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Comments on Emergency Petition
re: Denali National Park Area Wolves

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I'm writing to encourage the Board of Game to reinstate the Buffer Zone at the Denali National Park to help protect wolves. Taking away the buffer zone was a huge mistake they made as can be seen by the number of wolves - 143 in the fall 2007 to 50 in the fall 2014. Many people tried to tell the BOG that the Buffer Zone is needed but as usual they don't listen. There seems to be three types of people, those who kill animals, those who make their living on killing animals and those who want to protect animals. I'm clearly on the side of trying to protect our magnificent wildlife but Ak's BOG is only made up for those interested in killing or making money from killing Alaska's wildlife. With this extreme poor management our wildlife numbers continue to decrease. Our sheep numbers are down, caribou numbers are down, moose, buluga whales, bears and wolves numbers are lower than they were the year before because AK's BOG does such a poor job and is made up of the wrong time of humans. Instead of managing wildlife the BOG needs to manage humans and stop letting our best natural resource decline. Please put the Buffer Zone back up and protect our wildlife.

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The wolf population has decreased considerably in Denali National Park due in part, at least, to the uncontrolled trapping near the park boundary. Many people come a long ways to visit the park, and many of them come to see wolves. As the number of wolves has declined the number of park visitors has declined also. The success of wolf viewing has decreased from over 40% in the 10 or so years past, but success has declined to less than only 5% in recent years. The value of wolf viewing is far greater than the value of the few skins that are sold by trappers, so it makes no sense to allow the reduction of wolf numbers by trapping. The wolves have much greater value as live than dead animals and should be allowed to increase in population during the next several years at least.

I strongly support the re-establishment of the buffer zone along the east side of the park in order to allow wolf populations to recover in and near the park. I hope you will see the value in stopping the unnecessary killing of wolves where they could be allowed to educate people who are interested in wildlife and would pay money to see them during the summer months. This worked very well until the trapping was allowed to return.

I hope you will allow the wolf populations to return to normal in and near the park as the state constitution was written to allow.

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I strongly support a controlled use area for State and private land adjoining Denali National Park in the vicinity of the Stampede road and trail; and near the Parks highway on the east side of the Park. The purpose of the controlled use area I support would be to prohibit the trapping or hunting of wolves so that wolf sightings within the Park would increase. Of course, there should be exceptions for State biologists responding to emergencies.

There are literally more than 100,000 people who ride the buses inside the Park every year, and one thing they want is a glimpse of a wolf, or perhaps a close up view. It wasn't long ago that glimpses and close ups were possible, frequently. But since the Board of Game in anger at the Park Service eliminated the controlled use area put in place in 2000, a very small number of trappers have eliminated the wolves that were once treasured by so many. The result is that wolf sightings are almost impossible now.

The BOG's insistence on allowing trapping along the border of the Park is one of the worst misallocations of Alaska's public resources of which I am aware. I cannot forget that it was a 4-3 vote that eliminated the previous controlled use area, with the deciding vote by Al Barrett whose appointment to the BOG was rejected by the Legislature shortly thereafter.

Certainly, it is time for the BOG and the Department to give consideration to people such as myself who want to see wildlife when we visit Denali National Park. We have a new governor, and the transition team's report on wildlife emphasizes the goal of gaining support from a broad cross-section of Alaskans. A giant step in that direction could be taken by protecting the Denali wolves which from time to time wander outside the Park boundaries. Rejection once again of a controlled use area providing protection to these wolves will cement in the minds of many, mine included, the idea that nothing has or will change when it comes to the issue of wildlife viewing, and that non consumptive users remain second class citizens in the eyes of the Board of Game.

From: [Kneeland Taylor](#)
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Subject: DENALI WOLF CONTROLLED USE AREA
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:13:35 PM

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GAME

I strongly support a controlled use area for State and private lands bordering Denali National Park in the vicinity of the Stampede road and trail, and near the Parks Highway on the east side of the Park. The goal of such a controlled use area would be to protect the Denali National Park wolves which den and spend most of their time near the Park road, but from time to time wander outside the Park. To achieve this goal, trapping and hunting of wolves should be prohibited in the controlled use area. Of course there should be exceptions for taking wolves in emergency situations by State wildlife biologists.

I tried submitting this same comment on the Department's comment form, but after submitting the comment, instructions appeared, the essence of which was that submission of a comment on the Department's form was too late. And so I am now duplicating my effort.

Wolf sightings along the Park road have declined since the previous buffer was removed in a 4-3 vote by the BOG. The deciding vote was by Al Barrette who was a temporary appointee, and who was NOT confirmed by the Legislature, with his negative vote on Denali wolves the principal reason why people like me contacted our representatives, sent letters, and lobbied against Mr. Barrett.

Governor Walker's wildlife transition team in its report emphasizes the goal of gaining wider public support for the Department, and the need to bring in people who have been excluded in the past. Putting in place a controlled use area protecting wolves would be a giant step toward gaining public support and signaling that the Department is serious. Rejecting the proposed controlled use area, and refusing to even consider it until 2018, would be a clear signal that nothing will change; that misallocation and mismanagement of the public's wildlife will continue unabated; and that those of us who come to the Department with reasonable requests will continue to be treated as second class citizens.

Very truly yours,
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To: the Department of Fish and Game Board members,

The natural resources belong to all Alaskans, therefore I am asking that these public servers of the Department of Fish and Game Board members to re-establish a Buffer Zone along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. In 2010, the Advisories and the BOG eliminated the previous Buffer. Previous requests were submitted to these public servers and all were denied. I have been attending Advisories and BOG meetings and even have been silenced by some of them because they do not share my views of preserving the natural resources for future generations. I have visited Denali recently and it's really sad that there are no more majestic wolves there. The tourism is one of the main sources in the State of Alaska. The tourists come to Alaska to see and enjoy the wildlife and they bring revenues to the state through restaurants, hotels, shops and transportation which benefit the community however, sport hunting only benefits a few of them. Wolves have been used as scapegoats and are blamed for the decrease of moose and caribou when people come from all over the world to kill moose and caribou as trophies. It's time to control over hunting. In order to have balance on the BOG, we need to have diversity in the Advisories and in the BOG particularly representation on subsistence, and tourism because on the Advisories and in the BOG there is only one kind of people, and there are no representation for subsistence and tourism..Wolves have a high value in the tourism industry drawing a source of revenue for the entire community and the state from people coming to see them. I think it is time to work for all Alaskans and to preserve the wolves for future generations. I know a lot of people are also sending their comments asking the BOG members to re-establish a Buffer Zone in Denali National Park. Once again, the natural resources belong to all Alaskans and these public servers should be working on behalf of all Alaskans and for the best interest of the state.

From: [Claudia](#)
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Subject: Buffer zone around the park
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:55:28 PM

I support the buffer zone that would help protect the wolves of Denali. I was appalled to read the effects the elimination of the buffer had on the pack. You need to reestablish the buffer.

Claudia Markham
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From: [Jos Bakker](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer Zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:51:11 PM

Please reinstate the Denali Buffer zone.

The wolf population Denali Park has dramatically declined from about 150 wolves to about 50 wolves in 2014. Trappers have been specifically targeting Denali wolves when they leave the Park in their winter pursuit of caribou.

We lost the most viewable wolves of the park. The chances for the **400,000+** visitors to see a wolf dropped from 44% to 12%. It is appalling that a few trappers are more important than the many Alaskans that make a living from **tourism in Denali Park**. Tourism brings in more money to the State of Alaska than the few trappers that trapped the Denali wolves. Killing the Denali wolves was unethical and unnecessary.

Please reinstate the Denali Buffer zone.

From: [Keri](#)
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Subject: Denali Buffer Zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:01:18 AM

Please stop sacrificing the good of the many for the good of the few by allowing trapping of the Denali wolves in the land surrounding the National Park. Alaska is shooting itself in the foot by allowing a few trappers the right to decimate the Denali wolf packs. This will generate a ton of bad press and impact tourism to the park and to Alaska as well.

We don't need any more bad press like the time Coke Wallace shot his horse on the border of the park to kill park wolves. It leaves a nasty taste in everyone's mouth and makes Alaskans look bad.

Sincerely,

Keri Gardner
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Please reinstate the Denali Buffer zone.

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Please reinstate the Denali Buffer zone.

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From: [Leo & Dorothy Keeler](#)
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Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:18:37 PM

Dear Board Members,

As a 2000 Board of Game Member, not confirmed due to politics, I encourage you to show that the BOG "TRULY" acts for all Alaskans and not just wildlife consumers. Please restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

I personally spent years to get the original "Denali Wolf Buffer" established in 2002. When in Denali, I was always hearing from tourists, Alaskan, American, and foreign, about how excited they were to have seen wolves. Denali was known world wide as the place to go to see wolves, and people came.

The decline from 44% of visitors seeing wolves to only 4% since the removal of the "Buffer" in 2010 warrants Board action on behalf of wildlife viewers and tourism related businesses.

Predation control efforts have definitely impacted the general wolf population and decreased the numbers inside Denali from 143 to only 50. I realize that reduction to 34% does not meet the Boards statewide objective to reduce wolves to only 20% of the population in the year 1999, but it should be considered close enough. Now it's time to act "For" non-consumptive users.

The Board taking action to increase sightings in eastern Denali and along the road to Kantishna will express at least minimal concern for wildlife viewing and the tourism industry that benefits from Denali visitors seeing wolves.

The BOG has never demonstrated a concern for and has rarely acted on behalf on wildlife viewers. They have also frequently expressed disdain for all tourism other than hunting.

Please take a step to reverse that unfortunate fact and restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

Leo Keeler

From: [Andra Silgailis](#)
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Subject: Denali wolf buffer
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 6:16:15 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

As a long term resident of Alaska, I am continuously frustrated by my inability to view the wildlife I expect to see in Alaska.

A place like Denali National Park, exists to give Americans the right to view North American animals. Obviously wild animals, like wolves, don't understand where the park begins and where it ends. Thus a buffer is crucial for their survival.

I am always perplexed why the requests of a few trappers, trump the rights of wildlife viewers. It seems that because certain individuals do not value viewing wildlife, they feel wanting to do so is silly.

Personally, I feel watching football is silly. But that does not give me the right to turn off everyone's TV.

Please vote in favor of a buffer for the Denali wolves.

Thank you,

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Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:30:54 PM

To the Alaska Department of Fish & Game - Board of Game,

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

For 25 years our family has lived in Alaska and we visit Denali National Park yearly, usually several times a year. We visit the park year round, hiking, cycling, skiing, and riding the shuttle buses in order to view and photograph the sublime landscapes, and in particular, the wildlife. Wolf viewing is a very special experience. One morning we were having breakfast on a backpacking trip near Polychrome Glacier when the Toklat Pack walked through our campsite. They then walked casually up a nearby ridge and treated us to a group howling session in the morning sunlight. When family or friends are visiting, we always bring them to the Park for a once in a lifetime adventure.

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game's cruel experiment with the Denali wolf population has resulted in a two thirds loss of Denali wolves stemming from their decision to remove the trapping buffer in 2010. The data is clear per the National Park Service 2014 count of only 50 wolves in the 6 million acre park compared to 147 wolves in their prior count. The precipitous decrease in wolf sightings for Denali National Park visitors from 44% to 4 % from the years 2010 to 2013 confirms these data. So now we know. Removal of the buffer by the Alaska Fish & Game Department was a bad idea and a handful of trappers have been given priority over an estimated 400,000 yearly Denali National Park visitors including a large number of Alaskans. Times have changed. Animal populations are not able to defend themselves from the so-called "traditional" practices of a handful of individuals who cannot accept the fact, or care that the Denali ecosystem is now under significant stress from human exploitive practices. Trapping in this fragile ecosystem is not a sustainable practice given these real world data, and iconic species such as wolves may soon be only a memory. The incredible cruelty of intentionally subjecting an animal to this slow painful death is another issue. These people are a significant minority, and public servants on the Board of Fish & Game are legally constrained to represent the majority position in a democracy. Alaska's constitution requires these representatives to manage fish and wildlife "for the maximum benefit of the people", and those of us who regularly visit and financially support the park prefer wildlife viewing rather than seeing dead wolf skins on a wall.

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To the Alaska Department of Fish & Game - Board of Game,

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

I am alarmed by the precipitous decline in wolf sightings reported by the National Park Service data and the loss of an amenity I appreciate as a visitor to Denali. My family has visited and in one family member's case, lived in Alaska for over 25 years. As a large family of 7 siblings, there have been many visits to Alaska- always with our resident brother as our official tour guide. Denali is the highlight and pinnacle of each visit providing wildlife sightings and stories of a thrilling experience of a lifetime for us lower 48 city dwellers. Members of our family annually visit Denali National Park for hiking, cycling, skiing, and riding the shuttle buses in order to view and photograph the sublime landscapes, and in particular, the wildlife. Wolf viewing is a very special experience. I recall my fascination and interest in the Denali shuttle guides' informed and detailed account of the history of the Denali wolf population, their habits, territory, breeding and denning. I was so proud of our country for creating this unique and expansive National Park and for the protection of its precious wildlife.

I am therefore shocked by the unforeseen and unexpected consequence and continued threat to the Denali wolf population due to the removal of a trapping buffer by the Alaska Fish & Game Department. Since the buffer removal in 2010, the Denali wolf population has suffered a two thirds loss of Denali wolves. The data is clear per the National Park Service 2014 count of only 50 wolves in the 6 million acre park compared to 147 wolves in their prior count. The precipitous decrease in wolf sightings for Denali National Park visitors from 44% to 4 % from the years 2010 to 2013 confirms these data. Removal of the buffer by the Alaska Fish & Game Department was a bad idea and a handful of trappers have been given priority over an estimated 400,000 yearly Denali National Park visitors including a large number of Alaskans.

Trapping in this fragile ecosystem is not a sustainable practice given these real world data, and iconic species such as wolves may soon be threatened to the point of extinction. The people affected by a reinstatement of the buffer zone requested in the emergency petition are a significant minority, and public servants on the Board of Fish & Game are legally constrained to represent the majority position in a democracy. Alaska's constitution requires these representatives to manage fish and wildlife "for the maximum benefit of the people", and those of us who regularly visit and financially support the park prefer wildlife viewing rather than seeing dead wolf skins on a wall.

I respectfully and urgently request the reinstatement of the Eastern Denali buffer zone, closing this land to the taking of wolves under Joint Board Petition Policy, (5 AAC 96.625(f)).

Elena Cresap
U.S. Citizen and National Park and Wildlife supporter
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Sent from my iPad

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Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): SUPPORT
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 12:02:37 AM

The following petition has been sent to the BOG for consideration at its upcoming meeting. I am including it here to place it in the public comment record.

I am in support of this petition, for the reasons outlined in the petition itself.

Josh Klauder
Talkeetna Alaska

Petition Requesting Alaska Board of Game to Adopt Emergency Regulation Closing State Lands to Taking of Wolves – a “Denali Buffer”- Along the Eastern Boundary of Denali National Park
(GMU 20)
February 23, 2015
Petitioners: Alaska Wildlife Alliance (AWA)
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1. Legal context

This petition, filed pursuant to AS 44.62.220 and Joint Board Petition Policy (5 AAC 96.625(f)), requests the Alaska Board of Game to establish an Emergency Regulation closing state lands identified below in Game Management Unit (GMU) 20 along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park to the taking of wolves.

Under the Joint Board Petition Policy, (5 AAC 96.625(f)), an emergency is defined inter alia as “an unforeseen, unexpected event that...threatens a fish or game resource.” Thus, the legal threshold for emergency action proposed herein is that there exists a threat to a “game resource,” and that this threat was “unexpected” and “unforeseen” by the Board. As discussed below, both threshold conditions are clearly met in this case.

This petition does not assert that there exists a threat to the wolf populations across GMU 20, or even sub-units GMU 20C or GMU 20A, nor does it propose protecting such. The petition proposes simply that a small subset of the GMU 20 wolf population – the twenty to thirty individual animals that comprise what had been the most viewed 3 or 4 wolf packs in eastern Denali National Park – is at risk from take on adjacent state lands, and asks the State to grant

protection to this small, unique subset of the GMU 20 wolf population due to its significant and disproportionate economic value to Alaska.

It is important to note that nowhere does Joint Board Policy 5 AAC 96.625(f) state that, to be eligible for emergency action, a threat to a game resource must be found to exist across an entire GMU, entire GMU sub-unit, or entire wildlife population. Nor does the statute/policy identify a threshold level of decline or threat that must be found to exist. In fact, the language is silent as to the geographic, ecological, or economic scale across which a threat must extend, and the severity of decline or threat that must be found, in order to be eligible for emergency regulation by the Board. While traditionally the Board and Department have interpreted the emergency regulation statute/policy to apply only across broad geographic areas (e.g., across entire GMUs), or threats/declines to entire populations, the statute/policy itself clearly does not impose such limitations.

Thus, it is permissible and entirely appropriate to apply the statute/policy to a small sub-area and unique sub-population of a wildlife resource, such as the few wolf packs important for wildlife tourism in eastern Denali National Park. We note that Denali National Park contributes over \$500 million each year to the state economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, including wolves.

The petitioners respectfully request that the Board place this Emergency Petition on its March 2015 meeting agenda, solicit and consider public comment, and act affirmatively on the petition.

2. Unforeseen and unexpected threat to game resource requiring emergency action

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board.

The wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 – a drop of almost 2/3 in just six years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Given the low count in fall 2014, it is expected that the wolf count for the park in spring 2015 survey will be even lower, likely again the lowest in the historical record. As well, it is expected that visitor viewing success of Denali wolves will remain extremely low in coming years, unless and until there is protection from trapping/hunting on state lands along the park boundary.

Just since the Board of Game removed the no-take Denali buffer in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44% in 2010, to 21% in 2011, 12% in 2012, to just 4% in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). As far as we are aware, this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

We recognize that natural factors may be involved in the wolf population and viewing decline, but it is clear that trapping/hunting take of important breeding individuals on state lands north

and east of the park is also a contributing factor. And while wildlife managers can't do much about natural causes, they can and should help to restore this game resource by minimizing additional losses from trapping/hunting.

As example of the potential effect of wolf take along the park boundary, the April 2012 snaring of the last breeding female wolf from the Grant Creek pack – formerly the most often viewed wolf pack in Denali National Park – on state lands just outside the park boundary (within the former buffer that was eliminated by the Board in 2010), resulted in the pack not having pups that year, not denning, and ultimately the pack's dispersal. Visitor viewing success for wolves in the park that summer dropped 9%, from 21% the previous year to just 12%.

The snaring of this one female wolf on state lands resulted in tens of thousands of national park visitors, Alaskans and non-Alaskans, being deprived of the opportunity to view wolves in Denali that year, leading to a significant loss in the tourism amenity of the park. Further, this trapping take and impact on Denali National Park resources received national media attention, resulting in significant damage to the State of Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to Alaska's reputation as a wildlife tourism destination.

Subsequent studies by Denali National Park wildlife biologists confirmed previously published studies – that the loss of significant breeding individuals from a wolf family group can, and often does, cause the family group to disband.

In addition, most of the members of the former Nenana River pack were taken outside the park in 2013, and the pack is no longer listed in the Denali wolf pack database.

It is inarguable that the take of wolves on state lands adjacent to Denali National Park and Preserve has caused significant, deleterious impacts to park wolves - an Alaska game resource - and this impact was unforeseen and unexpected by the Board of Game in 2010 when it eliminated the buffer and imposed the 6-year moratorium on future proposals, and in 2012 when it declined the two previous emergency petitions.

Importantly, additional take of park wolves on state lands along the park boundary in spring 2015 could cause similar, or even more significant, deleterious impacts to this valuable wildlife and economic resource. There is clearly need for emergency action by the Board of Game.

3. Necessity of Petition for Emergency Regulation

The emergency petition process is necessary in this case for a number of reasons.

First, at its 2010 meeting, the Board imposed a 6-year moratorium on further consideration of any Denali buffer proposals through its normal proposal process. Some of our petitioners formally requested in 2012 that the Board eliminate this moratorium, but the request was unanimously denied by the Board at its January 2013 meeting.

In May and June 2012, some of the current petitioners asked the ADF&G Commissioner on two separate occasions to issue an Emergency Order (under AS 16.050.060) closing state lands east of the park to take of wolves. The Commissioner denied both requests, stating at the time that the only option to enact such a closure would be to petition the Board of Game directly.

Accordingly, we then petitioned the Board of Game twice, in September and October 2012, both of which were denied without comment. Subsequently, many of the concerns raised in the 2012 Emergency Petitions regarding the impact of trapping/hunting of park wolves on state lands along the boundary have, unfortunately, been realized.

On December 1, 2014, some of the current petitioners asked the newly appointed ADF&G Commissioner to issue an Emergency Order to close this area, and the request was denied on Dec. 11, 2014. In his denial, the Interim Commissioner deferred again to the Board of Game.

Thus, an emergency petition is necessary in this instance as the significance and negative consequences to Alaska wildlife resources caused by the take of individual animals in the former closed areas were clearly unforeseen and unexpected by the Board when it eliminated the closure in 2010, imposed the moratorium, and denied the 2012 petitions.

If the threat to Denali wolf family group integrity and visitor viewing is not immediately remedied by Board action requested herein, there likely will be additional take of significant individuals this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource, to the detriment of the park and the Alaska tourism economy.

4. Emergency Regulation Requested

This petition respectfully requests that the Board of Game immediately adopt the following Emergency Regulation:

Take of wolves is prohibited on state lands (GMU 20), in the area bounded on the west by the east boundary of Denali National Park; extending east to one mile east of, and parallel to, the Anchorage-Fairbanks Intertie Electrical Power Line; on the south by Carlo Creek; and on the north by a line from the southeast corner of Township 11S, Range 9W (Latitude 63 degrees, 55 minutes North), due east to the George Parks Highway, then south along the Parks Highway to a line running due east from the Highway through the town of Healy, to one mile east of the Intertie Line; inclusive of all State lands west of the George Parks Highway commonly referred to as the "Wolf Townships," and/or "Stampede Trail" (see attached 2012 Emergency Wolf Buffer Petition map).

The proposed boundaries for the closed area coincide approximately with the Denali National Park wolf population area, delineated by telemetry locations (see attached DNP Spring 2014 Wolf Population Estimate map). It is clear from park telemetry data that the home range of several park packs extends into the limited area of state land adjacent to the park boundary that is proposed for closure. [Note: this 2014 DNP wolf home range map was based on the historically low wolf population of 2013/2014].

The proposed closed area is larger than the former closed area that was eliminated in 2010, but smaller than the 2010 proposal from the Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee to expand it. The proposed area would provide significant, but not complete, protection to park wolves, and would provide a reasonable chance for the restoration of the wolf viewing opportunities within Denali National Park – a valuable Alaska game resource.

5. Beneficiaries of the Requested Regulation

Park visitors who want to see wolves in the wild (400,000+ annual visitors).

Tour operators and the Alaska tourism industry.

Trappers statewide, as the public is less likely to develop anti-trapping opinions from seeing

injured wolves and learning of wolf take adjacent to park boundaries.

State of Alaska's reputation for wildlife management.

Public safety for people and pets using the Stampede Trail area.

People who value the concept of conservation areas for wildlife.

6. Those Disadvantaged by the Requested Regulation

A few sport trappers and hunters who have operated in the area in recent years would need to relocate their trap lines and hunts out of the closed area, away from the park boundary, but would retain access to all other areas nearby open to trapping.

7. Benefit/Cost of Requested Emergency Regulation

The significant advantages deriving from this proposed rule to Alaska citizens, Alaska's tourism economy, the State of Alaska, and others greatly outweigh the inconvenience of the few hunters and trappers having to relocate their operations.

8. Conclusion

Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution – Natural Resources – stipulates that natural resources will be managed as a “public trust,” providing “for maximum use consistent with the public interest,” and for the “utilization, development, and conservation...for the maximum benefit of (the) people.” Clearly, this constitutional provision provides for non-consumptive uses of wildlife such as wildlife viewing, along with consumptive uses such as hunting and trapping. Regarding this issue, there is significant value to thousands of Alaskans provided by the viewing of Denali National Park wolves. The value and public interest to thousands of Alaskans provided by seeing Denali wolves, as well as the value to the many Alaskan businesses reliant on this wildlife viewing tourism, should greatly outweigh the value and public interest of just a few individuals being allowed to continue trapping and hunting Denali wolves along the park boundary. It would be irrational, and we suggest unconstitutional, to continue placing the interests of a few Alaskans over the interests of thousands of Alaskans.

