

We obviously cannot be there to lobby for our concerns, but hope you will consider our support for:

Proposal 105 to ban grizzly and black bear snaring in the Southwest and Central regions. We believe that bear snaring is indiscriminate, archaic, cruel and not biologically sustainable; bears-- as you know-- have one of the lowest reproductive rates and females with dependent cubs and cubs themselves are at risk. And since we ourselves always travel hoping to see wild bears, we obviously believe that they have a very high value as a tourism draw and are usually cited as one of the species visitors come to Alaska to see.

We also would like to express support for **Proposal 86**, to re-establish a no-trapping buffer zone adjacent to Denali National Park, providing crucial protection for wolves that wander across the Park boundary onto state land in search of prey or mates. The loss of only one wolf can result in a huge impact on viewing opportunities in the Park. Last spring the alpha female of the Grant Creek pack was trapped and killed just outside the Park boundary. The pack produced no pups last year, and subsequently dispersed. For years the Grant Creek pack had offered hundreds of thousands of Park visitors the best, most frequent opportunities to view wild wolves.

Please do the compassionate, 21st century thing and extend protections to your magnificent predators on which your ecosystems largely rely for health and future wellbeing.

Thank you.

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