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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support the amendment. The premise that using radio-locating devices to hunt wolves is inconsistent with all ethical fair chase doctrines of wildlife conservation. The fact that a loophole that does not prevent the use of radio telemetry for wolf hunting somehow still exists in Montana regulations is repugnant.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support the proposed motion to include electronic motion-tracking devices (radio-collar telemetry) as unlawful equipment while hunting. The department states " There is no information that indicates that this practice currently occurs and restricting the practice is not likely to influence the department's ability to manage wolf populations or reach population objectives." This practice does occur and the department would know this if they had a wolf specialist in Region 3. Bill Hoppe and others use this equipment. In addition, the use of telemetry in hunting wolves may not influence population-level wolf numbers but it certainly impacts the relationship between FWP and Yellowstone National Park, where wolves have been studied for nearly 30 years. Allowing telemetry use in hunting encourages the targeted hunting of radio-collared wolves. This is setting the state of MT up for global-level criticism and attention in the worst way. Using telemetry also goes against fair-chase ethics developed by the Boone and Crockett club wherein a hunter is not to have such large advantages over their quarry.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I am against any "hunting" that is not considered fair chase. Otherwise it's cowardly and a confession of the 'hunter' that s/he can't manage killing otherwise. JSH

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I SUPPORT this amendment that "a person may not while hunting, use any electronic device or mechanism, as defined by commission rule, that is designed to track the motions of a wolf and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter." Please pass this amendment!

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support this amendment. Using telemetry to track any game animal is not consistent with traditional hunting ethics.
Thank you.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Dear FWP Director Temple, Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Tabor, and Commissioners,

Thank you for the work you do and for the opportunity to submit comment. Large Carnivore Fund supports Region 3 Commissioner Brooke's amendment to the 2024-25 Wolf and Furbearer regulations to modify the regulation on hunting of wolves, making it illegal for a person hunting to employ any telemetry, electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism, as defined by commission rule, that is designed to track the motions of a wolf and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter. This is a critical hole in the regulations that must be closed now and kept closed in the future. This Commission and the Department should only allow fair chase hunting.

Sincerely,
Helena Edelson
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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Although I would like to see the inclusion of collared dogs added to this amendment, please approve Commissioner Brooke's Amendment to Wolf Regs #2. Thank you, Virginia Hutchison

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

In no way is the use of telemetry representative of fair chase, which all ethical hunters abide by. I fully support this amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

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Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Commissioner Brooke, I urge you to support the Amendment to Wolf Regs #2. Wildlife management should be based on science, not driven by consumption based special interests or politics.

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Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

One thing the majority of we hunters agree upon is "fair chase". As technology advances rapidly, and the Commission will soon have to be considering how the use of AI technology can allow me to find and hunt elk from satellite and ground technology, this amendment is a chance for the Commission to say that they support the "fair chase" ethic that those of us who were born and raised here grew up with.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I request that the prohibition on using telemetry to hunt wolves be reinserted into the regulations. This is counter to the concept of fair chase and makes the targeting of Yellowstone wolves even easier. I travel to Montana 2-3 times a year in order to watch Yellowstone wolves and have done for over 12 years. The ONLY reason I continue to do so is for the viewing ability of these wolves.

Thank you

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support this amendment by Commissioner Brooke on Wolf Regs #2, to not allow any use of telemetry or tracking device while hunting wolves.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Thank you for adding this amendment.

Using telemetry to hunt any animal is antithetical to our fair chase ethic. It may or may not be currently used, but it is wise foresight to prevent its use now.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Dear Commissioners:

Please define clearly as the rule, that use of telemeter to track wolves and kill them is prohibited. It is not fair chase hunting, in addition many of Yellowstone national Park wolves are fitted with radio color, if any of them ventures out of the park into the regions outside of 313 and 316, more Yellowstone Park wolves will be killed than intended. Please prohibit the use of telemeter. Thank you,
Ayako Moul

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Using telemetry to find and kill an animal that has been collared for the greater good, science and a National Park is downright wrong, immoral and unethical. This is just maddening that this is even allowed. For animals that are so dear to people's hearts across the globe and then to allow someone to hunt them using telemetry. I am truly dumbfounded. Pleade support Yellowstone wolves, the Wolf Project and Yellowstone's Superintendent by banning the use of telemetry.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Wolves should not be hunted down by snowmobiles or any other vehicle and should not be trapped, snared, or otherwise injured/maimed. They are an essential part of the ecosystem and must be protected, not hunted and hurt.

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Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Protect the wolf and their ecosystem

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

prohibit use of telemeter to track wolves and kill wolves.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I am in favor of this amendment.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support Commissioner Brooke's proposed amendment. Electronic devices should not be allowed to track wolf movements when hunting. Fair chase hunting principles would not allow for this type of hunting for wolves or any other species for that matter.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I am writing to support prohibiting the use of telemeter to track wolves and kill them. It is unethical in the extreme.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support this amendment. It is commonsense, fair chase to NOT allow use of telemetry or any form of electronic tracking for the purposes of pursuing or hunting an animal. Thank you for making this motion.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support the amendment by Commissioner Brooks to prohibit the use of telemetry to hunt and track wolves.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I am writing in support of Commissioner Brooke's proposed amendment which would apply existing statute in MCA 87-6-401 to the hunting of wolves. Employing electronic tracking equipment while hunting does not embrace the principles of fair chase and should be outlawed simply for that reason, just as it is outlawed for the hunting of game species. Furthermore, FWP anticipates that it will be able to meet population and management goals if the use of electronic tracking equipment is outlawed, and therefore there is no reason to permit this unethical behavior. Additionally, if electronic tracking equipment such as telemetry were to be employed by wolf hunters, there is a high likelihood that those hunters would target radio-collared wolves that spend most of their lives within Yellowstone; these highly visible wolves are the foundation of the ecotourism economy upon which my family's livelihood depends, and since dominant wolves within packs are often radio-collared, this practice would also target pack leaders which are the most important wolves for the health and longevity of individual packs and of the wolf population as a whole.