Emergency regulation by the Board is clearly appropriate in this case, as there is a clear threat to an important Alaska game resource that was unforeseen and unexpected. This emergency petition presents significant new information showing the severity of impact of the take of park wolves on state lands: two park packs (Grant Creek and Nenana River) were severely affected by take in 2012 and 2013 on state lands along the boundary; visitor viewing success of park wolves dropped from an estimated 45% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013; the drop in viewing success of Denali wolves has, and will continue to, cost the local and state economy; the fall 2014 park wolf count did not increase above the historic low spring count; and the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interest, not narrow interests.

Thus, petitioners respectfully ask the Board to deliberate this issue thoughtfully, place the petition on the March 2015 Board meeting agenda, solicit public comment, and approve the requested emergency regulation.

From: [Debra Beaver](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:04:02 PM

Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

I live in North Carolina, but we come to Alaska to see wolves and other wildlife (mostly wolves). The last 2 trips we were not able to see a single wolf. I talked to many others that were also disappointed that they were not able to see wolves in Denali. After a little research, I now understand why.

With Denali National Park wolf population down to 1/3 of the former population, action needs to be taken right away to protect the park wolves. Please reinstate the buffer zone so that park wolves are not trapped when they step just outside the park boundary.

Without the chance to see wolves, it's not worth it for my family to spend the money to travel to Alaska. We love the state and want to return to see a healthy wolf population.

Please vote to establish this buffer zone as quickly as possible before more park wolves are killed.

Thank you so much for your time,
Debra Beaver

From: [Jane Baldwin](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:52:35 PM

Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

To: Board Of Game,

I strongly urge you to reinstate the Buffer Zone for wolf harvest along the perimeter of Denali National Park.

Denali is a big tourist draw, with animal viewing as a brilliant highlight of most visitors' experience. The sharp decline in wolf numbers since 2010 is directly related to elimination of the Denali Buffer Zone. If wolves are not often seen it will be one less intriguing draw for people to travel to Alaska and Denali. Further, if they hear about the wanton trapping and shooting of wildlife in general and wolves in particular they might be less inclined to give their money to this state at all.

The DFG is supposed to be managing wildlife for all Alaskans, and that includes those of us who would vote to have the population not hunted at all, to let nature truly take it 's course without the impact of man. I am one such, so consider this my voice and my vote, no less a vote than those of trappers and hunters.

Further, if Department of Fish and Game is supposed to manage sustainable resources of Alaska, they might want to look at what an unnaturally low wolf population will do to the rest of the ecosystem in Denali. If management neglects one segment under its care in deference to another, preferred segment, the entire system breaks down. This is true in all management situations.

Please reinstate the buffer zone around Denali State Park,

Urgently Yours,

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From: [Larry Casey](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:35:39 PM

I fully support increased protection and a buffer zone for wolves near Denali.

I would like to keep Alaska as truly wild as possible and not a game farm for trophy hunters. I hunt by the way.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Casey Family
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From: [ssa1269](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:01:01 PM

Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

Dear Board of Game Members

As visitors to Alaska, the item we most looked forward to was the wildlife. The wolves were amazing. Please note that we support the Denali Buffer.

The reasons we cite are:

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. And Mrs. Steven Aubry
Wisconsin Residents/Alaska Visitors

From: [Sarah Horn](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: KILLING
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:55:20 PM

Please come up with an alternate plan besides KILLING WILD ANIMALS. When I visited Alaska THATS what I wanted to see and on our bus tour of Denali we saw ground squirrels, caribou and one golden brown bear off on the distance.

Consider letting Mother Nature take control.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joanie Martinez](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: No-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:18:40 PM

Department of Fish & Game, Board of Game:

I support the No-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park.

My family and I have been visiting Denali National Park at least twice every year during our 25-year history as Alaskans. The wild spaces of the Park along with its spectacular wildlife are an Alaskan and a National heritage that is enjoyed and loved by countless people from all over the world! The wolves in particular are a favorite sight in the Park, and in the past we have been treated to many wonderful wolf-viewing experiences during our hikes there. Unfortunately in the last few years, since the buffer zone was removed, we have noticed a severe decrease in the number of wolf sightings; specifically only 4% of visitor sightings currently compared to 44% prior to 2010! Not only is this tragic and sad, it's maddening as well when we realize it's because the Alaska Department of Fish & Game catered to the wishes of a few trappers who wanted to access the wolves that found protection within and close to the Park. How can it be that the wolf population is decimated because of the wishes of a few people who want their pelts, when 400,000 visitors annually visit Denali for a glimpse of wolves **living** in the wild! How is it that the Department of Fish & Game has the power to make such a decision favoring the FEW over the MANY! Where is their representation of the majority of the population!?

But this is not just about wolves. Modern ecological scientific data has demonstrated in numerous studies that the health of an ecosystem is largely determined by the health of the apex predator within that system. So decimating the wolf population in Denali National Park will have extensive long range adverse effects on all the animal populations in the Park.

I SUPPORT THE NO-TAKE WOLF "BUFFER" ADJACENT TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK.

Joanie Martinez
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From: [Susan and Pete Vogt](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: The BOG needs to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:39:07 AM

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). This is not a coincidence.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. I take my family there when they visit and they and myself want to see wolves. Alive!

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. My husband and I are Alaska citizens and our voice should count too, yet too many times the BOG ignores people like us. This is wrong and it is an outrage.

I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Susan and Pete Vogt
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From: [merijeanne](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:13:14 PM

I am a resident of Alaska, and support a buffer zone around National Parks. Wolves, and other predators ensure healthy prey populations. As an Alaskan fisher/hunter, I support buffer zones. Please contact me if you would like further information. Merijeanne Moore Hollingsworth

Sent from my GCI smartphone.

Submitted By

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Submitted On

2/26/2015 4:51:24 AM

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I cannot believe our country is not taking the wolf population seriously. These beautiful creatures were here long before any of us and deserve their place in this world. We have NO RIGHT to kill off any species. We need to encourage people to understand the balance of nature. This is a time for reaching out to communities and sharing just how important every species is to our eco system. We are fighting for them, because they, "have no voice!"

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To Whom This May Concern, According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does. Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system. Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination. Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. Thankyou for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response. Alice Phass

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Submitted On

2/26/2015 8:13:55 PM

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You know the stats. I will not repeat what you've read, hopefully, thousands of times. Do what is right; protect the rights and the lives of the Denali wolves. Their wellbeing is our, your, responsibility. What is done to them, is done to you, to us. Care for them. Thank you!!

Submitted By

Amy Butterworth, MD

Submitted On

2/25/2015 1:24:36 PM

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Stop killing wolves please

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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2/26/2015 10:14:16 AM
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Dear Alaska Department of Fish & Game

I am writing you with great concerns of the population of the Gray Wolf as only 50 wolves in and around Denali National Park..since there is no safe buffer zone that would not allow hunting and traping of wolves..the population is declining very fast and is not a sustainable healthy wolf population. I have a very good friend that spent two weeks in the park in 2013 hoping to see her 1st wolf in the wild...during her time there she did not see one wolf and was very sad and disappointed..2013 is one of the declining years for seeing wolves in the park and wolf watchers...wolf watching brings in millions of dollars to the economy. Wolves are worth more alive than dead. I am asking you to please give the protection these wolves need from hunting and trapping..Please give them a protective Buffer Zone around Denali National Park to keep them safe and enjoyed by millions of peoples that come to the park to see wolves..There are some hunters and trappers that target park wolves..a Buffer Zone would stop that.

Please I ask you to add a Buffer Zone around Denali National Park where no hunting and trapping can happen in that zone...the wolves need that protection

Thank you for your time reading my important concerns

Anita Chittenden

Submitted By

Annie Nelson

Submitted On

2/27/2015 7:45:42 PM

Affiliation

Hello.

I am to let you know that I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. The wolf population in a park with millions of acres has declined to just 50 wolves at last count, which is significantly lower than it was in 2007. Science has shown that wolves are a benefit to the ecosystem. They keep herds of their prey on the move so that one area of land is not overgrazed. In turn, there are stronger root systems in place which helps prevent erosion, etc. Wolves are essential. People come to the park to view wildlife, especially wolves, and a very small percentage of visitors has actually seen wolves in recent years, down to 4% in 2014. As a person who enjoys wildlife, I am planning a trip up to northern Minnesota to see wolves this spring and if I were to take a trip to Alaska to view wildlife, I would much like to see them there as well.

The current population in this area is the lowest on record. Please do not ignore this and let it slip through the cracks. No species should be overlooked and especially not a species that is still considered endangered federally. The population may already be too low to have retained the necessary genetic diversity needed to be able to survive a bad disease if one were to hit. Everything possible should be done to remedy this.

Thank you, and please take a stand for the wolves.

Annie Nelson

Submitted By

Arnold Johnson

Submitted On

2/26/2015 5:55:46 PM

Affiliation

Please allow the wolves a chance to thrive as a species,they are beneficial to the environment as a whole and deserve to be left alive and unhindered in the wilds.

Fax

To:

Alaska Board of Game Comments

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From:

Connie Brandel, Alaska Wildlife Alliance

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February 27, 2015

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Alaska Wildlife Alliance comment letter submitted for the Board of Game March meeting

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THE ALASKA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

"LETTING NATURE RUN WILD"

February 27, 2015

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Via fax: (907) 465-6094

RE: SUPPORT: Petition for Emergency Regulation (Denali Buffer)

To Members of the Alaska Board of Game:

The Alaska Wildlife Alliance (AWA) herewith submits its written comments on the Petition for Emergency Regulation (Denali Wolf Buffer).

Our Mission Statement

The Alaska Wildlife Alliance is a non-profit organization committed to the conservation and protection of Alaska's wildlife. We promote the integrity, beauty, and stability of Alaska's ecosystems, support true subsistence hunting, and recognize the intrinsic value of wildlife. The AWA works to achieve and maintain balanced ecosystems in Alaska managed with the use of sound science to preserve wildlife for present and future generations.

This Petition for Emergency Regulation (Petition) asks the Board of Game to re-establish a no hunting/trapping wolf "buffer zone" (Buffer) in GMU 20 adjacent to the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. (Please see the Petition attachment *2012 Emergency Wolf Buffer* for the proposed Buffer boundaries.)

The Alaska Wildlife Alliance submitted this Petition with the enthusiastic support of numerous organizations and individuals as co-petitioners. For the following reasons we urge you to approve the requested Emergency Regulation.

1. There is a real and immediate threat to the Denali National Park (park) wolves. This threat meets the criteria of an emergency, as clearly detailed in the Petition and summarized below.

Briefly, during the past several years there has been a precipitous decline in the park's wolf population. In its Fall 2007 survey, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the park. Just seven years later in 2014, the NPS survey counted just 50 wolves – the lowest number in the park's historical record. It is expected that the Spring 2015 count will reveal the park's wolf population is now at a similar or even smaller number.

As the wolf population declined, very predictably wolf viewing success by park visitors declined dramatically as well. According to the National Park Service, in 2010 44 percent of park visitors saw wolves. By 2012 (just two years after the previous wolf Buffer was eliminated) that percentage was down to 12 percent. In 2013 the number was down to a paltry 4 percent – in other words, almost no one was able to see a wolf.

Nearly 500,000 people – Alaskans, and visitors from the Lower 48 and around the world – visit the park annually, and they help contribute nearly \$500 million to the Alaskan economy. They come hoping to see the park's diverse and abundant wildlife, especially wolves, its signature species since Adolph Murie's studies made them famous more than 70 years ago.

Unfortunately, in 2013, 96 percent of those visitors went home without seeing a wolf in the park. Given the low wolf population, the percentages for 2014, and eventually 2015, are very likely to remain in the dismal single digits.

If trapping/hunting activities are allowed to continue unchecked adjacent to the park boundary this Spring and beyond, it will only exacerbate the loss of wolves. The once-famous viewing opportunities will be further diminished, and a valuable wildlife resource will be further depleted.

2. According to Joint Board Petition Policy, the Board of Game may take emergency action when an unforeseen and unexpected event threatens a fish or game resource. This is discussed briefly below, and in greater depth on Pages 2 and 3 of the Petition.

The recent precipitous drop in both population and viewing success was an "unforeseen and unexpected" consequence when the Board discarded the previous wolf Buffer in 2010. Further, AWA asserts that the park's current record-low wolf population and the attendant low viewing success by visitors clearly meets the criteria for emergency action by the Board – in this case, closure of a very small portion of the adjacent GMU.

As detailed in the Petition on Page 3, hunting/trapping in the proposed Buffer area is a well -documented threat to the park wolves. For example, in 2013 most of wolves in the former Nenana River pack were killed outside of the park, and that pack is no longer listed in the park's wolf count database.

The demise of the park's Grant Creek pack is a prime example of the ripple effect that nearby trapping has on the park wolves. In April 2012 the last breeding female of that pack was snared on land within the proposed Buffer. Subsequently, the pack neither denned nor produced pups that year, and ultimately the remaining wolves dispersed.

The loss of just this one wolf pack had a significant and immediate impact. Its territory was near the park road, and for years the Grant Creek wolves were the most-often viewed wolves in the park. Not coincidentally, visitor viewing success declined by nearly half in 2012, from 21 percent to 12 percent.

More recently, studies by Denali park biologists have confirmed previously published research – that the loss of significant breeding individuals from a wolf family group causes the pack to disband. When more “experienced” wolves disappear from packs, their knowledge, such as the location of the best hunting and denning areas, is also lost. The remaining wolves are less likely to thrive, or even survive.

Fewer and fewer wolves impact not only the experience of visitors to the park, but will eventually have a deleterious effect on the park's ecosystems. Such effects are infinitely easier to prevent than to correct.

While natural causes – to an unknown degree – may be responsible for some of the park wolf population decline, that does not negate the responsibility of wildlife managers to mitigate the compounding pressure placed on the population by hunting and trapping.

These losses represent an immediate and critical threat to a unique and invaluable wildlife resource.

3. The Petition does not assert that the wolf population in the entire GMU 20 is threatened, and it does not seek protection for all of the wolves in the GMU. The proposed buffer would encompass a very small subset of the GMU adjoining the eastern boundary of the park. The Petition seeks protection for a small number - perhaps 20 or 30 wolves - from the park which seasonally use that area. Although a relatively small number, these wolves comprise the packs that are traditionally the most easily viewed by park visitors.

The proposed Buffer boundaries were drawn to coincide approximately with the Denali wolf population area, as delineated by wolf collar telemetry data. Please see the *Spring 2014 Wolf Population Estimate map* attached to the Petition. The proposed Buffer boundaries were drawn conservatively, and would likely protect most - but not all - of the park wolves.

It is very important to note that Joint Board Policy does not state that a threat has to affect an entire game species population across an entire GMU or a GMU sub-unit. Hence, policy clearly allows that this small portion of GMU 20 could be set aside as a no-take wolf buffer.

4. According to Joint Board Policy, a Petition for Emergency Closure such as this is proper for the Board to consider and approve. There is also an identical precedent for a wolf Buffer at Denali.

A similarly sized no-take wolf area existed adjacent to the park between 2002 and 2010. It is noteworthy that the Board's vote to eliminate that Buffer was 4-3, and the Board member who cast the deciding vote served only briefly while his confirmation (ultimately defeated) was pending in the Legislature.

For the reasons detailed the Petition and summarized above, we respectfully ask that the Board vote to approve the Petition for Emergency Regulation (Denali Wolf Buffer).

Yours truly,



Edward Schmitt
President
Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Submitted By

Barbara L Bennett

Submitted On

2/27/2015 4:38:47 PM

Affiliation

PLEASE establish a buffer zone around Denali National Park, in which wolves cannot be shot or trapped. We citizens will no longer be able to view the wonderful wildlife in Denali if you don't protect them, and the wolves need a buffer zone so the packs are not decimated like they were a few years ago due to the lack of a buffer. Thank you for considering our comments in your decisions, and I hope we will be able to visit Denali again to see the wildlife soon. And that our children will still be able to do the same.

Submitted By
Belinda McGill
Submitted On
2/27/2015 11:34:44 AM
Affiliation

Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

BELINDA MCGILL

Submitted By

Ben Giaquinto

Submitted On

2/26/2015 9:05:36 AM

Affiliation

Dear Board of Game,

I am writing in support of the re-establishment of a buffer zone around Denali National Park. Looking at the numbers that prompted me to write this, it is quite clear that hunting and trapping around the park has caused a significant decline in the park's wolf population. I'm sure you are all well aware of the income brought into Alaska by non-consumptive outdoor recreation, as I'm sure you are aware of the other benefits brought by a viable and adequate wolf population. These are public lands held in National trust and should be preserved for future generations.

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2/25/2015 2:22:11 PM
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Dear Board of Game,

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Sincerely,

Beth C. Katte

Submitted By

Brenda DeBerry

Submitted On

2/25/2015 1:12:19 PM

Affiliation

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Stop the killing of the Wolfs !!!

Denali Wolves

I am writing you today to speak on behalf of Denali Wolves. Wolves are losing their lives and are VITAL for the ecosystem, as every animal has their importance in balancing Mother Nature. If we continue to kill off these animals- we will continue to kill ourselves. We cannot wait until the point where it's too late to reverse the damage that we have done. Revenue has decreased due to the loss of wolves- wolves equal money - you are risking a subsequent amount of money and also your figure if you disrespect wildlife.

If you want people to continue to visit then I would HIGHLY suggest keeping the wolves safe/conserved along with all life. Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Brittany Straw. Reno, Nevada.

Submitted By

Caroline De Vere

Submitted On

2/25/2015 10:32:48 PM

Affiliation

I urge you to continue to protect and value the Wolves. They over time work with nature to manage and preserve. Many of the public are interested in their protection. We are far from the middle ages when hunting was seen as a sport and when people needed to hunt for food, its not a 3rd world country either which would explain hunting for food. The wild animals are part of the great resources on our planet , resources that maintain balance, somethingthat is beyond any wealth. Please protect these animals for our children and our childrens children. Leave them with a legacy they will be proud of.

Submitted By

Carrie Stokesberry

Submitted On

2/26/2015 5:50:43 AM

Affiliation

Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination
- My family is planning a trip to Alaska in the near future. One of the main highlights of our trip will be to see the wildlife at Denali National Park. If the preservation of threatened wildlife, especially the wolves, is not made a priority, I really don't see any reason for our visit.

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When are governmental agency going to take a stand against the killing our endangered wildlife. Ignorance perpetuates the stereotype of the big bad wolf and so wolves continue to be persicuted and masacred. Government agency, designed to protect and preserve our wildlif, should stand up to such ignorance and not be diswayed from doing what is best for the wildlife and our eco system.

Submitted By

Cécile v. Zedtwitz

Submitted On

2/27/2015 10:40:13 PM

Affiliation

Dear Sirs,

Though I am from Germany I hope my submission will be regarded in the interest of the wolves.

With kind regards,

Yours

Cécile von Zedtwitz

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2/25/2015 4:10:32 PM
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Wolves strengthen caribou elk and deer populations because wolves target mostly weak members of a pack, they reduce the number of inferior and injured elk and deer, allowing only the strongest gene pools to repopulate. Contrary to what many hunters want you to think, the caribou elk and deer populations have actually increased in areas where wolves have been re-introduced after regional extinction. They also increase vegetation growth and help migrate elk and deer populations across territories, allowing for vegetation growth in areas in which those animals otherwise overgraze!

DO NOT KILL THE WOLVES

Submitted By
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I visited Denali National Park in 2012 and enjoyed my visit there. I saw many of your iconic animals. The animal I most wanted to see was the wolf, but I didn't see one of those.

Since then I have learned why I didn't see a wolf: two thirds of the park wolves have been killed since 2010. This is because the park buffer has been removed and the wolves have been trapped and hunted up to the park boundaries.

Alaska has hugely liberal hunting and trapping opportunities for wolves. Please put a buffer in place so that visitors might see wolves again. I would love to visit again, but I want to see a wolf. Please make it possible.

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): Support

I am fully in support of re-establishing a Buffer along the eastern boundary of Denali Park.

Based on numbers supplied by the National Park Service, the wolf population in this area has fallen precipitously, ever since the previous Buffer Zone was eliminated. With about 400,000 annual visitors to Denali, many of whom would love to see a wolf in its natural setting in magnificent Denali. These visitors represent significant eco-tourism dollars that they spend in the area. The dwindling wolf population (declined by 2/3 in the last 7 years and no recovery in sight) does not allow many visitors to even get a glimpse of a wolf. This could easily mean that they spend their vacation money elsewhere.

I thought that Alaska would manage its wildlife resource for the maximum benefit of the people, not just a few small special interest groups. Wolves balance an eco-system and make a wondrous land like Alaska complete.

Again, I am strongly in support of the Emergency Petition submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Please help the wolves.

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Wolve advocate

LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE! HUNT THE DECISION MAKERS AND THE HUNTERS! EXPOSE THE LIES! EXPOSE THE TRUTH!

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Wolves are better than people. They are loving to each other and don't kill each other out of greed, for fun, or just because they can. The pack mourns the death of even the lowest member. They share the responsibility of raising their young. They mate for life. They only kill what they eat.

Submitted By
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2/26/2015 5:50:44 PM
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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

I am writing to support a buffer zone around the Denali National Park in order to ensure that in essence a DMZ area is established in which wildlife can safely cross over the national park border without running into a wall of traps and hunters.

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
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- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Thank you,

Christopher Polito

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Please do not let this senseless slaughter of Wolves continue ! Please update the regulations to eliminate this oversight. Wild animals do not follow man made boundries, and should not be shot just because they step over an invisible line drawn through their range.

Thank you,

Cleo K. Cook

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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support.

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- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Submitted By

Cynthia Bittick

Submitted On

2/27/2015 8:25:57 AM

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We must have a protective buffer zone for wolves around Denali. Their numbers are in great decline and they need protection. It is a fact that people love wolves. People love to see wolves in the wild and are willing to pay for the experience. Due to the drop in wolf population numbers the number of tourists and visitation has also dropped. Please re-establish the Buffer Zone around Denali for Wolves. I believe this is in agreement with the Board's mission. Thank you.

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Stop the constant persecution of wolves! They are part of Our American Heritage and must be protected!

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To: Alaska Department of Fish and Game - Board of Game

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

I am writing to express my unquestionable support for an emergency petition by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance to establish a no hunting/trapping buffer zone (Denali Buffer) to protect an alarmingly reduced wolf population in Denali National Park. I am not from the state of Alaska, but have visited the state - and Denali National Park - a few times already and now that I have retired from the U.S. Foreign Service and re-located on the West Coast I look forward to visiting Alaska and Denali more often.

I recall with great pleasure my first visit to Denali in 2007. My brother who is a long-time Alaskan resident organized a camping/hiking/photographic visit to Denali for my family and I. We were amazed by the diversity of wildlife and thrilled to see wolves on a couple of occasions. Back then, I remember hearing of a buffer zone that had been created to protect Denali wolves when ranging across northeast park boundaries from being shot or trapped (an area close to the park entrance where most park visitors might have a chance to view wolves in their natural habitat). Now, I am alarmed to learn that since the buffer zone was removed in 2010, the wolf population has fallen to a drastically low level - just 50 individuals in 2014 - very worrisome for future sustainability and resulting in an unhealthy wildlife balance — not to mention my ability to see one during my next visit to Denali.

Upon learning of this petition to re-establish a buffer zone along the northeast corner of the park, I took time to read over some other articles on the internet related to this issue. One in particular caught my eye was one that reported of a breeding female (Alpha) of one pack that was trapped just outside the park and the result was that the rest of the pack disbanded. This undoubtedly leads to a significant negative impact on the future wolf population — they have a hard enough time of surviving the elements.

I respectfully urge immediate action by the Alaska Board of Game to re-establish the Denali Buffer Zone and do everything in its power to work with state biologists and other state officials to protect this invaluable resource to ensure that this iconic symbol remains for us to appreciate and for future generations. I plan to continue to stay informed on this issue and involve others.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in this Petition.

Sincerely,

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Trapping is wrong!

