx, and even threaten family pets. The trapping and snaring of wolves directly lead to more livestock deprivation by eradicating wolf family groups. Trapping should be ended on our public lands. Snaring is a primitive, archaic, and torturous method of killing animals. Snaring and trapping fail to pass the rule of Fair Chase. Snaring and trapping damages Montana's public image; it sends a clear signal to potential tourists that the state does not respect wildlife. Snaring will further degrade the face of hunting.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Don't change from Wolf Management Units (17 WMUs) to 7 regional units.  
Re-establish the quota of 1 wolf in WMUs 313, 316 and 110

Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to communities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, many of which are in Montana. In Park County alone, tourism supports 3,270 Montana jobs.

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# #545

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

N/A

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

The wolf trapping and hunting quotas are way too high. I believe that MTFWP is basing these numbers off of politics not science. I highly encourage FWP to re-examine these quota and base the numbers off the best science.

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# #546

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am thinking that it may be time for all Fish and Wildlife services thruout the United States take a step back from trapping, hunting, etc. of all wildlife. We are in an extinction crises. Now is the time to be doing everything possible to protect all lifeforms, flora and fauna. We have an obligation to the world community as a whole not just to a select few. You could create funds not thru the sell of ammunition and hunting licenses but through people that want to see the beauty of Montana and it's plants and animals, habitats and it's biodiversity. My suggestion is to forego furbearer season. Put hunters, etc. to work for maintaining all these species. Think about it.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Wolves have been treated deplorably by the State of Montana. You know it, but for some reason you choose to annihilate this apex predator.

The sad part is that the way the state has allowed these animals to be killed in such sadistic, archaic ways is a reflection on the people who have written these laws, implemented these laws and the hunters, trappers, poachers themselves. Zero conscience. When men and women lose the capacity to have compassion, empathy toward other living beings that is an indication we are headed down a path I'm not looking forward to. How we treat animals tends to be how we eventually treat our human family. There are many psychological studies as to this fact.

We really don't need to manage wildlife such as wolves. Mother nature knows it's own carrying capacity. It's when we start to interfere that difficulties arise.

I just want to see the killing of these animals stopped. It's ludicrous to see the millions of dollars used to save this and other species to then decimate them by allowing people to kill them just to kill them. That's not sporting. Taking the life of these animals and making money off of them to support your organization in my mind is sinful. It is immoral. One then needs more ammunition sold and more tags sold to support your workforce. I believe this is all backwards thinking. We need to do everything in our power to protect life on this planet and your State of Montana. Wolves are an international asset; an asset just for their existence.

I have been around rescued wolves near where I live as well as in Colorado near Bailey. It was an incredible experience.

The first time I saw a wolf in the wild was when I was driving one winter Wyoming. Snow on the ground, going around a curvy mountainous road. I had to drive slowly because it was kind of slick. I was scared as all get out and I happened to glance to my right for some reason. I was shocked, there was this wolf standing on like a precipice and I couldn't believe my eyes. I remember moving my eyes back to road then back again and it was gone. I want to have that experience again and again. That was the last time I saw a wolf in the wild. That took place in the 1980's. I've been in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado many, many times on my trips back to South Dakota where I grew up. That's another state that I am so disappointed in declaring wolves to be killed.

You are doing a disservice to the world community by your actions and mistreatment esp. of wolf.

You have 2.6 million cattle in Mt. Wolves are not a threat.

Please stop the kill

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# #547

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I have made several trips to Montana to backpack and for wildlife watching. While all wildlife is important to me my most memorable wildlife watching and what draws me to Montana specifically are the gray wolves of Montana. I am not alone as it is well documented that Montana wolves bring in more than 82 million dollars a year in tourism dollars. They provide far more benefits to Montana both economically and ecologically than they cost. So why the slaughter fest that has only accelerated in recent years? Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks has no current data on the wolf population since the most recent data is over seven years old. Moreover the population estimate is based on information from the very people in the hunting community who want more opportunity to kill them - how reliable can that be? I have personally witnessed special interest groups such as RMEF provide false testimony. Wildlife management should be scientifically based. There is no science that hunting wolves brings any benefits for any reason. Indeed there are scientific studies that state that it increases conflicts with livestock and leads to increased poaching. How can these be desirable outcomes? Moreover the slaughtering of wolves including trapping, baiting, electric calls, night hunting, Ariel gunning go against the principles of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation as it commercializes the killing of wildlife and destroys any sense of fair chase. I am requesting that you please:

- Reestablish a quota of one wolf kill in Units 313,316 and 110
- wolves in units 110, 313, and 316 should be included in the total kill quota and not be extra. Also wolves killed by wildlife services, poaching and SB200 mortality numbers should also be included in the total numbers of wolves allowed killed. Allowing 450 wolves to be killed ( and yes they are killed not harvested like an ear of corn) is already radically high- especially since you do not even have an accurate population count.
- leave the emergency closure time at 12 hours not 24 hours unless you want an out of control 24 hour killing frenzy like they had in Wisconsin.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

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Thank you.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Need further research.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please do not destroy these much needed wolfs in our country and future.  
Please... Thank you.

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower the quota near Yellowstone.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please lower the quota near Yellowstone.

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# #550

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Please end hunting and trapping of wolfs

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

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# #551

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Dear Sirs/Ma'ams,

Regarding the proposed changes to the Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons, specifically changing from 17 WMU to 7 regions, and combining WMU 313 & 316 into just region 313 and allowing a quota of up to 10 wolves, I am very much against these changes. In addition I am very much against the changes pushed through last year (2021) that greatly liberalized killing and led to the deaths of almost 1/3 or 25 wolves from Yellowstone.