For the above reasons, I strongly support this amendment to outlaw electronic tracking equipment for wolf hunting.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support this amendment. I oppose all trapping as it is inhumane and cruel. Thus I oppose any and all means that would aid a trapper. The wolf is a key member in the natural ecosystem. Any ranch or farm animal that may be killed by a wolf can be financially compensated. Trapping is tortuous and must be ended.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I would like to thank Commissioner Brooke for continuing to push for ethical treatment in the management of predators. As a business owner in Yellowstone, my business is directly effected by the loss of park wolves. We have recently seen an increase into the abuse and torture of predators throughout the region, with so called "hunters" holding wolves in traps for over 24 hours so someone else can come and shoot it. We have seen Instagram posts of humans running animals to exhaustion with snowmobiles and then running them over to kill them. It is bad enough that so many unethical "tools" are currently legal to remove predators. I believe that strictly regulations on the use of telemetry is warranted, because according to the word in the bars, I know they are already using it illegally. So let's have clear and defined lines that should not be crossed when it comes to managing our wild neighbors!

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support this amendment as I don't support the murders of wolves at all. And using telemetry...Seriously? New lows for the "hunters" there indeed.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support the proposed motion by Commissioner Brooke to specifically add wolves to MCA 87-6-401 subsection(d) (2) prohibiting the use of telemetry to track and kill wolves with radio collars. In the FWP response they state " it is unlikely hunters have utilized any type of motion tracking to hunt wolves". This is categorically incorrect ! " Wolf Hunters" have been observed using radio telemetry receivers to track wolves near Yellowstone National Park. The FWP also states " Hunting wolves using telemetry does not embrace the principles of fair chase". A substantive portion of Montana wolf hunting and trapping regulations clearly violates the principles of fair chase. Shooting over bait, spotlighting on private property, use of neck snares and paying hunters a bounty for dead wolves all violate the principles of fair chase. It is now legal to do many things that for decades were illegal and viewed by the general hunting community as unsportsmanlike. Liberal state sanctioned wolf harvest regulations also promote and encourage illegal hunting practices. Without a specific prohibition on using telemetry to track and kill wolves this tactic will continue to be exploited by unethical Montana wolf "hunters". Please approve the Amendment to Wolf Regulations # 2- Commissioner Brooke.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Dear Chair Tabor and members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Endangered Species Coalition, I am writing in SUPPORT of Commissioner Brooke's amendment #2, clarifying that the use of any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism while hunting wolves is unlawful.

Thank you for your consideration, and to Commissioner Brooke for the proposed amendment. Sincerely,

Derek Goldman, Northern Rockies Sr. Field Rep.
Endangered Species Coalition
Missoula, MT – the traditional homeland of the Salish people

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I strongly support Commissioner Brooke's amendment to revert Wolf Management Unit 313 to the historical boundaries of WMU 313 and WMU 316 with a harvest quota of 3 or preferably less in each unit.

The impact of the single Unit 313 to Yellowstone's wolves has been devastating and the businesses relying on revenues generated by wildlife watchers and Park visitors has been negatively impacted as a result.

I have spent at least 7 - 10 days annually since 2003 watching wolves and other wildlife in Yellowstone. Each trip provides revenue to businesses for lodging, car rental, food, gas and other purchases totaling \$3,000 - \$4,000.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I support the Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 proposed by Commissioner Brooke to not allow hunters to use telemetry or electronic tracking while hunting wolves.

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Please see the letter submitted via email to all Commissioners on Wednesday 8/14/24 at 12:30 pm. The letter expresses support for Commissioner Brooke's amendment regarding the prohibition on use of motion tracking devices or mechanisms for hunting wolves. The letter is signed by Nathan Varley (Bear Creek Council), Cara McGary (In our Nature Guiding Services LLC), Douglas Smith (former Yellowstone National Park wolf biologist), Brooke Shifrin (Greater Yellowstone Coalition), Karrie Kahle (Park County Environmental Council), Michelle Uberuaga (National Parks Conservation Association), and the Wild Livelihoods Business Coalition.

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

Thank you, Commissioner Brooke, for bringing forth this amendment regarding telemetry.

We had heard from some who live or work near or within Yellowstone and with grave concern and with the upmost of certainty that telemetry is being used to track and kill wolves.

The ease to kill wolves with the gamut of unethical and unfair chase methodologies is already disgusting and shameful. Therefore, we most definitely support this prohibition.

The next issue is how and will it be enforced? We need more wardens, better pay and support for them, and stiffer penalties for offenders and poachers.

KC York and on behalf of the board of directors
President/Founder
Trap Free Montana

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Q1

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Q2

Please comment on Amendment to Wolf Regs #2 - Commissioner Brooke

I fully support this proposed amendment to the wolf regulations. My husband is an avid hunter and we both agree that the use of electronic tracking is outside the bounds of ethical hunting practices. Despite the Department response, the very allowance of this type of tracking, whether used or not and whether impactful or not, gives hunting in general a bad name and reflects poorly on the wildlife management of Montana.