Submitted By

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2/26/2015 9:28:07 AM

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Why do humans need to kill everything free and wild ? Need to stop the slaughter of all animals ! The wolves are like anything on this planet !! They should be able to live there lives ! Not HUNTED and destroyed ! There everybodys to enjoy ! Not a few that want them eliminated . So wake up and be human and stop being UNHUMAN !!

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Accident to information Ive come across, wolf populations are very low. It only makes sense to provide some sort of relief and aid their recovery. Alaska is known worldwide for its natural beauty, please help preserve that

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I have plans to visit Alaska in the next 12 months. The primary driver for a visit is the wilderness - including the wildlife and primarily the apex predators like wolves.

It is beginning to seem like a visit to Yellowstone would be a better place to see wildlife due to the ongoing persecution by Alaska BOG

- 66% decrease in the wolf population of the 6 million acre Denali NP and Preserve in the past 7 years?
- without a hunting/trapping buffer like the one in 2010 it sounds like wildlife viewing success is pathetic in the area.
- Why would I spend money in Alaska to come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves when those monies may in fact be used to destroy their populations?
- Without this a closure or buffer, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Do what is ethical and right Alaska BOG!
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Please help preserve this beautiful animal before it is once more struggling against irradiation. There are many means to solve the current issues, death of a spiritual American treasure should not be an option to even consider. Preserve the future of our beautiful diversity please, the power lies with you. Respectfully, Dawn Hamilton

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Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

Submitted By

Deborah Van Damme

Submitted On

2/25/2015 6:50:44 PM

Affiliation

Wolves are highly intelligent, sentient and compassionate creatures. The problem is not with wolves but rather the exploding human population and encroachment into their territory. We need to prevent ranchers, hunters and developers from destroying the planet and all the beautiful natural life that we as humans need to survive. Murdering wolves is definitely not the solution and criminal. We need to COEXIST.

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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

I am submitting a comment in support of the Emergency Petition for the Denali Buffer. The facts show that the numbers of wolves have declined greatly and the sightings of wolves have declined. My husband and I are photographers and have been planning to travel to Alaska to see and photograph the Denali Wolves. Since the chances of wolf sighting is very low, we will not be planning that trip. I feel that wildlife is a precious resource that belongs to the public. If something is not done to protect the wolves, it will be too late and the wolves will be gone forever. The loss of the wolves also affects other wildlife.

I strongly urge the closure of the Denali Buffer and not allow any trapping or taking of wolves in that area.

I look forward to the day when I can plan a trip to the Denali area and enjoy photographing wildlife, especially wolves.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Deborah Verholtz

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2/27/2015 1:59:13 AM

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Please protect the wolves.,Which are an integral part of a healthy ecosystem. Do not let my ftax dollars go towards culling them. Do not shoot them from helicopters. Protect them from harm and lleave them alone

From: [Patti Rose](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: DENALI WOLVES
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 9:02:07 PM

What is wrong with you?

Wolves are a Brilliant Specie they build Water Ways where they need to be. They Are Amazing. They Are Not Ignorant. Humans Are. You Are.

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Wolves need protection they are a balance for our ecosystem

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We strongly encourage you to read the Emergency Petition from the Alaska Wildlife Alliance to re-establish a Buffer Zone for the Denali National Park. We retired and always planned on a number of trips to Alaska to view the abundance of wildlife you have especially wolves. Denali was always on our agenda. We have refused to go to Alaska until the BOG starts more protection of their wildlife like the Denali wolves. There are many of us in the lower 48 that watch and care about what the BOG does to protect wildlife like wolves. No buffer zone means it will be almost impossible to see wolves at Denali as people have in the past. We will not support the Alaskan economy until your state improves it's effort to protect your wildlife. We encourage our friends to not visit Alaska until that happens. We have no wolves in Indiana and have not had any for a long time. Please don't make the same mistakes we made here in Indiana. We will never hear the howl of a wild wolf because we did not protect our wildlife.

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DIANE GUBRUD

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2/27/2015 2:18:43 PM

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How Wolves Change Rivers - YouTube

Submitted By

Don Blake

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2/26/2015 10:42:14 PM

Affiliation

Hello. I am writing on the behalf of the wolves to create a buffer zone in the Denali location. If they are truly hunters they also have unwritten rules they live by and to hunt the wolves that come over that park divide where they are unprotected is wrong. So please create a buffer before it is too late and we lose yet another great creature that we could have spared for our children to see. Thanks for listening

Submitted By
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Dear Board Members,

As a former 28 year Alaska resident, I encourage you to restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

According to Defenders of Wildlife, wolves bring more than 150,000 people and \$35 million to the Yellowstone area each year.

Similarly, Denali's wolves are worth far more alive than dead. According to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Alaska, there were 125 thousand residents and nonresidents 16 years old and older who hunted in Alaska. Of the 125 thousand, 104 thousand were state residents and 21,000 thousand were nonresidents.

All hunting-related expenditures in Alaska totaled \$425 million in 2011. The average trip-related expenditure per hunter was \$1,339.

In contrast, in 2011, 640 thousand U.S. residents 16 years old and older participated in wildlife-watching activities. Unlike most states, a minority of the wildlife watchers, 36 percent (229 thousand), enjoyed their activities close to home and are called "around-the-home" participants. Those persons who enjoyed wildlife at least one mile from home are called "away-from-home" participants. People participating in away-from-home activities in Alaska in 2011 numbered 498 thousand, **or nearly 5 times the number of hunters**. Of the 498 thousand, 104 thousand were state residents and 395 thousand were nonresidents, compared to 21,000 thousand non-resident hunters.

Wildlife watchers spent \$2.1 billion on wildlife-watching activities in Alaska

in 2011, **or nearly 4 times the number of hunters**. The average of trip-related expenditures for away-from-home participants was \$3,952 per person in 2011, **or nearly 3 times the amount spent by hunters**.

Clearly, if the leadership in Alaska is truly concerned with finding a replacement for dwindling oil revenues, reducing the need for a state income tax, and insuring the solvency of the state, they should stop managing Alaska's wildlife for the sole benefit of hunters and promote wildlife watching activities statewide.

The decline from 44% of visitors seeing wolves to only 4% since the removal of the "Buffer" in 2010 warrants Board action on behalf of wildlife watchers.

Therefore, I encourage you to restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Keeler

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Please help protect national park wolves! A safety zone for wolves is needed around Denali National Park. Thank you for considering myappeal.

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Wolves.....met them in Canada. Dangerous? No. They came to our campsite. I was alone...didn't run. Just said "hello". We spent several hours together. For me, it was life altering. We became friends. It's been many years since, but it is a memory I carry with me, as a blessing. They showed me how magnificent being accepted was. It was a gift, from God. To be at one, with what stupid ranchers consider "evil". They are free, something we humans don't have anymore, that, I have come to see, is the threat they pose. Envy...of natural freedom. We don't have it and probably never will now that Corporations run our lives. They want profit, and we and every "free" creature are a threat to them. If you love freedom, would you willingly become their "tool". No. So the extermination begins.

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I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer.

Visitors from all over the country to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

I love wolves there for I respectfully ask the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in the petition Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

Thanks

Submitted By
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Submitted By

Elizabeth Swenson

Submitted On

2/27/2015 4:19:25 AM

Affiliation

If you are not going to ban the wolf hunt then you should at the very least help protect the Denali wolf from being hunted by providing a buffer. Any other state would. Would you do this for another game probably. There is no reason to risk sending a hunter to prison when he gets 'buck fwver' and takes one of the famous Denali wolf. It could case a huge scene these wolves now have fans all over the world who want them to be safe including me.its not hard just give a buffer and the whole thing can be avoided.

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Please support the Buffer next to Denali Park for wolves. They need habitat to live in.

Submitted By

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Submitted On

2/26/2015 12:22:45 PM

Affiliation

Private citizen

Science has demonstrated time and again that destruction of the wolf is destruction of the very ecosystem that you are charged with protecting, does common sense check itself at the doorway of the BOG? Do all of us a favor and kindly base your decision regarding protection of wolves and the buffer zone at Denali on common sense and science.

Thank you for your time,

Eric Odle

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Hello.

I am asking you to give wolves a break in Denali. Is it not good for your economy to have tourists that wish to view wolves? Additionally, having lived in Alaska in the past I find it heartbreaking to see that great state working Against wildlife. So much for the last frontier. If nothing else, please do not allow trapping. It's terribly cruel and inhumane.

Thank you for your consideration, Erika Lessard

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To: Alaska Board of Game

I strongly support the buffer on Denali's eastern boundary being considered to protect Denali's wolves.

A two-thirds loss in wolf populations in Denali National Park in 7 years is not only unsustainable, it tarnishes Denali's image as a holy grail for eco-tourism by visitors from around the globe. People come to see Denali's astounding diversity of wildlife, and especially Denali's wolves.

Allowing these essential apex predators to be blasted by hunters who manage to lure them out of the park and onto the unprotected and huntable state lands east of the park is cruel and short-sighted.

Allowing continued hunting off the unprotected eastern boundary areas will undeniably result in further destruction of Denali wolf populations to the point where they may not even survive. This lack of sound science management will irreparably damage what has been Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, not to mention destroy its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Wolves belong on Alaska's landscape. They are native. They must be protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Erin Hauge

Submitted By

Florence Stasch

Submitted On

2/25/2015 12:22:55 PM

Affiliation

Friend

In 1998 we visited Denali Nat. Part to view wolves. Seeing and hearing the wolves in a wilderness area was a thrill. Please do not deny others this same unique experience. Alaska is known far and wide for its wilderness and its wildlife. Please support the tourism that wildlife encourages and save the wolves. Thank you

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I support the Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support. Please continue the support to help the Denali Wolves.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Flynn Welles, Illinois

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I am writing to support a buffer zone of 50 miles outside of Denali National Park for wolves. I do not approve of legal trapping or hunting of wolves in that zone. I visited Denali during the summer of 2013, and was disappointed to not see at least one wolf, and even more disappointed, as well as discouraged, to hear that the Denali wolf population may now be as low as 50 wolves.

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Wolves cant shoot back, file litigations, spend money, or vote, because they are too busy protecting an ecosystem that procures even the safety of man. To ignore the libraries full of scientific proof is to devalue the lives of your families and friends.

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Submitted On

2/25/2015 2:39:46 PM

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a census count of only 50 wolves in the area absolutely warrants complete and thorough protection. It is beyond me how officials can so easily disregard science and then claim lack of evidence for establishing protection measures. Increased killing of wolves has been shown to destabilize the pack's fragile structure, which in turn leads to more desperate and disorganized wolves. These wolves, being in such a state are far more likely to go after livestock than wolves that are in a healthy functioning pack and have the organizational structure in place to take down wild prey.

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Wolves are essential to healthy ecosystems. Stop the baiting to get them out of tthe parks.A buffer zone would help. But full protection is what is needed.

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McKennon

Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem. Without them, prey animals gorge themselves on grass and destroy resources. With their presence, as evidenced with the Yellowstone reintroduction, prey animals are forced to move, and balance is restored.

Providing them a buffer-zone is of the utmost importance. They need a place to roam that isn't immediately encroached upon from all sides. Their concerns are not for taking livestock or killing people; they only desire to kill prey animals to feed their families, and to be left in peace. This is the same as human beings.

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There needs to be a buffer zone around Denali National Park as wolves cannot read signs & will inevitably stray outside park boundaries occasionally. There is also the risk of them being 'baited' out of the park by those less than ethical hunters, who are only interested in killing as many wolves as they can. A buffer zone would go a long way to prevent this. The World is watching the continued persecution of this essential keystone species, & is dismayed by the apparent contempt in which the wolf is held.

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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To Whom it may Concern:

I have been asked to say a few words on behalf of the 50 remainind Wolves in the areea in question if allowed to continue at the reate of decline that it has ther will be no wolves left with in the next four years. Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years. Unfortunately, the count for Spring 2015 is expected stay at the same record-low level.

Wolves are not only essential they are paramount to the health of their eco systems. They not only kill thr sick and old. They also eat carrion keeping the putrefying flesh from leaching into the ground and eventually into the water. The loss of any more wolves could be disastrous to the over all health of the the eitire ecosphere of the **Denali National Park**. Therefore the **No Take WOLF Buffer Zone** is imperative.

Thank You,

James Newton

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I request of you to protect the wolves of Denali National Park and establish a buffer zone adjacent to the park. We have seen the drastic drop in the wolf population of the park. The buffer zone would protect the wolves of the park from the aggressive hunters whom wait at the parks borders to nail a wolf. The wolves do not know the boundaries, that if they step out of bounds one step, they will be killed instantly. Protect your wolves, it's your responsibility, and it is the right thing to do!

Thank you

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Wolves need a buffer zone,they don't understand boundaries! I will not visit Denali if you don't protect your wolves,Wolves are Essential!!

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I have lived in Alaska for years in the bush.

There was a wolf pack denning area about 1/4 mile from my cabin...i had a dog team, a horse and cats. Never, not once did they trespass into my land nor harm any of my animals. This senseless killing of wolves has got to stop.

Alaska used to be proud of their wildlife and firecely protected them...what happened to change that?

In Respect,

Jann

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We must save the wildlife of our country. Each species plays an integral part of our ecosystems. We must all take action to further the well-being of the wildlife. Wolves are essential to us all.

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As a Paiute American Indian Wolves are given hero status in the eyes & hearts of my people.

These beautiful animals deserve the right to live without being slaughtered. I'm very concerned that the Denali wolf population has not risen over the summer. I urge the State of Alaska to work in unison with the U.S. Department of Interior to establish a permanent protective buffer for Denali's Wolves on state lands along the NE borders of Denali National Park

Don't let a handful of hunters ruin rob future generations of this majestic species.

Sincerely,
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We need to re-establish a Buffer along the eastern boundary of Denali. The wolves are disappearing. Please take the time to recognize the importance of their survival. It is not just their survival but how they naturally affect the entire ecosystem.

Submitted By

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2/25/2015 8:44:30 PM

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It has been brought to my attention that the population of wolves whose territory includes parts of Denali National Park and land east of the Park has suffered tremendously in recent years. Wolves, as well as caribou, elk, bison and other territorial wildlife, are always at risk when they leave the sanctuary of a National Park. A persecution-free buffer zone near Park boundaries is an important step in population stabilization and recovery. For nearly a century, wolves have been persecuted as nuisance animals by ranchers and hunters. But extensive studies have shown that a healthy wolf presence is essential to balance wildlife populations as well as vegetation. Hunters and ranchers are concerned that wolves are nuisance predators, but large game such as caribou and cattle are difficult for wolves to pursue, unless they are unhealthy. Unless properly culled by wolves, large game populations can face diminished resources and ultimate sickness or starvation. A perfect example of this can be learned from the history of wolves in Yellowstone National Park. When the wolf population was critically endangered, the herds of elk became overpopulated and unhealthy. They were overgrazing vegetation, eroding riverbanks, and having a profound negative impact on habitats for bears, bison, beavers, migratory waterfowl and many others. The deterioration of the beauty and wildlife diversity was reflected in declining numbers of visitors and revenue. When wolves were reintroduced on a trial basis to Yellowstone NP in 1995, this situation was dramatically reversed within a decade. Stigma against wolves is factually unjustifiable, and should be reconsidered after reviewing objective environmental studies. I strongly encourage the Board to approve the establishment of the Denali Buffer zone east of the Park boundaries, as proposed by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. This is an important first step in restoring this area for the maximum benefit of the people, as well as the wildlife so many of us enjoy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jenks

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To whom it may concern, Our world has a lot of issues to deal with, I know that. Some of them nothing can be done to help them. Some things are too late to turn around, but this, this is a problem we created for these wolves and one that we can fix. Don't let this beautiful breed die out because of our selfishness. Please protect those that cannot protect themselves!

Submitted By

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2/27/2015 12:45:02 AM

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I stand for the wolves, we have no right to be killing them! Leave them alone

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I am writing about the Denali Wolves. They should be protected, and we humans should do what we can to protect this beautiful and essential animal.

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Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens and visitors wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

We strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. .

The wildlife of the USA belongs to all of it's citizens. As American citizens we are asking that you protect our wildlife for us and future generations,

We respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Wolves don't deserve to be killed. These animals don't look for trouble, it's the man that does. Stop killing these beautiful animals! Wolves should be free in the wild running free. Stop killing these animals! Wolves are not the ones that causes people's livestock to decrease, many other predators are out there. Blaming wolves is just wrong! Also wolves aren't the reason for elk or moose to decrease, there are many reasons why they are going down. Like a disease, or hunters! Which hunters hunt for food so maybe putting a stop to hunters could help a lot! Wolves are a good thing to have, they have changed rivers, forests, lakes, etc. so that's a very important thing to have all wolves live as free just like any animals should. Let all wolves be free!

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

The toll on the wolves has been immense in Denali Park. Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. (Which is already EXTREMELY low.) In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years. Unfortunately, the count for Spring 2015 is expected stay at the same record-low level. Predictably, wolf-viewing success for the 400,000+ annual visitors to the park dropped accordingly. In 2010, the last year the Buffer was in place, 44 percent of visitors saw wolves. That number dropped to 12 percent in 2012, and to just 4 percent in 2013. Given the very low wolf numbers, the 2014 viewing success rate was likely very similar, and the outlook for 2015 is no better. The state of Alaska is severely hurting not only its ecosystems but its own revenue by not protecting these wolves. Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination. Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. Wolves could provide potential for more income for the state. Accept a positive change and reinstate a no-take wolf "buffer" zone adjacent to Denali Park.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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The same should be done around Yellowstone NP

Submitted By

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Please stop the needless slaughter of the most important predator on our land. We need them. They are an essential part of the ecosystem.

Submitted By

John

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2/27/2015 11:57:59 AM

Affiliation

I strongly encourage you to consider the buffer zone for the wolves of Denali National Park. In consideration of the recent, and dramatic, reduction in the population of some of the worlds most famous wolves, I would hope that you could see the value in preventing hunters and trappers from waiting to kill wolves through a loophole of park boundaries. The wolves in this area have existed for thousands of years, and to allow the threat of their destruction is ignorant and irresponsible. Gordon Haber would be turning in his grave if he knew that this proposal had been rejected.

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Stop killing wolves.

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The following petition has been sent to the BOG for consideration at its upcoming meeting. I am including it here to place it in the public comment record.

I am in support of this petition, for the reasons outlined in the petition itself.

Josh Klauder
Talkeetna Alaska

Petition Requesting Alaska Board of Game to Adopt Emergency Regulation Closing State Lands to Taking of Wolves ? a ?Denali Buffer?- Along the Eastern Boundary of Denali National Park (GMU 20)

February 23, 2015

Petitioners: Alaska Wildlife Alliance (AWA)
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1. Legal context

This petition, filed pursuant to AS 44.62.220 and Joint Board Petition Policy (5 AAC 96.625(f)), requests the Alaska Board of Game to establish an Emergency Regulation closing state lands identified below in Game Management Unit (GMU) 20 along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park to the taking of wolves.

Under the Joint Board Petition Policy, (5 AAC 96.625(f)), an emergency is defined inter alia as ?an unforeseen, unexpected event that?threatens a fish or game resource.? Thus, the legal threshold for emergency action proposed herein is that there exists a threat to a ?game resource,? and that this threat was ?unexpected? and ?unforeseen? by the Board. As discussed below, both threshold conditions are clearly met in this case.

This petition does not assert that there exists a threat to the wolf populations across GMU 20, or even sub-units GMU 20C or GMU 20A, nor does it propose protecting such. The petition proposes simply that a small subset of the GMU 20 wolf population ? the twenty to thirty individual animals that comprise what had been the most viewed 3 or 4 wolf packs in eastern Denali National Park ? is at risk from take on adjacent state lands, and asks the State to grant protection to this small, unique subset of the GMU 20 wolf population due to its significant and disproportionate economic value to Alaska.

It is important to note that nowhere does Joint Board Policy 5 AAC 96.625(f) state that, to be eligible for emergency action, a threat to a game resource must be found to exist across an entire GMU, entire GMU sub-unit, or entire wildlife population. Nor does the statute/policy identify a threshold level of decline or threat that must be found to exist. In fact, the language is silent as to the geographic, ecological, or economic scale across which a threat must extend, and the severity of decline or threat that must be found, in order to be eligible for emergency regulation by the Board. While traditionally the Board and Department have interpreted the emergency regulation statute/policy to apply only across broad geographic areas (e.g., across entire GMUs), or threats/declines to entire populations, the statute/policy itself clearly does not impose such limitations.

Thus, it is permissible and entirely appropriate to apply the statute/policy to a small sub-area and unique sup-population of a wildlife resource, such as the few wolf packs important for wildlife tourism in eastern Denali National Park. We note that Denali National Park contributes over \$500 million each year to the state economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, including wolves.

The petitioners respectfully request that the Board place this Emergency Petition on its March 2015 meeting agenda, solicit and consider public comment, and act affirmatively on the petition.

2. Unforeseen and unexpected threat to game resource requiring emergency action

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board.

The wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 ? a drop of almost 2/3 in just six years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Given the low count in fall 2014, it is expected that the wolf count for the park in spring 2015 survey will be even lower, likely again the lowest in the historical record. As well, it is expected that visitor viewing success of Denali wolves will remain extremely low in coming years, unless and until there is protection from trapping/hunting on state lands along the park boundary.

Just since the Board of Game removed the no-take Denali buffer in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44% in 2010, to 21% in 2011, 12% in 2012, to just 4% in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). As far as we are aware, this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

We recognize that natural factors may be involved in the wolf population and viewing decline, but it is clear that trapping/hunting take of important breeding individuals on state lands north and east of

the park is also a contributing factor. And while wildlife managers can't do much about natural causes, they can and should help to restore this game resource by minimizing additional losses from trapping/hunting.

As example of the potential effect of wolf take along the park boundary, the April 2012 snaring of the last breeding female wolf from the Grant Creek pack - formerly the most often viewed wolf pack in Denali National Park - on state lands just outside the park boundary (within the former buffer that was eliminated by the Board in 2010), resulted in the pack not having pups that year, not denning, and ultimately the pack's dispersal. Visitor viewing success for wolves in the park that summer dropped 9%, from 21% the previous year to just 12%.

The snaring of this one female wolf on state lands resulted in tens of thousands of national park visitors, Alaskans and non-Alaskans, being deprived of the opportunity to view wolves in Denali that year, leading to a significant loss in the tourism amenity of the park. Further, this trapping take and impact on Denali National Park resources received national media attention, resulting in significant damage to the State of Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to Alaska's reputation as a wildlife tourism destination.

Subsequent studies by Denali National Park wildlife biologists confirmed previously published studies - that the loss of significant breeding individuals from a wolf family group can, and often does, cause the family group to disband.

In addition, most of the members of the former Nenana River pack were taken outside the park in 2013, and the pack is no longer listed in the Denali wolf pack database.

It is inarguable that the take of wolves on state lands adjacent to Denali National Park and Preserve has caused significant, deleterious impacts to park wolves - an Alaska game resource - and this impact was unforeseen and unexpected by the Board of Game in 2010 when it eliminated the buffer and imposed the 6-year moratorium on future proposals, and in 2012 when it declined the two previous emergency petitions.

Importantly, additional take of park wolves on state lands along the park boundary in spring 2015 could cause similar, or even more significant, deleterious impacts to this valuable wildlife and economic resource. There is clearly need for emergency action by the Board of Game.

3. Necessity of Petition for Emergency Regulation

The emergency petition process is necessary in this case for a number of reasons.

First, at its 2010 meeting, the Board imposed a 6-year moratorium on further consideration of any Denali buffer proposals through its normal proposal process. Some of our petitioners formally requested in 2012 that the Board eliminate this moratorium, but the request was unanimously denied by the Board at its January 2013 meeting.

In May and June 2012, some of the current petitioners asked the ADF&G Commissioner on two separate occasions to issue an Emergency Order (under AS 16.050.060) closing state lands east of the park to take of wolves. The Commissioner denied both requests, stating at the time that the only option to enact such a closure would be to petition the Board of Game directly.

Accordingly, we then petitioned the Board of Game twice, in September and October 2012, both of which were denied without comment. Subsequently, many of the concerns raised in the 2012 Emergency Petitions regarding the impact of trapping/hunting of park wolves on state lands along the boundary have, unfortunately, been realized.

On December 1, 2014, some of the current petitioners asked the newly appointed ADF&G

Commissioner to issue an Emergency Order to close this area, and the request was denied on Dec. 11, 2014. In his denial, the Interim Commissioner deferred again to the Board of Game.