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I sincerely hope that the large voices of non-consumptive individuals, that do not belong to the comparatively small hunting, trapping, ranching communities, will also be heard.

Sincere regards,  
Abhishek

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Sincere regards,  
Abhishek



# #552

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Also lower the quota for furbearers. Thank you

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Live wolves bring over \$82 million dollars to the gateway communities around Yellowstone and all of Montana benefits. The quota should be lowered to one in the ranges around Yellowstone. We spent so much money to reintroduce these animals to the park, and it has been wildly successful. It would be terrible to ruin all the hard work and effort put in by so many people. Please consider this plea. Please lower the quota to a reasonable amount. Thank you, Katie Grudecki - Belgrade, MT

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# #553

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

As far as wolves, here is what needs to change in my opinion - snaring on private land only and with landowner's written permission. PROHIBIT RAM POWER SNARES. Adjust wolf trapping dates to Jan 2 thru Feb 28 to avoid grizzlies. Prohibit night hunting, aerial spotting and shooting, party-trapping, pre-baiting and use of bait for hunting wolves. SET IN PLACE A QUOTA of one wolf for the Yellowstone bordering wolf management units WMU 313/316 as well as 1 wolf for WMU 110 adjacent to Glacier National Park with a 12 hour closure once quota is reached. Trap setbacks of a minimum 150' apply to all public roads and trails. Trapping signage on high use recreational areas and on block management. MANDATORY 24 HR/DAILY TRAP CHECKS - NO EXCUSES. Finally, closure of wolf trapping and hunting in wolf management units with CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) and severely limited quota for wolves in elk management units over population objectives. In regards to Furbearers, require marten pelt and lower jaw presentation for inspection and tagging. Reduce Region 1 bobcat from the 275 quota to 200 as per WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS RECOMMENDATIONS!!!! I support Region 5 bobcat quota reduction from 200 to 100. I would like to see a moratorium on the recreational and commercial trapping of beaver instead of unlimited, unreported, 5 1/2 - 9 month long current season!!! MANDATORY 24 HR/DAILY TRAP CHECKS - NO EXCUSES!!!! According to wildlife biologists, indicators are the bobcat populations are possibly declining in Regions 1&5. Region 1 has a history of chronically going over quota!!!! I AM SAYING WE NEED TO INSIST AND STICK TO A QUOTA OF 200 FOR REGION 1!!!! PERIOD!!!!

THANK YOU.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Well I did it all above. So... sorry!! My comments are in.

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# #554

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

Traps are inhumane and inherently nonselective.

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I am part of the majority opinion that wolf management should be science-based. Wolf watchers bring \$82 million to our local economy in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The trapping of wolves directly leads to increased livestock depredation due to eradicating wolf family groups.

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# #555

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully ask for your consideration in ending trapping and hunting of native predators in your great state. The tourism revenue generated by charismatic megafauna far exceeds any short term personal gain. Sincerely, Tim Fazekas

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

I respectfully ask for your consideration in ending trapping and hunting of grey wolves in your great state. The tourism revenue generated by charismatic megafauna far exceeds any short term personal gain. Sincerely, Tim Fazekas

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# #556

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

see below

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## Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

There is no biological reason to kill Yellowstone or Montana wolves.

Outfitters and guides Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other unethical minority organizations are behind this drive to hunt and destroy Montana wolves with no concern for the opinion of the non-consumptive individual who make up the vast majority who want wolves and all the other large carnivores to remain on the landscape.

The non-consumptive individual should be represented in any wildlife decisions concerning wolves.

Yellowstone & Montana wolves should stay protected.

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# #557

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## Q1

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## Q2

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Furbearer Seasons and Quotas.

I am commenting on the proposed 10 wolf quota in WMU 313 & 316, which should be one or none. I am also against the joining of 313 and 316 into one WMU. A single WMU will allow harvest to continue in disproportionate ways in the present WMU 313 which borders Deckard Flat.

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### Q3

Please comment on the proposed 2022 Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas.

Please add our names to the list of people who are opposed to the proposed quota of 10 wolves in the proposed WMU 313, which was previously WMU's 313 and 316. We have no doubt you have heard and read many comments about the very substantial and invaluable positive economic impact of wolves on livelihoods and communities close Yellowstone National Park. You no doubt have also heard and read how critical a healthy wolf population is for overall ecologic health and diversity, particularly for managing a healthy elk population, which in its gross overpopulation prior to the wolf reintroduction, was clearly damaging through overgrazing critical aspects of the ecosystem, both in and outside of YNP. We agree with those many points that can and have been raised about the important economic and ecologic value of wolves. In addition, we believe the "science" that is claimed as the basis for establishing a 10 wolf quota is seriously simplistic in that it completely ignores the social dynamics of healthy intact packs with some consistency in alpha male and female leadership. Not just near YNP, but throughout the State of Montana, wolf harvests are simply measured in raw numbers with no effort to understand or regulate harvest in the context of pack disruption and the additional layers of confusion, vulnerability, and more random predation such disruption produces. The 10 wolf quota for proposed WMU 313, if realized would likely have far greater impact on the packs on the edge of YNP than a simple reduction of numbers. Finally, and perhaps most concerning, is the heavy anti-wolf bias clearly present on the FW&P Commission, which appears to place low value on complex diverse natural systems and instead disproportionately represents livestock and hunting interests in the State. Such bias and disproportionality flies in the face of the Commission's responsibility to recognize and represent more diverse interests throughout our State.

Thank you.

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