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ATTN: Board of Game Comments  
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On visits to Denali National Park I was thrilled to see wild wolves. For many, seeing a wolf in the wild is an exciting experience. The end of the buffer zone has been a disaster for Denali wolves. I urge you to pass Proposal 86 to re-establish a no-trapping buffer zone next to the Park.

The buffer zone around part of the Park has helped protect Denali wolves from being killed outside Park boundaries in the past. Like McNeil River bears, these wolves have been viewed by thousands of visitors and are an economic asset for tourism. Rather than taking a contentious and controversial stand against the buffer, the BOG should work with the Park Service because these wolves are so valuable in attracting visitors and in Park research. This adversarial attitude against federal management is not productive for making decisions that best serve wildlife and the public interest. In my mind, a decision that primarily benefits less than a handful of trappers over thousands of visitors to Denali National Park is misguided.

Please reconsider this issue and reinstate the Park buffer to protect the wolves.  
Support Proposal 86.

Sincerely,

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