Thus, an emergency petition is necessary in this instance as the significance and negative consequences to Alaska wildlife resources caused by the take of individual animals in the former closed areas were clearly unforeseen and unexpected by the Board when it eliminated the closure in 2010, imposed the moratorium, and denied the 2012 petitions.

If the threat to Denali wolf family group integrity and visitor viewing is not immediately remedied by Board action requested herein, there likely will be additional take of significant individuals this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource, to the detriment of the park and the Alaska tourism economy.

4. Emergency Regulation Requested

This petition respectfully requests that the Board of Game immediately adopt the following Emergency Regulation:

Take of wolves is prohibited on state lands (GMU 20), in the area bounded on the west by the east boundary of Denali National Park; extending east to one mile east of, and parallel to, the Anchorage-Fairbanks Intertie Electrical Power Line; on the south by Carlo Creek; and on the north by a line from the southeast corner of Township 11S, Range 9W (Latitude 63 degrees, 55 minutes North), due east to the George Parks Highway, then south along the Parks Highway to a line running due east from the Highway through the town of Healy, to one mile east of the Intertie Line; inclusive of all State lands west of the George Parks Highway commonly referred to as the "Wolf Townships," and/or "Stampede Trail" (see attached 2012 Emergency Wolf Buffer Petition map).

The proposed boundaries for the closed area coincide approximately with the Denali National Park wolf population area, delineated by telemetry locations (see attached DNP Spring 2014 Wolf Population Estimate map). It is clear from park telemetry data that the home range of several park packs extends into the limited area of state land adjacent to the park boundary that is proposed for closure. [Note: this 2014 DNP wolf home range map was based on the historically low wolf population of 2013/2014].

The proposed closed area is larger than the former closed area that was eliminated in 2010, but smaller than the 2010 proposal from the Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee to expand it. The proposed area would provide significant, but not complete, protection to park wolves, and would provide a reasonable chance for the restoration of the wolf viewing opportunities within Denali National Park - a valuable Alaska game resource.

5. Beneficiaries of the Requested Regulation

- ? Park visitors who want to see wolves in the wild (400,000+ annual visitors).
- ? Tour operators and the Alaska tourism industry.
- ? Trappers statewide, as the public is less likely to develop anti-trapping opinions from seeing injured wolves and learning of wolf take adjacent to park boundaries.
- ? State of Alaska's reputation for wildlife management.
- ? Public safety for people and pets using the Stampede Trail area.
- ? People who value the concept of conservation areas for wildlife.

6. Those Disadvantaged by the Requested Regulation

A few sport trappers and hunters who have operated in the area in recent years would need to relocate their trap lines and hunts out of the closed area, away from the park boundary, but would retain access to all other areas nearby open to trapping.

7. Benefit/Cost of Requested Emergency Regulation

The significant advantages deriving from this proposed rule to Alaska citizens, Alaska's tourism economy, the State of Alaska, and others greatly outweigh the inconvenience of the few hunters and trappers having to relocate their operations.

8. Conclusion

Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution "Natural Resources" stipulates that natural resources will be managed as a "public trust," providing "for maximum use consistent with the public interest," and for the "utilization, development, and conservation"for the maximum benefit of (the) people." Clearly, this constitutional provision provides for non-consumptive uses of wildlife such as wildlife viewing, along with consumptive uses such as hunting and trapping.

Regarding this issue, there is significant value to thousands of Alaskans provided by the viewing of Denali National Park wolves. The value and public interest to thousands of Alaskans provided by seeing Denali wolves, as well as the value to the many Alaskan businesses reliant on this wildlife viewing tourism, should greatly outweigh the value and public interest of just a few individuals being allowed to continue trapping and hunting Denali wolves along the park boundary. It would be irrational, and we suggest unconstitutional, to continue placing the interests of a few Alaskans over the interests of thousands of Alaskans.

Emergency regulation by the Board is clearly appropriate in this case, as there is a clear threat to an important Alaska game resource that was unforeseen and unexpected. This emergency petition presents significant new information showing the severity of impact of the take of park wolves on state lands: two park packs (Grant Creek and Nenana River) were severely affected by take in 2012 and 2013 on state lands along the boundary; visitor viewing success of park wolves dropped from an estimated 45% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013; the drop in viewing success of Denali wolves has, and will continue to, cost the local and state economy; the fall 2014 park wolf count did not increase above the historic low spring count; and the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interest, not narrow interests.

Thus, petitioners respectfully ask the Board to deliberate this issue thoughtfully, place the petition on the March 2015 Board meeting agenda, solicit public comment, and approve the requested emergency regulation.

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Just like all other wolves around the world, I strongly want to urge the suggestion of leaving the Denali wolves and ALL other wolves alone and let them live. They have just as much right to live and breathe and most of all to provide for their families like us humans do. The idea of getting rid of a valuable animal of our ecosystem as well as native American indian tribal use is not necessary and we need wolves for the education of future generations to come. Please, Stop the hate against wolves and please stop the killings of wolves. Thank you.

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Please STOP murdering wolves NOW. God put them on earth for a reason and people are not smarter than God.

Submitted By

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2/27/2015 12:44:33 AM

Affiliation

Please reconsider slaughtering wolves anywhere. They are an important addition to our ecosystem, and they have a right to exist. We need to stop destroying life, or we are not better than terrorists.

Submitted By

Judith

Submitted On

2/27/2015 3:12:56 PM

Affiliation

Please protect the wolves by providing them a buffer zone around the National Park boundaries. This magnificent predator is going to be extinct if we do not step up protection for them. They desperately need your help and you are in a position to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Judith Zarrella

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I would like to show my support for the no kill buffer zone adjacent to the Denali National Park boundary . The Denali wolves need this protection as far too many are succumbing to trapping and hunting just outside the park boundary. These wolves are the most viewed wolves probably in the world and are an integral part of the Parks wilderness appeal. Tourism is too important to our state's economy to have bad publicity associated with the killing of Denali wolves. The Denali Wilderness deserves to have protections in place to assure it's ecosystem and wilderness character stay in tact and protecting it's wolf population is paramount to this. There remains thousands of acres of state lands open to hunting and trapping of wolves, this small buffer zone should not be seen as infringing on the rights of consumptive users, rather, a small show of compromise for the collective good of our great and wild state.

Submitted By

Justin Dawson

Submitted On

2/26/2015 7:32:13 PM

Affiliation

To whom it may concern,

As a former Alaska resident, I find it sad that the wolf populace in my former home has declined so drastically. As the data suggests, there is a link between the loss of the no take buffer, and the decline in wolf pack numbers. Alaska needs to take the initiative and be an example to the rest of America on the treatment of wildlife, especially the preservation of wolf packs. Future generations of park visitors may no longer have the opportunity to see a vital part of the parks wildlife, something that will effect future park attendance & revenue. So for the sake of continued financial success of the state and for the sanctity of one of Alaska's most iconic native species, I highly recommend that this plan for the reinstatement of the no take zone be implemented.

Thank You for your consideration

Regards,

Justin Dawson

Submitted By

Kandyce Koop

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2/26/2015 9:38:57 AM

Affiliation

- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.
- The decline in wolf sightings from 43% to 12% by visitors to Denali should prove that this Denali Buffer is much needed!!
- Visitors will stop coming when you deny supporting wildlife such as the wolves.

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

My life has included visiting many national parks as I could in my life. This included trying to get to Isle Royale in Michigan to see three wolves. Did not get there. Looking forward to going to Alaska to see Denali National Park and it's wolves. Troubled to see that there's no buffer between a few trappers and many many visitors like myself who want to see Alaska, the wild Alaska.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Please, agree to the "No kill, buffer zone" .. to protect the Wolves. They are very important to many, many people, annd the environment.

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EMERGENCY PETITION (Denali Buffer):SUPPORT

In NO WAY should ANY of these MAGNIFICENT CREATURES -WHO BY THE WAY WERE CREATED BY GOD-THE SAME PERSON THAT CREATED YOU AND I BE UNDER ANY POTENTIAL HARM TO THE ENDING OF THEIR LIFE!!!! (Simply because they crossed over land ALSO CREATED BY GOD!!!!!!) THOUSANDS OF VISITORS COME FROM MILES AND MILES AROUND TO SEE THESE GORGEOUS ANIMALS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT! LEAVE THESE ANIMALS ALONE TO LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES! THEY DON'T BOTHER YOU-DO NOT BOTHER THEM!!!!!! END ALL OF THIS HORRID KILLING NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Submitted By

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Save the wolves!

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
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- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Please stop the trapping and killing of the Denali Wolves. There is such a Wolves I'm afraid they will become extinct . Thank you for your help in this urgent matter . Sincerity , Kelly Sherrer

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I SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY PETITION FOR THE DENALI BUFFER ZONE

The petition proposes simply that a small subset of the GMU 20 wolf population – the twenty to thirty individual animals that comprise what had been the most viewed 3 or 4 wolf packs in eastern Denali National Park – is at risk from take on adjacent state lands, and asks the State to grant protection to this small, unique subset of the GMU 20 wolf population due to its significant and disproportionate economic value to Alaska.

We note that Denali National Park contributes over \$500 million each year to the state economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, including wolves.

The petitioners respectfully request that the Board place this Emergency Petition on its March 2015 meeting agenda, solicit and consider public comment, and act affirmatively on the petition.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board. The wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 – a drop of almost 2/3 in just six years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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Greetings, I Stand For Wolves, please stop allowing the trapping & killing of these essential creatures. Sincerely, Kevin Brunty

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Please protect our wolves in Yellow Stone National park

Submitted By

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I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, and I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

Moreover, Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

Please do the right thing for wolves by re-establishing a Denali Buffer.

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I was born in Alaska and want to return some day to visit with pride. Please save the wolves!!! Wolves are a beautiful and vital part of our ecosystem. As humans we have encroached on too many animals spaces and habitat. Take a stand and support the Denali buffer zone!!!! Thank You!!!!

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
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- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
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- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

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- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Please give the wolves a buffer zone in Denali National Park

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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

Dear Board Members,

As a 2000 Board of Game Member, not confirmed due to politics, I encourage you to show that the BOG "TRULY" acts for all Alaskans and not just wildlife consumers. Please restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

I personally spent years to get the original "Denali Wolf Buffer" established in 2002. When in Denali, I was always hearing from tourists, Alaskan, American, and foreign, about how excited they were to have seen wolves. Denali was known world wide as the place to go to see wolves, and people came.

The decline from 44% of visitors seeing wolves to only 4% since the removal of the "buffer" in 2010 warrants Board action on behalf of wildlife viewers and tourism related businesses.

Predation control efforts have definitely impacted the general wolf population and decreased the numbers inside Denali from 143 to only 50. I realize that reduction to 34% does not meet the Boards statewide objective to reduce wolves to only 20% of the population in the year 1999, but it should be considered close enough. Now it's time to act "For" non-consumptive users.

The Board taking action to increase sightings in eastern Denali and along the road to Kantishna will express at least minimal concern for wildlife viewing and the tourism industry that benefits from Denali visitors seeing wolves.

The BOG has never demonstrated a concern for and has rarely acted on behalf of wildlife viewers. They have also frequently expressed disdain for all tourism other than hunting.

Please take a step to reverse that unfortunate fact and restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

Leo Keeler

Submitted By
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Submitted On
2/27/2015 1:16:15 PM
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Visual Artist

Dear Board of Game,

I have lived in the Northwest for 4 decades. I am a supporter of allowing wolf populations to survive, especially in the National Parks.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game to vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Please create the Denali buffer zone in order to allow the wolves the opportunity to follow the game without being eradicated by human hunters/trappers.

Thank you for taking my wishes into consideration. This sensible option will allow for the restoration of a healthy population of wolves as well as the biological diversity of the park, which is such a primary attraction for visitors to Denali.

Leslie Millar

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~~Please put the buffer zone around all National Parks. Right now you can look at the devastation of the wolves in Yellowstone National Park. The wolves need to be protected from the trophy hunters. From 143 wolves in 2007 to just 50 in 2014.

Alaska is a major tourist attraction and speaking as a tourist, we want to see wolves. Wolves are there for a reason. They have stabilized the elk population, the plant growth, and animals that were absent from the parks. Growth in the shrubs and trees have come back, bringing back birds and other wildlife.

Please take this information into consideration.

Submitted By
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2/27/2015 1:08:48 PM
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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

I support the renewal of the Denali Buffer as described in the Petition for Emergency Regulation as presented by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance and the National Parks Conservation Association to the BOG. I am alarmed to learn that the Denali park wolf population has *dropped by 66%* since the buffer was removal in 2010. As a visitor to Denali National Park, I now would have only a 4% chance of viewing a wolf. I do not associate such a huge loss of wildlife numbers as good sign for this national park. Please get the buffer back in place and work--as a state agency--to support wildlife management actions that preserve and protects wildlife in Alaska's most iconic national park. Return wolf numbers back up to a thriving population that the national park has always supported. That is what visitors, from Alaska or Tennessee, expect when they travel to a national park.

Thank you.

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thank you for you attention.To say jutual time, I am for the Denali Buffer. For ecological reasons, the re establishment of the buffet is vital

Submitted By
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2/27/2015 7:03:00 PM
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Please protect wolves, they are vital to the ecosystem! Thank you.

Submitted By
Line Ringgaard
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2/27/2015 1:18:45 PM
Affiliation

Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Yes! Denali needs a buffer zone!!!!!!

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WE HAVE TO PROTECT THESE WOLVES ! **The toll on the wolves has been immense.** Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years

YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS

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Please save the wolves, they are important in many ways of wildlife, as well as the habitat they live in and share with other animals of the forest.

Submitted By

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2/26/2015 3:16:43 PM

Affiliation

Please approve a buffer around the park. Hunting and trapping should not be allowed in areas adjacent to any park. Wolves, cougar, Grizzlies, elk etc that live primarily in a protected environment should not be hunted or trapped once they cross an invisible border that they don't know exists. Please protect the animals that live in the park and support a buffer/no hunting or trapping zone around the park.

Thank You,

Marianne Burdick

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Submitted By

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~~Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer Zone): Support

I urge the Board to approve reinstatement of a no wolf trapping/hunting buffer zone as delineated in the petition on state lands adjacent to Denali National Park.

I have lived in Alaska for 37 years and am an annual visitor to the park. I have not had any wolf sightings during my visits since before 2010 and have seen very little wolf sign. Many Alaskans visit the park for the opportunity to view wildlife as do visitors from the south 48 and around the world, bringing millions of dollars to the state's economy.

The unforeseen population decline of DNP wolves from 143 in the fall of 2007 to a historic low of 50 in fall of 2014 (National Park Service population data) for the 6 million acre park requires the state to take action to address the extreme trapping/hunting pressure immediately outside the park boundary.

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Submitted On

2/26/2015 4:22:37 AM

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Please save the wolves! No animals in a preserved area should be harmed.

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Board:

I fully support the establishment of a buffer on the eastern boundary of Denali.

Because wolf numbers are so low right now, so are wolf viewing opportunities. Locals and visitors spend enormous amounts of time and money in pursuit of just seeing a wolf. This economic driver should be enhanced, not reduced by over trapping outside of NPS administered lands.

The rights of a few trappers simply do not trump the rights of all Americans and international travelers to simply see a wolf.

The BOG has the obligation to manage for maximum benefit of the people and I'd like to see non-consumptive uses of wildlife - like viewing - receive more protection.

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I strongly support the petition. The Denali wolves are one of the most popular groups to visit. A real connection with wildlife.

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Please provide buffer zone around Denali for the Wolves. They are good for the ecosystem.

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How did the wolf ever become a game species? So ridiculous. Pretty soon the bald eagle will be a game species. I live in Minnesota. Killing wolves has very little to do with moose numbers and farm animals...but everything to do with hunting. Using bait and traps is so barbaric and cowardly. I can only prescribe with horrific damage to the white hunters who trap wolves and then take pics of pride. Like the elephants in Africa....white people like to kill and be proud of their aim or something.

<https://www.facebook.com/HowlingForWolves>

Keep protected. - Endangered Species Act

Matt

Submitted By

Maureen Adams

Submitted On

2/25/2015 2:03:18 PM

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I am against trapping for multiple reasons. The first would be the fact that these imaginary lines around areas of protection for wolves make no sense! All wolves should be protected. It is scientific fact that they are crucial to the ecology of any region they are found. Man crowding wildlife off the planet for financial gain is unacceptable. It is 2015! Trapping has no place in this time or society. It has always been a cruel, indiscriminate and ugly way to kill! Wolves are essential. Leave them alone!

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When all the Wolves have been decimated, will you all be happy? I see the destruction of this great animal as genocide. We do not eat the Wolf, so why are we killing them? None of this makes sense, but what does make sense is that humans have not grown spiritually, nor have they learned to respect nature; I ask that you punish the murderers, those who go out hunting these beautiful animals, with blood hunger in their soulless beings.

In the end, the Wolf will always cross over into higher dimension frequencies; it is the human that murders and gloats, that will stay in the lower realms after they die. To kill an animal, any creature, without the soul purpose of needing food, and without respect for the creature, is inhuman and that says a mouthful about how far we have progressed as a species.

I ask that you stop the hunters. That's it. If they are caught killing a Wolf, the penalty should be severe. That's it. Do your job, and don't slack.

Melissa Wilk

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Wolves need to be protected. This idea of a "buffer" sounds like one more way to help protect this beautiful species. Beautiful species all around the world are dwindling away at a rapid rate. Let's do our part to save one of those species in our own country.

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PLease save the wolves in the Denali region, hunting the is just wrong.they are vital to the echo system. If you continue to allow peopl, or humans , to inhabit their habitat, you will destroy nature as we know it.

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A safe zone or "buffer zone" would be a required adjustment to a biologist or advocate for several obvious reasons such as, the killing of collared wolves around Yellowstone state park which resulted in wolves effectively crossing the invisible barrier between the parks safety and the scopes of ranchers and trophy hunters rifles..

Wolves are vital apex predators! without which? all things slip into a state of imbalance resulting in catastrophic collapse of our own eco-system and the subsequent extinction of all living things. Now, Then lets expand even further into this idea to examine the potential benefits upon other species like the Bison and Bears which are also killed for crossing the same invisible boundry because, in truth "Buffer Zones would Greatly reduce the Number of species which are listed as being either endangered or protected only to be Slaughtered just beyond the point of no return for so many today without such safe zones existing anywhere..

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Please leave wildlife on the public lands near Denali Park alone; no trapping of wolves or other wildlife in the state! Want to regulate something important? Regulate the over the top influence of people on nature, while making a bigger mess. Leave them be so our next generation has some wildlife to experience outside a big zoo. We need to control ourselves if anything and we need to step up to be less of a disgrace. Wildlife has equal rights to freedom on this planet. Stop the killing!

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There is a natural balance between Wolf and their prey. Without the Wolf the "prey" becomes plentiful to the point of potential diseases increasing and starvation. This balance of Wolf and prey was reestablished as a grand success in Yellowstone. Not only was this balance reestablished but the eco system in the area improved. This has been well documented.

An interesting side is that the Coyote has shown up in our general area. I had appealed to the animal shelter (and concerned citizens) about doing a catch and release program for cats. Despite the success of another area and the documentation that they provided, the shelter and friends turned down my request. The Coyote has now moved in and the stray can population has decreased. The large deer population, as I understand has also become more in balance.

So, any decisions concerning the Wold must be addressed as "what is good for the Wolf is bound to be good, in the long run, for the eco system". Nancy B. Lovell

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2/26/2015 3:41:03 AM

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Give the wolves a chance to enjoy their lives in safety!!!

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2/25/2015 1:24:53 PM

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This isn't the same Alaska as 50 years ago. Just in the last 20 years, the influx of people moving to the 'last frontier' has grown exponentially. Most of the people are here because of the wildlife & scenery - not to mention opportunity.

The problem, as I see it, is that the 'sport' of trapping (which wasn't always a 'sport' - more of a necessity in the early days) has become very popular among outdoor enthusiasts, yet the sport of trapping has never really been regulated. I hear so many boastful stories of bountiful kills for 'wallhangers', have seen so many photos (on the trapping sites) of young people learning the sport, have read so many complaints about the trappers themselves being 'encroached' upon - by other trappers. The last couple of years, I've read accounts in newspapers and social media sites where trappers are trespassing on private lands to fulfill their lust for fur, and using public trails for easy access - with no regard for their neighbors, pets or other trail users. The old Alaskan tradition of trapping has been exploited to the point of notoriety. 'See tracks ? Set traps!' has become the new norm in this state, with the self-appointed wildlife control 'experts' decimating the populations of fur-bearing animals.

New regulation is a must - in my humble opinion- and I strongly support that in creating a buffer zone around Denali Park, it would be a great step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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The Denali wolves are not a treasure for Alaska alone, but for all of the nation if not the world. Their dropping numbers require that something be done. The Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance would provide much needed protection for the wolves, and through their interlaced ecology the whole region.

The Denali Buffer's usefulness does not stop there, however, as a return of the wolf population to its previous levels would allow a renewal of the wildlife viewing tourism for the people that live there. Support for this petition reflects an interest in the wildlife but also the citizens.

Please consider this plea and do the right thing for all of us.

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I beg of you not to allow the hunting and trapping of wolves. They are essential to the well being of the ecosystem and the science proves it. Please look at the non-lethal methods that Oregon has adopted. They have a right to exist.

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I agree with the following talking points with regard to the petition that proposes:

"simply that a small subset of the GMU 20 wolf population – the twenty to thirty individual animals that comprise what had been the most viewed 3 or 4 wolf packs in eastern Denali National Park – is at risk from take on adjacent state lands, and asks the State to grant protection to this small, unique subset of the GMU 20 wolf population due to its significant and disproportionate economic value to Alaska."

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I don't understand how trapping would even be considered legal on a National Park site. Regardless of my personal beliefs and opinions and love of wolves and the environment, the above thoughtful points established do provide practical and logical reasons to support re-establishing a Denali Buffer. I hope and trust that humane and intelligent decisions will be made by this board today. Thank you for your time,

Nikki Whiteley, MA

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EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

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Wolves are an integral part of the world's web of life. All things are interconnected. When you destroy one thing you set off a chain reaction and things become unbalanced. There are only a small portion of the Denali wolf population remaining. Do we seek to destroy every living thing in this world? How barbaric we are as a society. This is a sad legacy to leave to our children and their children. Please establish a No Kill, No trap buffer adjacent to the Denali National Park. Protect the few remaining and our history. Thank you.

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I stand for the wolves to be protected and not slaughtered and murdered. We need to save our precious wildlife from Human harm and abuse and death. This is our future learning for our Children and for the circle of life to continue on as it should the way GOD intended it to be, not the way man butts in and turns it around. Let nature take its course as it has for hundreds of years. I stand for all things to live free from human harm, Wolves, Wildlife, Children, Nature, etc.... you need to be protecting all not killing it off or harming it... What examples are you setting or showing? I am appalled and ashamed.

Sincerely, Peggy Dalsimer, I myself Stand for Wolves xxoo >< <3

From: [Penny Garzarek](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: WOLVES
Date: Monday, March 02, 2015 3:30:22 PM

Dear Sir,

The wolf population you continue to decimate in Alaska is in serious trouble and decline. The continued killing of these beautiful, elusive animals that are so vital to the ecology of the wildlife and their natural habitat in Alaska will only have a negative impact for years. These animals are strong family units. They serve a purpose and they should be protected and allowed to live without threat to their population.

Instead of satisfying special interest groups with their own agendas – which includes wiping out wolves. I hope you can see this clearly and do what is right for your state and these wolves. They deserve your protection and live where they belong and are so integral to the continued health and well being of the ecology in your State.

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Save the denali wolves. Wolves are essential

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I support the re-establishment of a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. To go from 143 wolves to 50 in just 7 years? Is 50 wolves even enough to continue breeding? It certainly sounds like Alaska, the most wildly beautiful of our United States, doesn't care much for wildlife. For those to whom this description applies, might I recommend a move to New York City? Not a bit of those pesky, intrusive, living, breathing, beautiful wild animals.

I'm a fan of wolves, what's not to like? Wild areas need apex predators to cull the weakest of the herd of prey animals, keeping their numbers down, thereby preventing soil erosion by overgrazing. There's more than enough prey animals for hunters and wolves alike, and hunters will have stronger, larger animals to hunt.

I have family and friends who are also fans of wolves, and Alaska. We have been in the early stages of planning a wolf-watching vacation. The Alaska-loving family have been persuasive in promoting Alaska for this, as opposed to Montana or Idaho. We would happily bring our binging tourist dollars to Alaska. But now I'm reading that of the 400,000 annual visitors, the percentage of people who actually saw wolves dropped from 44% in 2010 to 4% in 2013? Those are pretty terrible odds! How much of the \$500,000 in tourist dollars came there because the people wanted to see wolves in the wild? If they're like our group, the answer is all of them. What sense does it make to allow your top draw to be killed off? Look at Facebook. Wolf-related pages abound, in contrast to other wildlife. Wolf avatars are all over. Approve the buffer, your wolves are a huge cash magnet.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people". Hello? I'm "the people". My family and friends are "the people". Just as Liberty Island in New York City is managed for "the people". All the people of the United States, not just the people who are fortunate to live nearby. Sure there are challenges to living near a park. I lived in New York City before, during 9/11, and after. We had to deal with the challenges of increased security if we wanted to go to Liberty Island, even it's closure sometimes. But we're adults and we deal with challenges. We don't give up. We didn't keep Liberty Island closed forever. Wolves can't read maps, so you need to deal with this challenge by re-instituting the buffer zone. This will keep the trigger-and-trophy-happy at bay, allowing the wolf population to get to numbers which will make us very happy tourists. Very happy Alaska tourists not only return, but they talk, and more tourists arrive. I do Yelp reviews, don't you think I would do a positive multi-star review if I saw wolves? Tourists are great! They arrive, spend money, then they go back home, leaving the area wealthier than it had been.

In closing, I urge the Board of Game to re-establish the Denali Buffer, as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Only 50 wolves left is certainly an emergency!

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Stop the indiscriminate killing of the wolf whose presence is vital to maintain a healthy ecosystem. As dolphins are protected due to their highly evolved social systems and intelligence, these qualities are also found in the wolf. The misconception of the wolf as being a danger to humans is false. Compare domestic dog attacks/kills of humans and the statistics reveal that the wolf is not a threat to humans.

Regarding ranchers, we need to develop safe and effective ways to deter wolves from preying on livestock and a benign way to control wolf populations.

Submitted By

Rachel Seiler

Submitted On

2/25/2015 9:19:01 PM

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I am writing in support of establishing no-take buffer zones to allow for wolves following migrating cationic to remain protected.

From: [Patti Rose](#)
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Subject: Re: Automatic reply: DENALI WOLVES
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TUVM.

On Feb 28, 2015 10:02 PM, "DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)"
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- Deliver in person to Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Board Support Section at 1255 W. 8th Street; Juneau, AK 99811 during normal working hours,
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Thank you

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2/27/2015 5:54:55 PM

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The wolf population across the park and preserve has dramatically declined to the park's lowest recorded number. Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously as well. Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

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2/26/2015 5:21:48 AM

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This is very simple - We need the Buffer Zone. Thank you.

Submitted By

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At what point, in the midst of a mass extinction, is the government going to start protecting those that are an integral working part of the entire planet's ecosystem? The declination of wolves over the past seven years is needless to say worrisome. It is the parks lowest number it has possessed in history. This is completely unnecessary and for all of the intelligence in the world that we possess, there must be a better way. Clearly there must be some way for us as guardians of this Earth, let alone this park, by declaring an emergency action by the Board of Game. I stongly support and urge you to make the right decision in order for the population to rebound by re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. When Teddy Roosevelt evisioned the National Park System and enacted the Antiquities Act of 1906, I do not think he ever foresaw a time when apex species were missing from their landscapes and habitats. Please, before it is too late, I urge you to allow the wolves to rebound. We have had the Bald Eagle return to PA, and also to NYC, if we are able to make this world a better place for one, I strongly believe that we should do our utmost to include them all.

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Everywhere in Holy text there are warnings and glimpses into how God feels about his creations. Man MUST coexist with ALL sentient beings(animals). We have destroyed 43% of the animal population out of mostly greed. YOU MUST DO WHAT IS GODLY!!!!!!The godly care for their animals, but the wicked are always cruel. Proverbs 12:10. Gods Creations are the purest in the world. They were not born in sin. God will have vengeance on their behalf. !!!!

Read the last verse of the book of Jonah in the Old Testament. Jesus said that a single bird cannot trip on the ground without our heavenly Father taking notice (Lk 12:24).

The Bible says that after every stage of creation, God was pleased with what he had made, the Pope said May 21 at his weekly general audience. "To destroy creation is to say to God, 'I don't like it.'"

He also said, safeguarding creation is safeguarding a gift of God. "This must be our attitude toward creation: safeguarding it. If not, if we destroy creation, creation will destroy us. Don't forget that!" The Buddha was very clear in His teachings against any form of cruelty to any living being. One day the Buddha saw a man preparing to make a animal sacrifice. On being asked why he was going to kill innocent animals, the man replied that it was because it would please the gods. The Buddha then offered Himself as the sacrifice, saying that if the life of an animal would please the gods then the life of a human being, more valuable, would please the gods even more.

Man's cruelty towards animals is another expression of his uncontrolled greed. Today we destroy animals and deprive them of their natural rights so that we can expend our environments for our convenience. But we are already beginning to pay the price for this selfish and cruel act. Our environment is threatened and if we do not take stern measures for the survival of other creatures, our own existence on this earth may not be guaranteed. It is true that the existence of certain creatures is a threat to human existence. But we never consider that human are the greatest threat to every living being on this earth and in the air whereas the existence of other creatures is a threat only to certain living beings.

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Dear Alaska Board of Game:

I am contacting the Alaska Board of Game to ask that you please support the Emergency Petition reestablish a Buffer along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. Without the requested and needed emergency closure there will no doubt be more additional wolves removed from the Denali landscape. And there will no doubt be further long-lasting impacts to Denali's wolves.

Since the remover of the previous buffer in 2010 the critical impact of take on wolves has severely impacted Alaska's tourism dollars. The successful viewing of visitors of the Grant Creek and Nenana River packs is all important to people considering traveling to Alaska: I know that for a fact because I am one of those people.

Why would you not protect these wolves who each year contribute to the local and state economy? 500 million dollars to Alaska's economy is not something to be dismissed. Further to that indisputable fact is that the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interests, not to serve as agenda items for a few.

Please do the right thing for all of the citizens of Alaska and for her Denali wolves, known and loved worldwide. Please support this Emergency Petition for the Denali Buffer.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Lanier, Bozeman MT

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Submitted On

2/27/2015 8:22:06 AM

Affiliation

I am writing in support of AWA's emergency petition to establish a no-take wolf buffer zone adjacent to Denali National Park as it will be presented in March's meeting of the board of game. I do not need to reiterate the facts of why the buffer zone is responsible management practice. I do feel compelled to state my position that to not establish the buffer zone would be outrageous management of our natural resources that is designed to benefit the few at the expense of the many, in addition to being a devastating cost of the ecosystem as a whole. It is time the Board of Game replaces its short term thinking with responsible long term planning.

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I as a wolf and wildlife biologist ask that it be established a no-take wolf buffer zone adjacent to the Denali National Park. Without the buffer zone, as has been seen previously the consequential toll on the park wolves is disasterous, and may likely send the species in a downward spiral. Not to mention the hatred towards wolves leaves the anti wolf hunter at the boundary ready to shoot down any wolf that steps one foot out of the park. This is an iminent threat to the park wolves and the species in the area and is absolutely vital to their survival.

Thank you for your time.

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I m very concerned about the decline in the wolf population in Denali National Park due to hunting and trapping immediately adjacent to Park boundaries. The Park should exemplify the wild natural ecosystem which functions perfectly ithout human interference. While Chronic Wasting Disease, the terrible prion spongiform encephalopathy disease of cervids has yet to reach Alaska, as far as we know, it is spreading inexorably throughout the US and Canada and threatens cervid populations throughout the continent. Wildlife officials seem to be utterly unable to stop the spread of this disease. Canids have never been shown to get any prion spongiform encephalopathy disease, unlike humans, who can get variant Creutzfeld-Jakob disease from consuming beef from cattle with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (or Ma Cow disease) and can get kuru. It is by no means lear that humans will not get sick from consuming game with CWD, though there may be an induction period of months to years. Other diseases can also spread in cervid populations, like brain worm. Apex predators fl a crucial role in ecosystems keeping these herbivore populations healthy. It would be irresponsible to cater to the selfishness and greed of a few hunter/trappers and ignore the threats to Denali's ecosystem. Pleaee establish a buffer zone around the National Park in which hunting and trapping or otherwise killing/ removing wolves is illegal. Thank you.

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I want to encourage the board to approve of a buffer around Denali this can only be a positive thing and know that I support it

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Stop destroying these fascinating animals and their natural habitat for profit and game. Wolves play an important role within our ecosystem. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED.

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2/26/2015 4:56:42 PM

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Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

Please do not any more wolves to be killed where they have wondered onto state land. Their are very few wolves and the killing of anymore would be horrible. Please allow a buffer zone to be put

in the small state park area so our wolves can be protected.

Thank you very much.

Sally J. Chick

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It is a shame that I have to speak out about the protection of our wild wolves in America. I am Samantha-Lynn, a 23 year old college student. Im not a wildlife activist, im not out there protesting, I found THIS on my facebook news feed.

My reaction was shock, is this fake? Sadly I found it not to be..

It seems in America, in the 2000's wolves are still not broadly protected under all circumstances.

Are these the dark ages? What are you doing up there!

Wolves should be PROTECTED under law in EVERY way. It is an insult to my senses that something like this was OVERLOOKED until you noticed numbers dropping!

PLEASE please, correct this wrong! Now is the time, do not shrug this plight off. These could be the last hope wildlife has. Now not only are tigers and cheetas going extinct not so slowly, but now we are hunting down our own wolf populations because of a loophole?

Please, make me proud to be an america and invoke this emergency aid.

Also if you read this and have ANY power PLEASE place protection, state troopers on watch, nd if you've heard about RED WOLFS in North Carolina, they were recently made extinct- we stopped breeding them for the wild and are letting them die. That barbaric- the colonists built this country on blood and we supposedly have come a long way.

The neglect of our wild wolves out of fear or carelessness is just not acceptable as a country and fellow human being. I implore you to take action, hear my and others cries of outrage and act swiftly.

Thank you for your time Sir/Madaam or other.

Take action and be proud and fulfilled as you lay down tonight- you took a step in saving American Wolves.

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Stop killing the wolves it doesn't Benefit anybody. Anyone who kills an already trapped animal is nothing but a coward and deserves to have the traps they use to torture poor defenseless animals used on them.

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2/25/2015 2:08:51 PM
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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

I'm writing to strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that petition.

I was very concerned to learn of the drop from 143 wolves to only 50, the lowest count in the park's history, from 2007 to 2014, as well as hearing that the population didn't increase at all over summer 2014, as it traditionally does. This decline seems to be reflected in the wildlife viewing numbers for park visitors, down from 44% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013. Park visitors contribute over \$500 million to Alaska's economy annually, and one prime reason for visitation is wildlife viewing, especially of wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people," which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

So, again, I respectfully ask that the Denali Buffer be re-established.

Sincerely,
Sara Avery

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Dear Sirs,

I am asking you to take the time to read and consider the reasons for a no-take wolf zone adjacent to the Denali Nation Park.

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed **VERY** worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
- Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

I would like to add that I understand that in today's world we are concerned about humans ability to make a living and find room for everyone, but what about the ability to live in a world where we can find a place for all living creatures? I want my children and all those that come after us all, for years to come, to have the ability and right to see and enjoy the wilds. Complete with all the animals, including the wolf.

Thank you for your time and your continued commitment to Alask's wildlife. America's wildlife.

PLEASE. Let's keep it wild.

Selena F. Akerley

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2/25/2015 9:17:23 PM

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Please save the Denali wolves from being slaughtered by trappers. These amazing animals should be protected completely and not have them being slaughtered as they cross small section of land to hunt during winter so please protect these Beautiful animals!!!!

Submitted By
Shannon Wall
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2/27/2015 5:23:49 PM
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Dear Board of Games,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014- a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical recorded, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population does not increase over the summer as it usually does.

Since the Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously- from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data has been reported). This precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: wolves. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people" which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I urge the Board of Game to vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that petition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Shannon Wall

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“The assumption that animals are without rights and the illusion that our treatment of them has no moral significance is a positively outrageous example of Western crudity and barbarity. Universal compassion is the only guarantee of morality.”

— [Arthur Schopenhauer](#), *[The Basis of Morality](#)*

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I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

You need to protect the wolf population before they become extinct. If you don't help protect these wolves, there won't be any left so that visitors can successfully go wolf-viewing and without this, there won't be any contributions to the Alaska's economy. One of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see the wildlife, especially the wolves. Wolves are a magnificent animal and should be protected, not hunted or trapped.

Doesn't the Alaska's constitution require that the state manages fish and wildlife for the maximum benefit of the people? Doesn't this also include non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing? This emergency regulation will help benefit the Alaskan citizens wishing to view the wolves in the wild. Citizens wishing to view the wolves outnumber the few who wish to hunt and trap these wolves.

Please do right by the Alaskan people by voting in favor of helping the wolves before it's too late for them.

Thank you.

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Please keep our wolves protected. We need them, the Eco-System needs them, the Earth and Nature needs them. Please keep the Beautiful Majestic Wolves protected. They, as well as all Nature and Wildlife serve an important purpose to our Earth and our World.

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STOP Hunting and Trapping of wolves will be prohibited. Stop the Bloodshed Now.

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Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

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Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

Submitted By

Silvia Sigman

Submitted On

2/27/2015 9:55:01 AM

Affiliation

Have you not seen the video of the effect the wolves have on the environment!! The deterioration of their numbers is inexcuseable! These creatures were here long before man and man is destroying them! The environment depends on their existence! Please create the 'buffer'.

Submitted By
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Submitted On
2/27/2015 11:36:13 AM
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Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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I think there should be a no take or kill buffer adjacent to the Denali national forest. We need to save the Denali wolves and a buffer zone is only right. Just because they are on the edge of the park shouldn't make them free to take and kill.

Submitted By

susan carter

Submitted On

2/27/2015 5:49:43 PM

Affiliation

Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem. It has been proven that the whole ecosystem suffers without and benefits with wolves. It is a travesty that they are now endangered due to uneducated culling. 4% sightings in your national park reflect how critical it is to save the remaining few. Wolves can't read borders so how can humans expect them not to wander without fencing. Either erect fencing on your borders or allow them to roam, murder is not ethical, intelligent or the way forward. Remember your ecosystem will irretrievably suffer without wolves.

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Dear Committee,

It is with serious concern I write this comment regarding the Emergency protection and a no-take wolf zone in this specific region: the eastern boundary of Denali. The wolf population is not within sustainable numbers with the trapping activity. As a professor and concerned citizen from Montana, I urge you to create the buffer zone for an emergency measure to remedy the unforeseen issues arising as of this winter 2015.

I am disappointed you do not see the scientific concerns and have acted out of special interest groups pressure. This is not what the American people want. We want to go to Alaska to be in touch with the wildlife not in mourning.

Please create and enforce the buffer zone

Dr, Suzanne Shope

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There are many people, all over the world, struggling to save various species from extinction. Every animal counts. The wolves at risk in Denali COUNT! All need to be saved, protected and understood. Help us save them.

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Please re-establish a buffer in the **Denali National Park to save the Denali wolf population. These wolves are essential to Alaska, the park and the Earth.**

Thank you,
Tammi Crider

Submitted By
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Submitted On
2/26/2015 6:55:56 AM
Affiliation

My entire family and I passionately support this proposal for this emergency closure, as we believe wolves and other predators are play a vital role in the health of our rich natural history and our essential ecosystems, as well as contributing a great deal to the local community.

We understand that according to the National Park Service, the wolf population has now dropped to just 50 - the lowest in the park's historical record. This will have a devastating impact on not only the wolves and other species, but the area as a whole.

Since the last Denali Buffer was removed in 2010, wolf-viewing has also dropped dramatically from 44% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013 - and this freefall decline in wildlife viewing success is both unprecedented and appalling.

Local communities will also suffer as a direct result of the continual slaughter of wolves by hunters and poachers - we understand that visitors to Denali National park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, with the viewing of wildlife and especially wolves a key priority.

Any further losses in the population of wolves will create long-term problems and damage to Alaska's sustainable wildlife management and reputation - tourists will quite rightly seek to visit alternative destinations that protect not kill their wildlife, my family included. The small minority of hunters and ranchers across the USA are systematically wiping out or manipulating wildlife for their own gains, which will have long-term devastating consequences for animals, environment and local communities.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit the vast majority of thousands of Alaska citizens and international visitors wishing to view wolves in the wild - over tiny minority who wish to hunt and trap park wolves, for their own gains.

The evidence is clear - the unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Therefore, my family and I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance - with a matter of urgency.

We therefore respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition above.

As past visitors to Alaska with the intention of returning again in the near future, we hope that this proactive measure will be taken for the benefit of these and all other wolves in the USA - please set an example to other states as to how to successfully preserve these beautiful creatures, precious ecosystems, local communities and rich natural heritage for all our futures!

Family MacRae

Submitted By

Tara Maybin

Submitted On

2/27/2015 8:46:22 PM

Affiliation

Give the wolves a buffer from the destruction of humans so that the wolves may LIVE as they rightfully should, unbothered by humans. Do every NON-LETHAL (to the wolves, their prey, and their environment) thing possible to SAVE wolves. NO shooting, trapping, poisoning, harassing, etc. allowed. Thank you.

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Please take immediate action to protect the wolves in the Denali and Yellowstone areas. These animals have been dangerously reduced. Creating a buffer around the Protected areas will increase their chance of survival. Science has proven that these animals and other carnivores are crucial to the balance of the Ecosystem in this area. Not only is it the RIGHT thing to do, but without the wolves and other wild animals, there will be less interest in visiting the Parks, and for some the only thing that matters is profit. However, protecting these wolves, not only helps them, and other species dependent on their existence, but it good for the economy of those areas.

Thank you for your continued support and protection of our Natural Areas and their inhabitants.

Teresa Daines

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(a concerned Wolf Puppy Parent, of the Bays Mountain Preserve Pack in Kingsport TN)

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In just seven years, the Denali wolf population has fallen by two-thirds of their numbers in 2007. I respectfully request the Denali Buffer be reinstated in an effort to protect the few wolves that are left in the parklands. Alaska's wildlife is a major draw for tourism, most especially the wolves, and this horrendous decrease in population is not only detrimental to the wolves, but to the ecosystems and tourism, as well. At this rate of decline, it is soon going to be impossible to avert the extinction of these wolves, and that is a tragic, and unnecessary, outcome.

I very strongly support the re-establishment of the Denali Buffer as requested by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance in their Petition for Emergency Regulation. Again, I respectfully request the Board of Game vote to reinstate the Buffer as requested in the Petition.

Sincerely,

Teri Holderness

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Do you really want to eradicate all the wolves in Denali park? This is what you are doing by not putting up the buffer zone. I can copy and paste all the good reasons that the buffer is so necessary but you all know this to be true. Dr. Haber knew this way back when and you do to. Please put up this buffer for a few years to give the Denali wolves a chance to build their packs.

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Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

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to dfg.bog.commen.

I am for a Denali Buffer Zone and consider the current situation to be an emerger of. Firstly the spring 2014 wolf count showed wolf numbers the lowest in the park is? Only 4 percent of wolf viewing people saw wolves in 2013. Alaska is depende viewing. Without an EMERGENCY closure, the additional taking of wolves THIS value of the resource that it is your job to manage. The Alaska constitution requir "maximum benefit of the people", and most people are not wolf hunters. The une meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Please support Buffer Zone.

Sincerely, Virginia Jones

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I am asking you to save the wolves of Denali. Their numbers have dwindled to 50! This is unacceptable. They are essential to the environment. Please stop allowing them to be killed!

From: [Lisa Carnall](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: 2015-Denali-Emergency-Petition
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 12:30:59 AM
Attachments: [2015-Denali-Emergency-Petition.pdf](#)

I support the attached petition and ask that the board consider the proposal and implements the emergency regulation to protect the Denali wolves.

Kind Regards,
Lisa Carnall

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Lisa Carnall

From: [Deborah Symonds](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: AWA Emergency Petition
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:24:46 PM

Dear Sirs/ Madams:

I would like to add my voice to those supporting the **AWA's Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park will once again come before the Board of Game at its March meeting.**

I grew up in northern New England, near and on wild land, and I would not trade that childhood, and that experience of the whole nature of the genuine wild for any other education, although school was ok. My family has been committed to preserving wild nature for several generations, and will continue to appreciate it.

Many thanks for your time,

Deborah A. Symonds
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From: [Genevieve Mariani](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: AWA Wolf Buffer
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:44:19 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am from Minnesota, much like Alaska - we have found ourselves in the middle of the war on wolves. Without any real studies performed, the number of wolves is dwindling after the legalizations of the hunt. They are crucial to our ecosystems. When their numbers are healthy, they regulate the numbers of herding prey animals, such as caribou, deer, and elk. This affects the health of the plants they eat, and in turn the health of rivers, beavers, etc. I'm sure you're aware of this crucial part that wolves play, but I just wanted to remind you how Denali National Park NEEDS wolves.

Thank you very much for your time.

-Genevieve Mariani
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gabormariani@gmail.com

From: [Fabiola Rivas](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: AWA's Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:53:48 PM

Dear Alaska Board of Game

I am writing in support of the AWA's emergency petition to establish a wolf 'buffer zone' adjacent to Denali National Park. The decrease in the wolf population in the park in the last 5 years had been dramatic. Wolves are important members of a healthy ecosystem. Their return to Yellowstone Park has helped vegetation return, other animals thrive and even changed the course of rivers! You can see it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q>

Please protect the wolves in Denali. You are stewards of this amazing, beautiful park, and so are the wolves in a way. Please help them.

Sincerely,

Rivas-Savage family

From: mechyban@gmail.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Against the careless and irresponsible slaughter of wolves and coyotes
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 1:07:11 PM

These species are not vermin. They have their just place on nature. Ranchers and wildlife can coexist. No more senseless waste of a whole species. No sense placing them on the endangered list again. No more trapping. It is cruel, careless and irresponsible and benefits money not all of humankind. There are a lot of myths that help outfitters, trappers, fur traders and ranchers. Kids and others should know the truth and witness wildlife in the wild not in a zoo or sanctuary.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Martha P. Nochimson](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Alaska Wildlife Alliance Emergency Petition for a no-take wolf "Buffer"
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:41:22 AM

To the Board of Game:

I enthusiastically support the Emergency Petition of Alaska Wildlife Alliance for a no-take wolf "Buffer" I join with all lovers of the American wild, all intelligent, informed hunters, and all eco-scientists in urging long term thinking about preserving America's wilderness and wild creatures. Wolves are a basic part of the wilderness eco-system. The "Kill everything that moves" hunter is not exercising individual freedom, but uninformed greed and stupidity.

PRESERVE ALASKA FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. ESTABLISH A NO-TAKE WOLF BUFFER.

Sincerely,
Dr. Martha P. Nochimson

From: [S.W](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Alaska Wildlife Alliance
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 12:38:11 PM

Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Walsh

From: [Ilse Singer](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Attn: board of Game
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 6:58:55 AM

Dear Board of Game,

I am writing to ask you in the strongest terms to please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY.

I thank you in advance for doing the right and just thing, and that which reflects the will of the people!

Sincerely,

Ilse Singer

From: [Peggy Hardin](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Beautiful Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:50:27 PM

Sent from my iPad

I am appalled that these beautiful animals are being slaughtered so cruelly. Why? They are a vital part of the ecosystem and only kill to feed their family unlike humans . We must stop and think what we are doing ,they are vital to this country . PLEASE SAVE THEM !!

Peggy N. Hardin

From: [Kathleen Jacobs](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Bog buffer for The Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:22:58 AM

Please help save the wolf population.

They are a part of nature and were in this world before we were.

Where is the respect of nature?

I understand there can be problems with wolves attacking wild stock and farm animals in all counties across the country.

There has to be away to keep the wolves away and save the farm animals too.

By killing the wolf population is not going to help Eco system and vegetation along with other growth. We need them!!

The Indians have been removed from they're land and placed on reservations. When will it stop.

Please don't remove The Wolf population.

Best regards,
Kahleen L. Jacobs
Kitchen & Bath Designer
Mohawk Iroquois Indian Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada

Sent from my iPhone

From: [carrie d. kashan](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Brother Wolf
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:26:39 PM

It's time we take into consideration the true vital role that our brother the wolf plays in the circle of life. Everything has its place in the circle and we need him to survive. There has been way too much decimation of this vital animal.

Thank you,
Carrie Kashan

Sent from my iPad

From: bblock136@gmail.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Buffer Zone for Denali's wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:35:59 PM

There MUST be a buffer zone put in place before all the wolves are killed! There is no rhyme or reason to allow trappers and-or hunters to kill wolves on the borders of the park. There are 6 million acres in Denali and 50 wolves is not good wildlife management. When the wolves are all gone from here, how will you explain all the revenue loss due to the decrease in tourism? What logical, scientific reason can you give to justify what is happening? Please, use science to make a decision, not fear, myths, lies, and special interest groups.

Thank you.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: [Louise Kistler](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Buffer zone for Denali Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:14:25 PM

Please keep this buffer zone in tact it is vital to the survival of the wolves and the ecosystem. Trappers and hunters do not need any advantage over these animals. Look at the science of the wolves impact on the ecosystem and the environment and how vital they are and let them have a chance! Keep this buffer zone in tact!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [sxeequestrian](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Buffer zone for decimated wolf population
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:30:03 AM

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does. Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system. Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination. Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Thankyou for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Elise Allen

From: [Linda](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Buffer zone in National parks.
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:37:57 PM

Please put the buffer zone around all National Parks. Right now you can look at the devastation of the wolves in Yellowstone National Park. The wolves need to be protected from the trophy hunters. From 143 wolves in 2007 to just 50 in 2014.

Alaska is a major tourist attraction and speaking as a tourist, we want to see wolves. Wolves are there for a reason. They have stabilized the elk population, the plant growth, and animals that were absent from the parks. Growth in the shrubs and trees have come back, bringing back birds and other wildlife.

Please take this information into consideration.

Linda & Larry Rabe
24 North C Street
Toppenish, WA 98948

From: [Wendy Petak](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Buffer zone
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:57:35 PM

Please better protect our wolves by establishing a buffer zone of protection surrounding Denali National Park!

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

From: [Stephanie Johnson](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:06:38 AM

Please support the AWA Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park. There seems to be an all out war on wolves from Alaska to the lower forty eight states and people do not realize the contribution they make, not to mention the tourist draw, to our eco-systems.

Thank You,
Stephanie Johnson
Grand Marais, mn

From: [Candice Sidoriak](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: CandiceSidoriak@yahoo.com
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:52:04 PM

To whom it may concern;

I stand for wolves, I believe they have a right to live and procreate. They have been here alot longer than we have and deserve respect. All this killing is nonsense and only brings more ego than good.

I ask you for safety for wolves in the sense that they are Gods creatures as we all are. How would you like to be headed towards extinction? I know I wouldn't want that for anyone or anything.

Thank you for your time.

Candice Sidoriak

From: [vickie_jay](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Common sense
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:42:56 AM

We all need a little space, wolves too.

From: [Edla25](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Danali wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:02:12 PM

Leave Gods country to nature, it has been there long before man; remember you are the guest. There is a law of nature that man must not interfere with.

From: [L. R.](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Dear Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 1:17:22 PM

Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Line Ringgaard

From: [Autumn-Diana Standingwolf](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer - Wolves
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:29:02 PM

Dear Board Members,

I am Rev. Diana Autumn Standingwolf, residing at 8 Burnett Place, Tonawanda NY 14150. Phone number: 716.563.9571. Email is: Standingwolf28@gmail.com. I consent to my contact information being included on printed copies of my comment.

The sled dogs used in the Last Great Race, the Iditarod, are descendants of wolves. To celebrate one, while allowing excessive killing of the other, is unthinkable.

Many, many, years ago we were a people in need. We were cold. We starved. We had very little. We had fire.

Then, we met a people. A people with superior weapons, superior hunting skills.

We made a treaty with those people. Our fire, our warm cooked food, for their hunting help, their companionship.

We would not be where we are today if it were not for those people.

Those people were (and are) called Wolves.

Oh, how we have broken our treaty with them. After they raised us up so high, we killed them. We still kill them.

We breed juvenile versions of them that are so deformed they struggle to breath. We mutilate their ears and tails because it looks "pretty".

Shame on us.

The time will come again when we need their help, their partnership, their companionship. If we continue to mistreat them, will they give it? Will any be left to give it?

Save the Wolves.

I support establishing the Denali Buffer to protect wolves as referenced below.

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years.

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We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource.

The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing.

The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Respectfully,

Rev. Diana Autumn Standingwolf
8 Burnett Place,
Tonawanda NY 14150.
Phone number: 716.563.9571.
Email: Standingwolf28@gmail.com.

I consent to my contact information being included on printed copies of my comment.

From: [Jenni barbano](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer Zone
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:28:52 PM

Dear Sirs,

With only 50 wolves in the whole Park clearly a Buffer Zone is needed.

Please protect the wolves from being killed the moment they step out of the Park.

Emergency Buffer Zone around Denali Park is needed now.

Many come to see wildlife and wolves are at the top of the list.

More money in tourist dollars to see wolves.

With only 50 wolves left a Buffer Zone is needed.

Wolves are a Keystone species. They are a sentient being.

Please keep them protected.

Thank you.

Larry Barbano

From: pinknoser@aol.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer Zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:29:46 AM

Please realize the reality this buffer zone would provide, not only for the wolves, but for the many tourist's who travel to Alaska to hopefully see them in the wild. Gordon Haber was on the right track to suggest this quite awhile ago. It's time for this to be set in place!

Mark Huckel
6168 1/2 Seminole Blvd.
Seminole Fl. 33772

All the Best!
Mark

From: [Jill Vincent](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer for Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:33:46 AM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jill Vincent. I lived for a year in Alaska and my youngest daughter was born there. Alaska is very special to us, as is its wildlife. Wolves are not only extremely special to my daughter and me but they play a vital role in the entire ecosystem. Seeing clearly that the wolf population in Denali is dwindling to an all time low is quite concerning. Please take note of the following facts.

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
- Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

My daughter and I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. We respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that petition.

Thank you for your time.

Jill Vincent

3343 Boca Raton Dr.
Arnold, MO 63010
636-248-8004
jill.vincent@att.net

From: [Lindell Long](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:38:30 AM

To save mutual time, I want to go on recent rd for support of the re establishment of the Denali a Buffer.

Thank you for your attention.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Misty](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:53:54 AM

I support the no-take buffer zone adjacent to Denali Nat'l park. Please protect our wolves. The wolf population continues to decline and needs protection. Without this protected zone the wolf population will continue to decline.

Misty Clack

Sent from my iPad

From: [Elizabeth](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:47:10 PM

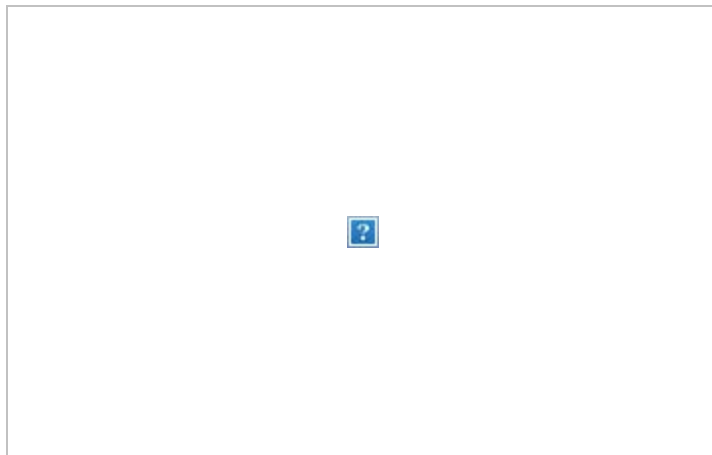
Please reestablish a no-take wolf buffer at Denali Park.

Since 2010 a few trappers have specifically targeted Denali wolves when they cross the park boundary onto state land in their winter pursuit of caribou. On that small area of state land - where I am requesting a Buffer - trapping is legal. The toll on the wolves has been immense. Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years. Unfortunately, the count for Spring 2015 is expected stay at the same record-low level.

Predictably, wolf-viewing success for the 400,000+ annual visitors to the park dropped accordingly. In 2010, the last year the Buffer was in place, 44 percent of visitors saw wolves. That number dropped to 12 percent in 2012, and to just 4 percent in 2013. Given the very low wolf numbers, the 2014 viewing success rate was likely very similar, and the outlook for 2015 is no better.

Please consider the emergency Petition at a public meeting, and place it on the March meeting agenda. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Watts
16 Starks Place
Lynbrook, NY 11563



From: myprincessrose@aol.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Buffers
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:27:22 PM

- We strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Katarina Flynn
Olivia Flynn
Patricia Wolf
Fred Wolf
Paulette Canaveras
Bill Sumen
Joe Sumen
Frank Sumen
Rosalie Sumen

From: [Leo & Dorothy Keeler](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Emergency Petition
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:58:41 PM

Dear Board Members,

As a former 28 year Alaska resident, I encourage you to restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

According to Defenders of Wildlife, wolves bring more than 150,000 people and \$35 million to the Yellowstone area each year.

Similarly, Denali's wolves are worth far more alive than dead. According to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Alaska, there were 125 thousand residents and nonresidents 16 years old and older who hunted in Alaska. Of the 125 thousand, 104 thousand were state residents and 21,000 thousand were nonresidents.

All hunting-related expenditures in Alaska totaled \$425 million in 2011. The average trip-related expenditure per hunter was \$1,339.

In contrast, in 2011, 640 thousand U.S. residents 16 years old and older participated in wildlife-watching activities. Unlike most states, a minority of the wildlife watchers, 36 percent (229 thousand), enjoyed their activities close to home and are called "around-the-home" participants. Those persons who enjoyed wildlife at least one mile from home are called "away-from-home" participants. People participating in away-from-home activities in Alaska in 2011 numbered 498 thousand, **or nearly 5 times the number of hunters.** Of the 498 thousand, 104 thousand were state residents and 395 thousand were nonresidents, compared to 21,000 thousand non-resident hunters.

Wildlife watchers spent \$2.1 billion on wildlife-watching activities in Alaska in 2011, **or nearly 4 times the number of hunters.** The average of trip-related expenditures for away-from-home participants was \$3,952 per person in 2011, **or nearly 3 times the amount spent by hunters.**

Clearly, if the leadership in Alaska is truly concerned with finding a replacement for dwindling oil revenues, reducing the need for a state income tax, and insuring the solvency of the state, they should stop managing Alaska's wildlife for the sole benefit of hunters and promote wildlife watching activities statewide.

The decline from 44% of visitors seeing wolves to only 4% in Denali National Park since the removal of the "Buffer" in 2010 warrants Board action on behalf of wildlife watchers.

Therefore, I encourage you to restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Keeler

From: [Benjamin Trezona](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali National Park Wolves
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:08:44 PM

Dear Nice Person,
It will only be sporting when the wolves can shoot back. As a member of the global community please protect these beautiful animals who are wiser than those on the other side of this Emergency Petition.
Thankyou

Any queries, questions or quibbles; or even for more info, please call us (9am - 5pm)

Yours Sincerely
Diana Trezona
Rampant Entertainment
Ph: 02 4729 0367

From: madeintahoe@aol.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Park Wolves..Buffer Zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:19:05 AM

Dear Alaska Department of Fish & Game

I am writing you with great concerns of the population of the Gray Wolf as only 50 wolves in and around Denali National Park..since there is no safe buffer zone that would not allow hunting and trapping of wolves..the population is declining very fast and is not a sustainable healthy wolf population. I have a very good friend that spent two weeks in the park in 2013 hoping to see her 1st wolf in the wild...during her time there she did not see one wolf and was very sad and disappointed..2013 is one of the declining years for seeing wolves in the park and wolf watchers...wolf watching brings in millions of dollars to the economy. Wolves are worth more alive than dead. I am asking you to please give the protection these wolves need from hunting and trapping..Please give them a protective Buffer Zone around Denali National Park to keep them safe and enjoyed by millions of peoples that come to the park to see wolves..There are some hunters and trappers that target park wolves..a Buffer Zone would stop that. Please I ask you to add a Buffer Zone around Denali National Park where no hunting and trapping can happen in that zone...the wolves need that protection
Thank you for your time reading my important concerns
Anita Chittenden

From: [Ginny Williams](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Park Wolves
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:49:06 PM

Please help protect the Denali Park wolves! They are essential to the environment and their numbers have dwindled to 50..... Please stop the killing of wolves!

My name is Virginia Becton Williams, I reside in North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72118 and am a citizen of the United States of America.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [STEVEN SPARKS](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali WOLF BUFFER ZONE
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:56:19 PM

IT is appalling that Hunting and trapping is allowed to seemingly destroy the population of wolves in and around Denali. You are killing not only the wolf but your economy as well. Tourism dollars from non residents seeking to view wildlife especially the wolf in a natural setting such as Denali should be paramount. Instead you are killing a major component of the draw and reason for the tourists. A tourist does not come thousands of miles and spend \$thousands of dollars to see a groundhog or cow on the slopes of the mountain.

A wolf does not know it is stepping over an invisible boundary fence surrounding the park. Shooting a wolf for putting 1 foot outside the park zone is SICK! The wolf population has dropped by 2/3 in 7 years and the lowest on record. Shooting and trapping the pack leaders also causes the pack to usually not have pups or even breed that year. So the population further decreases. Unless that is your goal all along and that is inhumane to kill the pack by not allowing it to breed or feed itself since the loss of the strongest members are gone.

That is unhealthy, and shooting and trapping the leaders of a pack makes the situation much much worse since the pack usually disperses to nothing. A weakened pack will then probably not be able to furnish itself with normal; prey animals and probably go for the stupid weak animals such as cows,cattle or domestic animals.

Humans are making the problem worse NOT better for themselves. Without a healthy wolf population to weed out the sick or weak prey animals of elk,caribou or moose, the weak prey animals will be the only animals left to breed. Since Man always shoots the prime animals that could have provided the proper genes to keep the elk,caribou and moose populations strong and healthy.

Re-establish the Denali buffer zone to protect what little wolf population of wolves Alaska has left around Denali.

Without wolves you will not only lose tourists you will lose your dignity as wildlife stewards.

Steven Sparks

From: [diane donovan](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Wolf Protection
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 8:00:14 AM

Thank you for taking the time to read and deliberate this issue. Please approve the requested emergency regulation. Our wolves are of utmost importance not only for the interest of tourists; but, because they are an extremely important part of the eco-strata.

Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution – Natural Resources – stipulates that natural resources will be managed as a “public trust,” providing “for maximum use consistent with the public interest,” and for the “utilization, development, and conservation...for the maximum benefit of (the) people.” Clearly, this constitutional provision provides for non-consumptive uses of wildlife such as wildlife viewing, along with consumptive uses such as hunting and trapping. Regarding this issue, there is significant value to thousands of Alaskans provided by the viewing of Denali National Park wolves. The value and public interest to thousands of Alaskans provided by seeing Denali wolves, as well as the value to the many Alaskan businesses reliant on this wildlife viewing tourism, should greatly outweigh the value and public interest of just a few individuals being allowed to continue trapping and hunting Denali wolves along the park boundary. It would be irrational, and we suggest unconstitutional, to continue placing the interests of a few Alaskans over the interests of thousands of Alaskans. Emergency regulation by the Board is clearly appropriate in this case, as there is a clear threat to an important Alaska game resource that was unforeseen and unexpected. This emergency petition presents significant new information showing the severity of impact of the take of park wolves on state lands: two park packs (Grant Creek and Nenana River) were severely affected by take in 2012 and 2013 on state lands along the boundary; visitor viewing success of park wolves dropped from an estimated 45% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013; the drop in viewing success of Denali wolves has, and will continue to, cost the local and state economy; the fall 2014 park wolf count did not increase above the historic low spring count; and the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interest, not narrow interests.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Diane Donovan

From: [Brittany Straw](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:57:30 PM

I am writing you today to speak on behalf of Denali Wolves. Wolves are losing their lives and are VITAL for the ecosystem, as every animal has their importance in balancing mother nature. If we continue to kill off these animals- we will continue to kill ourselves. We cannot wait until it's too late to reverse the damage that we have done. Revenue has decreased due to the loss of wolves- wolves equal money - you are risking a subsequent amount of money and also your figure if you disrespect wildlife. If you want people to continue to visit then I would HIGHLY suggest keeping the wolves safe/conserved along with all life. Thank you for your time and consideration. -Brittany Straw. Reno, Nevada

From: [Saranda Oestreicher](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:27:54 PM

Leave the Denali wolves to be - do not allow trapping!

From: [Frances bonner](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:06:13 AM

Please consider providing a buffer for Denali wolves. One of the few things that could get me to spend money, investing in Alaska, is to see wolves. Wolves mean a great deal to people and to the lands which they are integral part of.

Thank You,
Frances Bonner, MAT
Sent from my iPad

From: [Craig Hiler](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:22:17 PM

I'm writing in response to what I read of your treatment towards your wolves. Alaska is known and loved for its vast open spaces and it's wildlife. To read of the slaughter of your wolves is appalling. I suspect it's to keep the populations high of your hoofed animals, making easier for them to be hunted. It is a common and shameful tactic in our country. Please stop your slaughter of these beautiful, iconic wolves and rethink your policy.

Thank you,
Craig Hiler

From: [Kasie Henderson](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali buffer for wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:45:06 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to strongly encourage you to reestablish the buffer around Denali for the protection of the remaining wolves. Pack numbers are dwindling dangerously low and the entire ecosystem of Denali will suffer, this fact has been proven time and again. Millions of dollars are generated by Denali National Park and a great many of those dollar wielding humans go in hopes of catching a glimpse of a wolf or pack of wolves! My sisters and I go to a new national park every summer and I was pushing for Denali this summer for the sheer exciting possibility of seeing or even hearing wolves! The devastating drop in numbers constitutes an emergency - please take this concern to heart and do the right thing. We need wolves - they are important to a healthy ecosystem, to Denali National Park specifically.

Sincerely,

Kasie J. Henderson
1027 E. Main St
Auburn, Wa 98002

From: [Eileen Sutz](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali park wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:29:00 PM

Please put a protective buffer around Denali park for wolves. The population has drastically dropped from 143 to 50 because of trapping . The wolves can't see the invisible boundary. Please be their stewards as we believe you to be and protect them. People from around the world come to Denali to view wildlife which includes wolves.

Please show the world your compassion for this species. The species has declined by TWO THIRDS in just 7 years!! 50 wolves is the lowest population in the parks recorded history. The count for spring 2015 is expected to be the same if not lower. Please put a buffer zone/ no trapping zone as outlined in the Petition for Emergency regulation as outlined by The Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

The ability to view wolves in Denali has gone from 44% in 2010 to 4% in 2014!
Please take note and help by allowing this ASAP.

Thank you, respectfully -

Eileen Sutz

From: bsbvenue@gmail.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali petition
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:29:25 AM

Please support the petition. Wolves are vital to the ecosystems. Humans are causing the problems and should fix what we have broken.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® III mini, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Marina](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali wolf buffer zone
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:25:50 PM

Hello,

I ask that you make protecting Denali's dwindling wolf population one of your highest priorities. There is plenty of evidence showing how large predators are integral for healthy biodiversity and balanced ecosystems. Please write back if necessary to be pointed toward the scientific literature.

Thanks,
Marina Granger

From: [Lindsey Gray](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Denali wolves
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 2:07:27 AM

Please leave the wolves alone! They deserve the right to live.
~Lindsey Gray

From: [Sue Goldstein](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGEGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER):SUPPORT
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:44:45 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly urge you to adopt AWA's petition to establish a no-take wolf buffer adjacent to Denali. In addition to believing that it is up to us two legged inhabitants of earth to protect those who cannot speak for themselves, I have traveled to and throughout Alaska four times and believe the sighting of wildlife, especially wolves to be one of the highlights of our trips.

As keepers of The Last Frontier, you have a duty to preserve it for future generations. I am counting on you to do the right thing and adopt the petition.

Thank you, Sue Goldstein

From: [Eugenia Kim Hensley](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY BUFFER ZONE FOR DENALI
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:48:07 PM

Board,

I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. I am a U.S. Citizen and pay taxes - and have a right to have my voice heard.

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
- Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Again, I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Kim Hensley
2502 Lawrence Street
Houston, Tx 77008

From: [Elizabeth Colpitts](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:15:50 AM

According to the National Park Service, wolf population throughout the six-million-acre Park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in Fall 2014. This translates to nearly two-thirds decline in only seven years. Historically, this has been the lowest count on Park record. Furthermore, this depleted count failed to increase during the summer as it usually does.

Since the 2010 Denali Buffer elimination, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has drastically dropped from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (according to the most recently reported data). This drastic decline in wildlife viewing is unprecedented in U.S. National Park system history. Clearly, this affects Denali National Park visitors, who contribute more than \$500 million annually to Alaska's economy. One of the main reasons tourists visit Denali is to observe wildlife, particularly wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there will likely be a further decline in wolf population, resulting in long-term consequences to include decimation of this resource and substantial damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management as well as its standing as a prominent wildlife tourism destination.

According to Alaska's constitution, the state is responsible for managing fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. This emergency regulation will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wanting to view wolves in the wild, versus the few who want to hunt and trap park wolves.

Clearly, the astonishing and drastic decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

Therefore, I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Respectfully, I ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Best,

Elizabeth

[Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony. – Gandhi](#)

From: [Jeffrey](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:59:00 AM

Dear Alaska Board of Game Officers:

I SUPPORT EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance (AWA). I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that petition.

The Denali wolf population is now walking a tightrope. According to the National Park Service spring 2014 wolf count, there were just 50 wolves in the park—the lowest in the park’s history. As apex predators, wolves are vital to their ecosystem. Since the Denali Buffer was discontinued, their numbers have declined steadily. With the decline of wolf-seeing opportunities, so will the tourists decline too. It’s time to halt wolf persecution and bring this animal back to its rightful place in nature. Please keep Alaska as the “last frontier.”

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter.

Yours truly,
Jeffrey Kramer
New York City

From: [Tanya MacRae](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:53:53 AM

My entire family and I passionately support this proposal for this emergency closure, as we believe wolves and other predators are play a vital role in the health of our rich natural history and our essential ecosystems, as well as contributing a great deal to the local community.

We understand that according to the National Park Service, the wolf population has now dropped to just 50 - the lowest in the park's historical record. This will have a devastating impact on not only the wolves and other species, but the area as a whole.

Since the last Denali Buffer was removed in 2010, wolf-viewing has also dropped dramatically from 44% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013 - and this freefall decline in wildlife viewing success is both unprecedented and appalling.

Local communities will also suffer as a direct result of the continual slaughter of wolves by hunters and poachers - we understand that visitors to Denali National park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, with the viewing of wildlife and especially wolves a key priority.

Any further losses in the population of wolves will create long-term problems and damage to Alaska's sustainable wildlife management and reputation - tourists will quite rightly seek to visit alternative destinations that protect not kill their wildlife, my family included. The small minority of hunters and ranchers across the USA are systematically wiping out or manipulating wildlife for their own gains, which will have long-term devastating consequences for animals, environment and local communities.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit the vast majority of thousands of Alaska citizens and international visitors wishing to view wolves in the wild - over tiny minority who wish to hunt and trap park wolves, for their own gains.

The evidence is clear - the unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Therefore, my family and I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance - with a matter of urgency.

We therefore respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. As past visitors to Alaska with the intention of returning again in the near future, we hope that this proactive measure will be taken for the benefit of these and all other wolves in the USA - please set an example to other states as to how to successfully preserve these beautiful creatures, precious ecosystems, local communities and rich natural heritage for all our futures!

Yours sincerely

Family MacRae

From: [Cathie Turk](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:00:46 PM

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
- Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- **I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.**

I vacation in areas that allow me to enjoy viewing the wolves in the wild, such as Eastern Arizona, Wyoming, and Alaska. If the wolf population continues to decrease at Denali, why would I come there? Please allow the wolf population to increase to safer numbers in your park to allow visitors to enjoy them, before they are all gone.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Turk
5360 N. Warner Drive
Apache Junction, AZ 85120
480-982-8609

From: [Kelly Jo](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:05:22 PM

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

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- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Kelly Jo Jones
7140 Taylor Ave
Temperance, MI 48182

From: [Jed Zimmerman](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:01:32 PM

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

**Please help save our Wolves. They are very important to us.
Killing our wild animals is against our values.**

**Thank you,
Jed B. Zimmerman**

From: [Kimberly CONVY](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 10:31:49 AM

Please do the right thing here. This is Alaska, where wildlife thrive and tourist flock to see the last frontier! Claim this as your own. Protect your unique wildlife. Protect Alaska's uniqueness, it's purity, it's beauty...wildlife belongs here, it's woven in the fabric of the landscape. Essential. Truly essential. I ask you, what would Alaska be without it's wildlife? Your protections of ALL wildlife are critical, especially the wolves. They belong to this wilderness, they belong to all of us.

Kim Convy

Facts:

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
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- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask

that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

From: [Melanie Weberg](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer) SUPPORT
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 4:07:28 PM

Hello

I am writing to support the Emergency Petition for a buffer around Denali National Park.

You are the trustee of our National Park and thus must protect wolves for all citizens. To promote a drop in population of 2/3rds in just seven years clearly is not acceptable and does not represent the public's wishes. Your tourism revenue is enormous and Denali NP is part of that.

Tourists interested in seeing wolves dwarf the few trappers and hunters that wish to kill them. I for one will never visit Alaska and am ashamed of how you are managing the wildlife within our federal and Alaska's state lands.

Please support the Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer).

Melanie Weberg
Wisconsin



Wildlife Public Trust & Coexistence
www.wildlifepublictrustcoexistence.com
<https://www.facebook.com/wildlifepublictrustcoexistence>

From: [Ian Francis](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer)
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 10:52:54 PM

Sirs,

I write in response to your refusal to grant a buffer zone for the Denali wolves, and in so doing allowing the trapping of wolves.

The population has declined by 2/3rds in the last few years, and visitor sightings have declined accordingly. This is now an international issue, and we are watching Alaska for your response. We are appalled at the underhand serial email tactics used in the past, and the refusal to see that Alaska is one of the few areas of the world still using State legislation to drive a national creature to extinction where other countries, like ourselves, have already done so. To do so also denies the economic benefits of visitors who come to your area specifically to view wild wolves.

Again, I urge you to grant the Denali wolves their needed and rightful buffer zone.

I. Francis

United Kingdom.

Sent from my iPad

From: [PAMELA J WILLIAMS](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): I Support It
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:34:08 PM

I am 100% in support of designating a generous buffer zone in the Denali National Park area to protect all species at risk. I am particularly concerned about the wolves that follow their natural prey of caribou onto adjacent state lands where they are trapped and hunted.

While I support the Alaska Wildlife Alliance's emergency petition to establish the buffer zone in the most critical area, I don't think it goes far enough. The entire park should have a buffer zone, and all species -- including wolves -- should be protected.

Wildlife "belongs" to all the citizens of the United States. Hunters and trappers already dominate the landscape and put peaceful nonconsumptive users of public lands at risk. Are hunters and trappers the only citizens you serve? I thought your mission stated otherwise. Also, why jeopardize the tourist revenue that healthy wildlife populations and the opportunities for wildlife viewing bring? The dramatic decline in Denali wolves will discourage Great Old Broads for Wilderness and other like-minded wildlife appreciators from even considering a trip to Alaska. Why wouldn't we head to Yellowstone instead?

Please protect the wildlife that belongs to ALL of us by implementing the buffer zone proposed in the emergency petition -- or an even larger one that offers more protections. Please also let me know the course of action you decide to follow, as well as your rationale.

Thank you.

From: [Rhonda Lanier](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 4:15:16 PM

Dear Alaska Board of Game:

I am contacting the Alaska Board of Game to ask that you please support the Emergency Petition reestablish a Buffer along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. Without the requested and needed emergency closure there will no doubt be more additional wolves removed from the Denali landscape. And there will no doubt be further long-lasting impacts to Denali's wolves.

Since the removal of the previous buffer in 2010 the critical impact of take on wolves has severely impacted Alaska's tourism dollars. The successful viewing of visitors of the Grant Creek and Nenana River packs is all important to people considering traveling to Alaska: I know that for a fact because I am one of those people.

Why would you not protect these wolves who each year contribute to the local and state economy? 500 million dollars to Alaska's economy is not something to be dismissed. Further to that indisputable fact is that the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interests, not to serve as agenda items for a few.

Please do the right thing for all of the citizens of Alaska and for her Denali wolves, known and loved worldwide. Please support this Emergency Petition for the Denali Buffer.
Sincerely,

Rhonda Lanier
Bozeman, Montana

From: [Amy Jones](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:13:23 AM

Please stop the now legal trapping and killing of wolves along the Denali Buffer. The decline in the wolf population in recent years has affected the state tourism by the park visitors declining, as these visitors go to Alaska's parks to see the beautiful land and wildlife, this includes wolves. Please save these wolves so that the tourists & visitors to the parks may see all of Alaska's wildlife. Thank you.

From: [Margaret McGinnis](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:00:41 PM

I am writing to urge support of the emergency petition (Denali Buffer) for the following reasons:

- **According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.**
- **Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.**
- **Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. I would not want to visit Denali if there was no possibility of seeing wolves. I am constantly confounded by the BOG's relentless assault on wildlife.**
- **Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.**
- **Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.**
- **The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency**

action by the Board of Game.

- **I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.**

M McGinnis

From: [Mark Gopaulsingh](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:13:34 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Emergency Petition regarding the establishment of the Denali Buffer Zone as proposed by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. It has come to my attention that the Denali wolf population has declined significantly in past 7 years, by a factor of almost 66%. I find this troubling, and hope that the proposed Buffer will work to rectify the situation. Wolves are an important natural resource to the people of Alaska, both maintaining the delicate ecological balance in, and attracting tourists to, the region. With this marked decrease in wolf population not only is the ecological balance threatened, the financial well-being of the parks, and by extension the state, is as well.

It is my firm belief that it is the responsibility of the Alaskan government to seek to protect the wolves from this dangerous drop in population, and to do their utmost to restore the wolf population to a healthier, more reasonable and ecologically sound size.

Thank you,
Mark Gopaulsingh
Ontario, Canada

From: [Beth Katte](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:27:59 PM

Dear Board of Game,

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Beth C. Katte
Los Angeles, California

From: ann.cahill27@comcast.net
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:09:12 PM

The wolf population in Denali is in sharp decline. The loss of a buffer in an area around the park has resulted in hunting and trapping of these wolves on public lands as they naturally follow the caribou. As you must be aware, wolves are a keystone species that help maintain the natural order of their environment, both with other species and their behavior that directly relates to the health of that environment. Significant losses of wolf population will have a negative impact on other species and the land they inhabit.

The loss of wolves can also have a negative affect on tourism to Denali, since many come to see not just the beauty of the land, but the wildlife there. Wolves are a natural part of that wildlife that many tourists would hope to see. As little as 50 wolves diminishes that hope for your visitors. This is a potential loss of revenue for the state.

Without this buffer, the hunting and trapping will continue, resulting in more losses. Recent counts show the wolves are not rebounding well from this. Studies show that random hunting and trapping of wolves disrupts the core family unit, and makes their recovery more precarious.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Ann M Cahill-Makowsky

From: [Lynn Driessen](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 1:34:38 PM

To the Board of Game:

I strongly support the Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf Buffer adjacent to Denali National Park. It is absolutely shameful that the wolf population across the park and preserve has declined so precipitously between 2007 and 2014. Since the elimination of the previous Denali Buffer in 2010, wolf-viewing success for park visitors has also declined precipitously, from 44 percent in 2010 to just 4 percent in 2013.

As the Board is well aware, visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million to the Alaskan economy. One of the main reasons tourists visit Denali is to view wildlife, especially wolves. Wolves were my main reason for visiting Alaska.

The requested emergency closure is critical to prevent additional taking of wolves this spring, which would result in further long-term impacts on the population and lost value of this resource. This would result in significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Under its constitution, Alaska is required to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people," which obviously includes non-consumptive values such as wildlife viewing. The requested emergency regulation will indeed benefit thousands of Alaska citizens who wish to view wolves in the wild. It is time that non-consumptive users have a voice in these decisions, rather than solely that of a view who choose to hunt and trap park wolves.

I have visited Alaska in the past, but choose not to return until the policies that have caused the alarming decline in the wolf population are discontinued and until all park users have meaningful input in sustainable wildlife management decisions. I sincerely hope that I, along with the wildlife groups to which I belong, will once again enjoy the fabulous opportunity to view Alaska's magnificent wildlife, especially wolves.

The threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game has clearly been met by the unexpected precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success). Again, I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully request that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Lynn Driessen
Appleton, WI

lawlady9@hotmail.com

From: [Ron Howard](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 10:28:28 AM

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
- Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

The attempt to control nature for the benefit of one class of citizen i.e. game hunters is not only not sustainable but doesn't serve the interest of the public at large. Trapping may have made sense at the turn of the century but it has no place in modern day society. People who engage in this activity have little concern for maintaining a proper balance in nature and will no doubt ignore any regulations or quotas in an effort to stay within the law. The creation of a buffer zone will also eliminate risk to other wildlife and even possibly family pets who may wander into the area. I strongly urge the commission to consider the long term effects if the Denali wolves are hunted into extinction. With only fifty wolves remaining they are already at considerable risk as the gene pool has already been seriously compromised.

We belong to nature, it doesn't belong to us.

Respectfully,

Ron Howard
Woodland Park, CO



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From: [Virginia DeVries](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 9:18:50 AM

I am for a Denali Buffer Zone and consider the current situation to be an emergency because of facts you clearly have to be aware of. Firstly the spring 2014 wolf count showed wolf numbers the lowest in the park's historical record! If this isn't an emergency, what is? Only 4 percent of wolf viewing people saw wolves in 2013. Alaska is dependent on tourism and tourism is dependent on wildlife viewing. Without an EMERGENCY closure, the additional taking of wolves THIS spring will result on long lasting impacts and lost value of the resource that it is your job to manage. The Alaska constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", and most people are not wolf hunters. The unexpected decline in the Denali wolf resource clearing meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Please support Alaska's wolf population by re-establishing a Denali Buffer Zone.

Sincerely, Virginia Jones

From: [Erin Hauge](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:56:08 AM

To: Alaska Board of Game

I strongly support the Denali buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation for protection of Denali's remaining wolves.

A two-thirds loss in wolf populations in Denali National Park in 7 years is not only unsustainable, it tarnishes Denali's image as a holy grail for eco-tourism by visitors from around the globe. People come to see Denali's astounding diversity of wildlife, and especially Denali's wolves.

Allowing these essential apex predators to be blasted by hunters who manage to lure them out of the park and onto the unprotected and huntable state lands east of the park is cruel and short-sighted.

Allowing continued hunting off the unprotected eastern boundary areas will undeniably result in further destruction of Denali wolf populations to the point where they may not even survive. This lack of sound science management will irreparably damage what has been Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, not to mention destroy its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Wolves belong on Alaska's landscape. They are native. They must be protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Erin Hauge

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Erin Hauge
Certified California Naturalist
Wildlife and Habitat Conservation Advocate
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Walk quietly Coyote, the practical people are coming now.
Thomas Hornsby Ferril

From: [Bob May](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Cc: [Bob May](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:36:57 PM

Give protection now or you will be responsible for the demise of these beautiful animals. Wolves are an essential component of the ecology. It is not for you to decide out of convenience.

Bob May

From: [christopher.polito](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:56:34 PM

I am writing to support a buffer zone around the Denali National Park in order to ensure that in essence a DMZ area is established in which wildlife can safely cross over the national park border without running into a wall of traps and hunters.

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Thank you,

Christopher Polito

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From: [Terri Stilwell](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:28:08 PM

- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Please end this senseless killing.

Thank you!

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From: [John Donovan](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:18:23 PM

I have read and I strongly support the petition of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance to establish a no-kill buffer zone around Denali National Park. This would be a rational and sound exercise of your role in wolf management. John A. Donovan

From: [Daniel A. Martinez](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 12:38:53 AM

To the Alaska Department of Fish & Game - Board of Game,

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

I write as a National Park Ranger and fellow citizen who has had the pleasure and fortune of visiting Denali National Park and being in awe of its splendor.

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game's cruel experiment with the Denali wolf population has resulted in a two thirds loss of Denali wolves stemming from their decision to remove the trapping buffer in 2010. The data is clear per the National Park Service 2014 count of only 50 wolves in the 6 million acre park compared to 147 wolves in their prior count. The precipitous decrease in wolf sightings for Denali National Park visitors from 44% to 4 % from the years 2010 to 2013 confirms these data. So now we know. Removal of the buffer by the Alaska Fish & Game Department was a bad idea and a handful of trappers have been given priority over an estimated 400,000 yearly Denali National Park visitors including a large number of Alaskans. Times have changed. Animal populations are not able to defend themselves from the so-called "traditional" practices of a handful of individuals who cannot accept the fact, or care that the Denali ecosystem is now under significant stress from human exploitive practices. Trapping in this fragile ecosystem is not a sustainable practice given these real world data, and iconic species such as wolves may soon be only a memory. The incredible cruelty of intentionally subjecting an animal to this slow painful death is another issue. These people are a significant minority, and public servants on the Board of Fish & Game are legally constrained to represent the majority position in a democracy. Alaska's constitution requires these representatives to manage fish and wildlife "for the maximum benefit of the people", and those of us who regularly visit and financially support the park prefer wildlife viewing rather than seeing dead wolf skins on a wall.

Daniel A. Martinez
Wilderness Ranger
National Park Service

From: [Naomi Heiman](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer):
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:18:43 PM

Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer)

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Sincerely,

Naomi Heiman
Emmaandspirit@hotmail.com

From: [iPad Speech14](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition -Denali Buffer: Support
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:24:18 PM

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.

Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination, as well as the tragic loss of precious lives of individual wolves.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Janet Rhodes
Cathedral City, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: lilith2163@gmail.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition Denali Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:39:12 PM

Please reinstate the Denali Buffer to protect the serious declining population of wolves in the Denali Wildlife Park !
The population is now down to approximately 50 wolves ! This is simply a very serious matter of life & death for these beautiful essential animals ! I urge you to please protect these wolves by keeping them safe from hunters , so they may once again be able to survive extinction!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Penelope Bakatsias](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Petition for safe buffer zone for Denali wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:19:00 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Please allow for the safety buffer zone for Denali wolves AND DO NOT ALLOW trapping or hunting of this dwindling population anywhere.

Thank you.

A concerned American citizen,

Penelope Bakatsias
North Carolina
USA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mary Parham](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency Support: Denali buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:20:58 AM

I've always wanted to visit Alaska. I want to see the glorious scenery, visit the mountains and oceans and see the wildlife especially the wolves. Now I understand that there are very few wolves left because you are now allowing trappers into the prior buffer zone.

Denali National Park gets hundreds of thousands of visitors each year who want to see the wildlife, especially the wild and wonderful wolves but you have taken that away. They supply millions of dollars to Alaska. To me, it makes no sense not to restart the buffer zone and let the wolf population rebound.

I am very disappointed that Alaska is wasting a wonderful asset by allowing them to be killed.

I read a book by the name of "A wolf called Romeo" which I'm sure you know took place in Juneau. The town's population was mostly supportive of Romeo. It took a man from Pennsylvania to ruin that for them. Are you now the man from Pennsylvania?

Please restore the buffer zone and give wolves a chance to live. I would love to visit and see everything Alaska has to offer and that includes the wolves.

Sincerely,

Mary Parham

From: [Kevin Laemmrich](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency petition (Denali Buffer) Support
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 8:08:48 AM

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

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- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
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- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Let's save these wolfs, there's plenty of animals to trap. Science has shown killing packs creates rogue wolfs that tend to act desperate and unnatural which leads to cattle or pets being attacked due to desperation. Please reintroduce the buffer

From: [Janet Slinowsky](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency petition Denali wolf buffer
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:08:03 PM

Please strongly consider not allowing trapping, hunting or poisoning or lol lining of wolves in this area of Alaska ! I have come many times to this park, and have encouraged many friends to also. The wolf is an awesome animal with a purpose to its existence !! Why repeat what went wrong in Yellowstone ! Kill them, then try to reintroduce them . When we see your big screw up. Leave the wolves . They BELONG!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [taxiserve](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency petition support, denali buffer
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 7:32:31 AM

Please rethink this, and allow a buffer. It will benefit not only the wolves, but the whole echo system. Improve income through tourism, and save them for our future generations

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Mega™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: [rusti benton](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Emergency petition, Denali buffer!
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 1:03:21 AM

- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Think your decision through. It has consequences if you don't reinstate the Denali buffer.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [El Mack](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Establish a no take wolf zone outside Denali
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:26:01 PM

It is crucial that a no take wolf zone be established outside the Denali park border!

From: jfedel@juno.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:57:51 PM

I am sorry that this email is coming so late in the day, but PLEASE establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park.

I believe that this buffer is critical to the health of the local wolf packs, and to the tourism industry in the area....not to mention the benefit a healthy wolf population will offer behavioralists and scientists.

**Thank you,
Jeanne Fedel**

From: lmstadler1@aol.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Establishment of No Take Wolf "Buffer" Zone
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:34:45 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly urge you to establish a no take wolf "buffer" zone adjacent to Denali National Park.

The wolf population has declined dramatically in the last 7 years; from 143 in the fall of 2007 to just 50 in the fall of 2013. That is a 2/3 decrease in just 7 years. Trappers should no longer be allowed to target wolves that leave the safety of Denali.

It has been documented that visitors to Denali are having far fewer successful wolf sightings. As a past visitor to Alaska, I can vow that ample opportunities to view your magnificent wildlife are essential in drawing tourist dollars to your state. It makes absolutely no sense to kill the animals that are generating millions of dollars for the tourist economy.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people" It is apparent that this is not being done. Current wolf management policies are benefiting special interest groups which comprise only a small segment of the population. Reckless policies such as these are threatening the tourism economy, which benefit all Alaskans.

Loretta Stadler
NJ

From: [martina truelsen](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Dear Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 3:13:29 PM

Subject: Dear Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
nina clausen

From: [Oliver Starr](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Cc: [Oliver Starr](#)
Subject: Haber Was Right. Failing to provide a buffer for park wolves is destroying their culture and the nature of the park
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:15:12 PM

As someone that like Gordon, has invested most of my life in studying and working with wolves it is simply inconceivable that given what has happened in the past three years that more wolves would die as a result of hunting, trapping and the calling and baiting of wolves out of the security of the park and to their deaths along its borders.

We have already destroyed some of the longest lived wolf packs in the world and along with them hundreds or thousands of years of developed social culture.

Wolves are not like other animals that can be managed with slaughter. Their reproductive rates are not the determining factor in how wolves should be stewarded but rather with species as advanced as wolves, compassionate conservation like that propounded by Dr Marc Bekoff or the late Dr Gordon Haber needs to be implemented. In wolves like in humans, it's not how many but whom. Wolf packs are social structures that are destroyed by random and unnecessary killing.

Please respect the sanctity of this park, the intrinsic value of each animal, not just the species itself, and stop caving in to people like the murdered Wallace that killed Haber's favorite wolves with snares by baiting them out of the park over the carcass of his own horse. A horse of over 17 years that he shot adjacent to the park.

This is unacceptable. The world is watching. Act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Oliver Starr, President
Good Wolf (a 501c.3 non-profit representing over 250,000 members)

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From: [Carrie Muse](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: I stand with AWA
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:59:49 AM

Protect our wolves. These animals deserve protection. I stand with the AWA. Why visit Alaska if the "wild" is removed from the wilderness? I know I won't. Re-establish the much needed buffer zone.

Sincerely,
Carrie Muse

From: [Robert Howard](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: I support a buffer zone.
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:48:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Robert Howard. I am writing to ask for a "no take buffer zone" around Denali National Park in regards to wolves. Wolf numbers have been drastically decreased in the past few years. Besides the loss of a precious resource in itself, the loss of wolves also affects the number of visitors in the park. Wildlife viewing is an incredible draw. With them, large amounts of money. This is a fact.

The further decline of wolves should be allowed. I am a hunter, but I do not share the ignorant view of many other hunters with regards to the lack of value to wild wolves.

Do the right thing and allow for a no kill zone surrounding the park.

From: [Diane Bentivegna](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: I support the Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer)
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:13:36 AM

Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

Dear Alaska Board of Game,

The national reputation of the State of Alaska in terms of its commitment to wildlife tourism was damaged when the Alaska Board of Game first rejected a petition urging the Board to enact a wolf buffer (no-trapping/no-hunting) zone on a small parcel of state land along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. Although the most recent wolf survey results estimate a total population of only 50 animals in the park — one of the lowest counts in the past 20 years — this buffer zone would protect the twenty to thirty animals that comprise the three most viewed wolf packs in Denali National Park.

One of the most viewed packs in the park – the Grant Creek pack – was seriously impacted from a trapping loss this past April. The pack failed to reproduce and dispersed. The success of viewing wolves in Denali has declined dramatically since the buffer was removed in 2010.

A journey to Alaska requires a substantial financial investment on the part of visitors. Personally, I will not spend approximately \$9500 for this trip (which I make twice a year), when, in all probability, I may not see the very wildlife I expect to see on a “wolf-watching” adventure. If, however, the proposed buffer zone were enacted, I would be reasonably assure that all was being done to encourage a successful experience. I am surely not alone in that conclusion.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional wolf killing this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Best regards,
Diane Bentivegna
494 South 14 Street
New Hyde Park, New York 11040
516-352-0670

From: [Eva Schorer](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF PETITION GMU20
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:58:43 AM

To the Alaska Board of Game

I strongly support the petition GMU 20 requesting that the Alaska Board of Game establish an appropriate buffer zone to protect the Denali wolves along the eastern boundary of the park.

It is of extreme importance that we manage a healthy and sustainable ecosystem and conserve a healthy and sustainable population of the top predators, wolves and bears. There is a mountain of scientific evidence that clearly outlines the necessity of maintaining a healthy, sustainable wolf population and keep the integrity of wolf packs.

The extreme situation that has been caused by mismanagement where wolves are being slaughtered is totally unacceptable. A drastic decline in wolf population of over 66% in the past several years and the fact that the population has shown no growth this past summer is extremely concerning. As many of our colleagues, we travel extensively to view wildlife and anticipate that National Parks are managed in a way to keep a healthy and balanced ecosystem including wolves.

Wolves are sociable and extremely intelligent animals that develop hunting skills that are passed down from generation to generation. By destroying wolf packs you are destroying the behavioural and integrity of the pack. The wolves contribute to maintaining a healthy herbivore population, the very animals you claim you want to protect i.e) caribou, elk, etc.. This decimation of wildlife is having a long lasting impact on all the wildlife and causing significant negative impact on the ecosystem.

We visited Denali a couple of years for the sole purpose of locating and viewing wolves and it was to our huge disappointment that none were seen. This situation was experienced by our friends who had visited the year prior. We now visit and spend our money in Yellowstone, where this past year we observed wolves on 2 separate locations. We are scheduled to return to Yellowstone this May.

It is of utmost importance that the parks be managed for everyone, not just for the trappers and hunters. This beautiful area should benefit all people. Ecotourism brings in huge amounts of revenue.

The situation is dire with the present wolf situation and the tremendous decline of the population. This is cause of extreme measures in conserving this wonderful animal.

I request that you do the right thing and vote in favour of establishing the buffer zone on the eastern boundary of Denali National Park.

Respectfully yours

Eva Schorer

From: [Matt Lambert](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: In support of the EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER)
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:17:24 AM

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If humans would stop killing wolves, the ecosystem, of which they are an integral part, would recover. There needs to be a buffer system put in place adjacent to Denali Park to minimize the slaughter of wolves, and curtailing somewhat the bloodlust of certain humans.

Thank you,
Matt Lambert

From: [Shields, Judith](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Keep Alaska Wild
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:15:15 PM

Please protect your wolves. By doing so, you will protect your great state.

Take a look at this wonderful film. In it are my comments.

Thank you for your attention.

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From: [Christina Pruitt](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: MASSACRE OF WOLVES
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:34:25 AM

LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE! HUNT THE DECISIIN MAKERS AND THE HUNTERS!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

From: [Amala Kohler](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 11:41:11 AM
Importance: High

Dear Board of Game,

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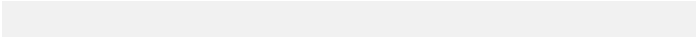
Amala Kohler

From: [Chrissty Elliott](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:18:25 AM

Wolves are the beautiful original dog!! Without them you would have NO domestic dogs at all!!!

From: +13128180164@tmomail.net
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:17:07 AM
Attachments: [text_0.txt](#)

Stop killing the wolfs.



From: 4076977888@vzwpix.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:03:05 AM

This severe decline on population needs to be looked into more heavily with accent on monitoring the hunting and trapping regulations at this point in emergency!

From: [J DeBoskey](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:24:00 PM

Please save the wildlife in and around Denali Park.

From: [Sue](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:09:38 PM

Please establish the "Buffer" for wolves as a safe haven for them. Please protect these animals.

Sent from my iPhone

"Love one another. Take care of each other. Respect each other."
Hannah Solomon
Athabascan Matriarch

From: [Nikki Feely](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:07:19 PM

I support the emergency petition for Denali wolves!

From: [Dyan Draper](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: No take Wolf Buffer
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:22:10 PM

In support of a No Take Wolf Buffer next to Denali National Park since wolf numbers are critically at a low count!

From: [Janice Greenberg](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Petition Emergency Support
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:28:13 PM

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

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Thank you!!
Janice Galt

From: [Stephanie](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Petition for boundary for denalis wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:37:12 PM

There needs to be a boundary for denalis wolves!! I am traveling to alaska this summer and want to see wolves. No trapping around the park! Cater to the People and tourists that travel far to see wolves and pay big money.
Stephanie Farac

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Angie Duguay](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Petition
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 3:46:29 AM

Sent from my iPad please let the wolves run free this is a real shame

From: [Lovely Laura](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please Re-establish a Denali Buffer
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:26:31 PM

Dear Board of Game,

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Thank you.

Laura Wolfe

From: [Laura Davidson](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please establish the no take buffer in Denali as described below
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:27:54 PM

Please vote to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park. We need wolves in Denali and Alaska! Thank you

Laura Davidson from my iPhone

From: [Sharon Toth](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please give wolves a chance
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:14:19 AM

Please consider giving these beautiful wild animals that represent an independent spirit to many and so closely related to our beloved dogs a chance to thrive. All creatures great and small, the good Lord made them all. Thank you.

From: [C. Shell](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please help the wolves!
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:09:19 PM

I am in support of the petition to stop trapping wolves outside the borders on state land. Wolves are essential and need to be protected. Please create a buffer for the wolves. Thank you.

From: [hilltophouse29](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please leave the wolves in peace.
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 9:34:24 PM

Sent from Samsung Mobile

From: [Kim Waterson](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please protect the wolves in and around Denali National Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:51:37 PM

To whom it may concern

Please continue to keep the no kill wolf buffer zone around the park

Thanking you

From: [Beth Ayoub](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please protect wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:19:41 PM

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nic D](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please put a buffer zone to protect precious wildlife!
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:48:39 AM

Since 2010 a few trappers have specifically targeted Denali wolves when they cross the park boundary onto state land in their winter pursuit of caribou. On that small area of state land - where we are requesting a Buffer - trapping is legal.

The toll on the wolves has been immense. Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years. Unfortunately, the count for Spring 2015 is expected stay at the same record-low level.

Predictably, wolf-viewing success for the 400,000+ annual visitors to the park dropped accordingly. In 2010, the last year the Buffer was in place, 44 percent of visitors saw wolves. That number dropped to 12 percent in 2012, and to just 4 percent in 2013. Given the very low wolf numbers, the 2014 viewing success rate was likely very similar, and the outlook for 2015 is no better.

Please put a buffer zone to protect our majestic and precious wildlife!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kelly Dunn

From: [Peter Cucchiara](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please re-establish a Denali Buffer to protect the survival of wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:03:59 PM

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From: [Elise Long](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please stop Wold trapping in Denali!
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 1:36:31 PM

To Whom it may Concern:

First off I am all for living off the land and surviving but this is way to extreme these numbers that have dropped in the wolf population! Any sane person would agree that this is wrong!!! Im sorry PEOPLE have chosen to live on the Wolves ORIGINAL home, so we have no right to trap, shoot, kill these beautiful creatures! What will it take to stop this ??? cause if i need to storm the streets for petitions I will do so! This is so incredibly wrong that the human race should truly be ashamed and embarrassed that this is even an issue! Why are trappers not regulated??? why no restrictions?? Are their furs truly needed for survival? or just for economic gain? either way we need to let these animals prosper in their home! What do I/We the people need to do to help!?!? This is their home, their turf, we have no right to slaughter them as if they are souless beings! We share this planet with animals, it is not MANS as we have been brain washed to think for years. PLEASE Please stop this!!! I am truly concerned and want these animals to prosper, as i want all creatures of this earth!! Thank you for your time and please take this into consideration because if we destroy those who truly thrive on this earth, because they are who will preserve it for our future. Hope you are having a great day and thank you for your time

Sincerely,
Elise Long

From: [joy_ames](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Please support a buffer zone for Denali wolves
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:28:24 PM

Denali wolves have been seriously impacted by the removal of a buffer zone to protect them - please reinstate a buffer zone for them as soon as possible.

Thank you

Jim and Joy Ames

From: [David Brewer](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Proposal GMU20
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:50:28 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to add my support for the establishment of a buffer zone adjacent to Denali National Park in which the killing of wolves is prohibited.

Experience has shown, in several locations in North America including Canada, that with a highly mobile species such as the wolf protected areas are frequently inadequate in size to achieve adequate conservation. Furthermore, given the complex social relationships within a wolf pack, the death of certain key individuals can have a disproportionate negative influence on the survival of the pack as a whole. Consequently, allowing indiscriminate wolf-killing in areas adjacent to parks can have a devastating effect on the population of the park itself....as has happened on occasion in Canada...and is simply bad conservation biology.

I visit Alaska to see wildlife, as do thousands of other revenue-generating tourists.

The continuing presence of populations of species such as the wolf will have a major influence on my decision as to whether to continue visiting.

I trust that you will use sound biological science to come to the right decision, which is overwhelmingly in favour of establishing this further buffer zone.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr) A.D.Brewer

From: [Susan Roberts](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protect Denali wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:04:06 AM

Dear wildlife managers.

Please protect your Denali wolves. I would love to come to your state for wolf watching. This is going to be impossible if you continue to allow the killing of the wolves. I will not spend my money on Alaska tourism if you cannot protect your wolves.

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Regards,
Susan Roberts
Marshall, WI

From: [Karen Hulene Bartell](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protect the Wolves!
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 4:54:03 PM
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Dr. Karen Hulene Bartell, PhD

Website: <http://karenhulenebartell.com/>

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Feliz Navidad!



From: [Jason Frost](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protect the Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:00:22 PM

Hello,

I am writing with sincere desire to express my care for the survival of these wolves living in Denali. I think it is our responsibility as good natured human beings to take action to preserve the lives and survival of these wolves in whatever way necessary. It is such a small choice to make which can have tremendous effects. I hope that you can see the wisdom of taking good care of these wolves whose lives may be in your hands.

Warm Regards,
Jason

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Catherine Hults](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protect the wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 9:30:55 PM

The wild life of this country is just as important as the humans with out wolves to help manage the caribou their population will become overwhelming they will strip the land of vegetation which can lead to mud slides and other problems in the circle of life their is a purpose for ever living thing
Sent from my iPhone

From: [whispergirl77.](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protect them
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:43:54 PM

We have to save our four legged friends. We must protect the voiceless!!!!

From: [Deborah Lashley](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protect wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 3:52:57 AM

Please protect the wolves as they of course don't know there is a boundary line. All animals have a place in our eco system. It's unacceptable they are killed because they cross an unknown line. Ridiculous. Hunters just want to kill.

From: [DONELLA SCOTT](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Protection of wolves
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:31:22 PM

There are tough decisions to be made if we are to protect species and habitats from the impact of man and industry. The science about the importance of protecting predators in order to protect the environment is strong. Alaska like my home province of Alberta prides itself on the remaining wilderness within its borders. It is important that we live up to our advertising. Please do not allow the trapping or hunting of Wolves in areas surrounding Denali. Perhaps Alaska can set the examples so many other jurisdictions need to follow. Thank you for taking the time to consider the needs of the ecosystem that supports all of us.

Sincerely

Donella Scott
Lethbridge Alberta
Sent from my iPhone

From: [SC](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Re establish Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:34:35 AM

I support the petition to establish a Buffer along the Eastern boundary of Denali to protect the Denali wolves.

Please protect the wolves, they are essential for a healthy ecosystem and their population has declined dramatically because there is no buffer to protect them. I love wolves and want to see them when I visit Denali Park and Reserve. Wolves are a major attraction and incentive to visit this park.

Thank you.

Regards,
Shoma Chatterjee

From: [Michelle Plummer](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Re- establish a buffer.
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:35:38 PM

I am writing you today about re-establishing a buffer for the Denali wolves. A subject that is close to my heart. Wolves are magnificent animals, that should be respected. The Denali wolf decline from the fall of 2007 to the fall of 2014 is staggering. The wolves already have natural factors, that cause their decline. Trapping and hunting should not be allowed as a contributor. Trapping and hunting of these beautiful Denali wolves, must be stopped. The visitor viewing of these wolves have dropped tremendously and will continue to drop. Possibly becoming non existent. Like these magnificent wolves, if they are not protected. I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Respectfully, Irene Plummer
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Shannon Wall](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 4:22:42 PM

Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves. According to the NPS, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does. Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system. The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves. I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Shannon Wall

From: [Tim Murphy](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Re-establishment of the buffer zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:20:48 PM

Dear Alaska Govt- please re-establish the buffer zone for wolves around Denali. You have to realize that 50 wolves in 6 million acres of park is a very low number. Everyone in the lower 48 considers your state to be THE most pristine and the eminent wildlife haven. Please secure the existence of wolves and other large mammals by creating a buffer zone to encourage their survival.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Niki Conrad](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Reestablish buffer zone Denali
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 6:49:38 PM

Good evening my name is niki and I am writing today to express my support for a buffer around the eastern side of Denali National Park. As a tourist to your state I enjoy what the park has to offer from beautiful scenery and the wildlife it's a amazing experience. I was concerned when I found out that trapping and hunting of wolves was being done right on the outer edge of the park. As you and I both know animals can not read signs or feel invisible lines. I recommend a buffer just outside the boundary. Please rethink undoing this buffer and consider establishing a zone area. Thank you and I look forward to my next trip.

Signed niki conrad

From: [Kathryn Hamilton](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Save The Alaska Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:11:51 PM

My Urgent Plea for Alaska Wolves:

Since 2010 a few trappers have specifically targeted Denali wolves when they cross the park boundary onto state land in their winter pursuit of caribou. On that small area of state land - where we are requesting a Buffer - trapping is legal.

The toll on the wolves has been immense. Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years. Unfortunately, the count for Spring 2015 is expected stay at the same record-low level.

Predictably, wolf-viewing success for the 400,000+ annual visitors to the park dropped accordingly. In 2010, the last year the Buffer was in place, 44 percent of visitors saw wolves. That number dropped to 12 percent in 2012, and to just 4 percent in 2013. Given the very low wolf numbers, the 2014 viewing success rate was likely very similar, and the outlook for 2015 is no better.

AWA has again submitted an Emergency Petition, updated with the latest wolf population and viewing statistics, to the BOG. The BOG will have to consider this Petition at a public meeting, and we have requested it be placed on the March meeting agenda.

I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS PETITION!
Sincere Thanks and Urgent Plea for Wolves,
Kathryn Hamilton
Walden, NY

From: [Brenda Nadeau](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Save the Wolfs
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:14:56 PM

Please save the wolfs for all the generations to come. Please don't let it be to late.

Thank You
Brenda Nadeau

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Cynthia Arnold](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Save the wolves!
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:25:59 AM
Importance: High

Please establish a permanent buffer between Denali Park land and an area where hunting is allowed!

Cynthia Arnold, R.N., B.S.N., C.P.H.Q.
Quality Improvement Coordinator
Northwest Hospital
5401 Old Court Road
Randallstown, MD 21133-5185
410-701-4540

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From: [Jennifer Wood](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Save the wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:08:55 AM

If we continue to kill the wolf, an integral part of this ecosystem, the entire system will change, as it is already doing, and continue to change, for the wolf and many other species, as well. They are IMPORTANT, and I DO NOT want to have only a PICTURE of such a majestic and sentient creature.....
Before man interfered the ecosystem was moving along just fine, and our constant injustices will only further damage the delicate balance of ALL NATURE.
Please, STOP THE KILLING!!! The consequences will be irreversible!

Sincerely for Wolves,
Jennifer L Wood

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jamie Trottier](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Stand for the wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 10:01:02 PM

Hello this is Jamie Trottier and I live in West Kelowna B.C. I support the buffer placement and believe in the seriousness of protecting the wolves and working towards increasing their population numbers. Thanks for your time. Sincerely Jamie

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Deidre Viars](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Stop killing wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:16:31 PM

They belong. Stop the killing. Have we not ruined enough of what God has given us!!!
Sent from my iPad

From: [Lydia Garvey](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Stop the war on Our wildlife- Protect the Wolves!
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 6:54:46 PM

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Do your job- Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife, health & future! Predators are vital for ecosystems balance.

Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.

Thank you
Lydia Garvey Public Health Nurse
429 S 24th st Clinton OK 73601

From: [Christina Larkins](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Support for Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:47:27 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am in support of the above referenced petition as there has been a dramatic decline in the park's wolf population in a short period of time. I believe that with the establishment of a buffer zone adjacent to Denali National Park it will help to regenerate the wolf population.

Thank you,

Christina Larkins
12 Rossmount Road SW
Calgary, Alberta
Canada T3C 2P3

From: [Kim Sellers](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Support of the re-establishment of the buffer Denali National Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:53:37 PM

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you from Australia to ask that you protect wolves and re-establish the buffer at Denali National Park.

Wolves are being persecuted and witch-hunted with such bloodlust by minority groups in the US that the rest of the world no doubt wonders if you are going mad! To do this to an animal that is an icon, a keystone predator, a tourism draw card, is ludicrous.

You should be doing everything within your power to protect and help wolves recover in the USA.

Some points that are extremely important are below and I agree wholeheartedly with them:

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Please help wolves and protect them from those who would do them extreme harm and want to see them eradicated, re-establish the buffer.

Yours sincerely

Kim Sellers

66 East Derwent Hwy, ROSE BAY, TAS, Australia 7015

From: [Dena Selby](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Support the Denali wolf buffer zone
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 12:22:57 PM

WILDLIFE WAS HERE LONG BEFORE MAN - WE NEED TO HELP PROTECT THEM!!!

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From: [Debbie Ballard](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Visiting Alaska
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:24:29 PM

I am hoping to visit Alaska but the killing of these beautiful wolves will discourage any trip.
Regards Debbie Ballard

Sent from my iPad

From: [Liz Lowrance](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: We need a buffer
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:15:34 PM

We need a no take buffer adjacent to Denaliwe have to have a safe zone for wolves

From: SKYSHRINK@aol.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf Buffer Zone adjacent to Denali NP
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:26:02 AM

Dear Alaska Fish and Game.....I support the position of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance as reflected in its petition. Wolves need areas of protection. The necessity for a sufficient population to allow for genetic diversity is also important. Please do the right thing.

Don Molde
3290 Penfield Circle
Reno, Nevada 89502
1-775-857-3111

From: [Annie Bien](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf Buffer Zone
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:14:51 PM

Dear DFG,

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Wolves are predators known to help maintain a balance in the eco-system. It is time to listen to the way nature works and the way your tourism has dropped when you allowed these animals to be killed through hunters and trappers who are destroying your economics and your environment.

Please take the long view rather than a short-sighted view for Denali National Park and your state. If you approve of killing of wolves, I certainly would not want to visit your state and would advise others to boycott your valuable tourism industry.

Yours,

Annie Bien

From: [ROSA](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf Denali Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:22:20 AM

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Thank you

Rosa Popowski

From: [Zachariah Strife](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf Population Decline Within Denali National Park
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 10:49:38 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

It has recently come to my attention that a petition has been established for the instatement of a no kill buffer zone surrounding Denali National Park, in hopes of better protecting the wolf population within. I am writing to voice my concern regarding the drastic decline in wolf population within the park over the past few years, as well as to express my support for the petition calling for a buffer zone to better protect them. While said buffer zone, in of itself, may not be enough to increase the wolf population in the area to its former levels, I feel that any measure to protect the wolves is desperately needed at this time, and will be a step in the right direction. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter!

- Zachariah K Strife

From: [Nancy Paris](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf Protection
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:29:30 PM

It has been proven that Wolves improve health of region by thinning Herds of herbivores that decimate the land when their populations are not kept in check by predator. Wolves are not a danger to humans and are very important part of Ecosystem. STOP THE KILLING OF WOLVES BY IGNORANT PEOPLE

Sent from my iPad

From: [Craig Hiler](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf and Wildlife Preservation
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:33:19 PM

It pains me to read of your savage hunting of wolves. These iconic, intelligent animals deserve better and I believe you're aware of this. This kind of disruption by man of nature is rarely, if ever right or good. Please rethink your approach to your perceived problem. Stop this mindless slaughter.

Thank you,
Craig Hiler

From: [Regina Baker](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf boarder
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:44:57 PM

Its imperative that wolves remain free from danger as part of our ecosystem and beauty. Regina Baker

From: [JaneToeDoe](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf buffer zone around Denali Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:32:01 AM

Unfortunately, wolves will wander, and even more unfortunately many humans have been taught to hate and despise the wolf and blame him for killing too many animals. The fact is that the good the wolf does and the joy that wolf watching brings to many people far outweigh the amount of animals that the wolves kill for food. Additionally, why are wolves blamed more than bears and packs of dogs who also bring down game?

Either we share the planet with other creatures who perform beneficial services or we destroy them all and are left with a huge hole in our planet and many problems that these animals prevent.

Wolf watching and photography are also money makers for the park and the state.

Please reinstate a buffer zone to help the wolves live and do the job nature intended them to do!

Thank you.

Curtis and Jane Hoffman

Dallas TX

From: freakybadkitty@yahoo.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf buffer zone
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:56:18 AM

Hello please give protection to our wildlife. Please approve the buffer zone around the park. Thank you Jennifer pelletier

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE device

From: [r_meier_2000](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf buffer
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 6:32:04 PM

Dear Sirs I want to encourage you to approve of a buffer for the taking of wildlife around Denali NP...the loss of the alpha female thru baiting with a dead horse shows the need for the buffer.thank you RMier MuskegonMi 49441

Sent from my Virgin Mobile phone

From: [Abhi Kulkarni](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:12:41 PM

I am writing in support of establishing a no-take wolf buffer zone in the vicinity of Denali National Park. All across US, there seems to be a concerted campaign to demonize wolves and eliminate them. Alaska needs to stand up for its wildlife and prevent what happened in the mid-90s...US having to beg Canada for some wolves to re-introduce because the so-called conservationists (hunters) killed most of our wolves.

Enough is enough. The DFG is established to represent ALL people, not hunters/trappers alone.

Abhi Kulkarni

From: [Liz Lowrance](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolf conservation
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:18:44 PM

We need to give these majestic creatures a break.....they have a right to exist as do we.....
Sent from my iPad

From: [Regina Morciglio](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolfs
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:57:36 PM

Help the wolf

From: [Sonia Valdivia](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves Denali National Park
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 11:30:04 AM

Dear Board of Game,

Please re-establish a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

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Please restore the buffer and capitalize on one of Alaska's greatest treasures: WOLVES. Ecotourism is a huge source of wealth for Alaska. We want to see wolves on our wild landscape. I urge you to restore the buffer IMMEDIATELY. Thank you.

Sonia V.
California

Sent from my iPhone

From: 3604631061@vtext.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves are such a vital part of our ecosystem! ple...
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:15:10 PM

Wolves are such a vital part of our ecosystem! please stop the inhumane and cruel hunting and murder of these beautiful creatures!

From: [Donna R. D'Fini](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves need every inch
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:56:51 PM

Denali should not be denied as a safe zone PLUS.



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From: [heather reppen](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves need protection!!
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:52:23 AM

I would like to add my voice to the Alaska Wildlife Alliance to ask that you put measures in place to adequately protect the wolves.

Wolves are essential in their ecosystems and are in need of protection. As apex predators they are necessary to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

Please, do all you can do to protect them! We need wolves - they are essential!!

Thank you!!

Heather Reppen
Brampton, Canada

- According to the National Park Service, the wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 - a drop of almost two-thirds in just seven years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.
- Since the previous Denali Buffer was eliminated in 2010, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has dropped precipitously - from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (the most recent year for which these data have been reported). We believe this precipitous decline in wildlife viewing success is unprecedented in the history of the U.S. National Park system.
- Visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, especially wolves.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.
- The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

From: [Tricia Michael](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves of Denali National Park
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:30:14 PM

It appears that the population of wolves has decreased by approx. 2/3 since 2007. The remaining wolves at the buffer zone deserve a chance to live in peace. I am against killing animals unless it is an urgent necessity. Please support their chance at life.

Tricia Michael

Sent from my iPad

From: [Eileen Sutz](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves of Denali
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:10:29 PM

I'm very concerned about the decline in the wolf population in Denali National Park due to hunting and trapping immediately adjacent to Park boundaries. The Park should exemplify the wild natural ecosystem which functions perfectly without human interference. While Chronic Wasting Disease, the terrible prion spongiform encephalopathy disease of cervids has yet to reach Alaska, as far as we know, it is spreading inexorably throughout the US and Canada and threatens cervid populations throughout the continent. Wildlife officials seem to be utterly unable to stop the spread of this disease. It is by no means clear that humans will not get sick from consuming game with CWD either although though there may be an induction period of months to years. Other diseases can also spread in cervid populations, like brain worm. Apex predators fill a crucial role in ecosystems keeping these herbivore populations healthy. It would be irresponsible to cater to the selfishness and greed of a few hunter/trappers and ignore the threats to Denali's ecosystem. Please establish a buffer zone around the National Park in which hunting and trapping or otherwise killing/ removing wolves is illegal. Thank you.

Eileen Sutz

Wolves were removed prematurely from federal protection. They are being tortured and slaughtered and the public doesn't know. They are heading back to extinction. Please ask me for more info.

From: [Becky Gooden](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves!
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:41:57 PM

Make them a priority!!! Please save them. Stop stonewalling the votes!

Becky Boyd Gooden
Bodacious Bookings
361-746-4744

From: [Norvie Bullock](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:14:44 AM

Help Save
Our Wolves
Pleas ...

From: [Jeannette Eaton](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:07:01 PM

Do not remove the Denali buffer zone.
Protect the wolves

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rosann](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:50:33 PM

Stop the hunt on our wildlife! Read the science, slaughtering wolves only causes unbalance in the ecosystem.
I stand for wolves, please do the same!

Sent from my iPhone
Rosann

From: [Dianne Schneider](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:43:32 PM

Please stop killing the wolves, They need to be saved and only you can do this. Please Please let them live/

Thank you

Dianne Schneider

From: [Deborah Martin](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:24:50 AM

Wolves are essential to the health of our ecosystem's. They were here long before rancher's and politicians were. They have more rights to this country than we do. It is arrogant for humans to decide whether or not they deserve to exist in a area that was theirs to begin with. These magnificent animals deserve to live, and I would pick them every day, over the existing policy makers.

From: [Douglas Franklin](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:15:26 AM

I want my grandchildren to be able to see these wonderful majestic creatures in real life, if the continued murdering of these animals is allowed all that they will be able to see are pictures in a book. These animals do not kill for fun they kill for food that's how it works has for hundreds of years. What will be next once the wolves and coyotes are all gone, what creature will then be on the hit list. It's one thing to kill something for food it's a total different story when the animal you kill isn't. If all these so called hunters and trapper's so desperately feel the need to do this type of thing, why aren't they actually going after a true threat to humans like, I don't know, say ISIS now that's a threat.

From: [Maria Moorat](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:19:48 AM

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to request that you make a no-kill/no take buffer zone around Denali National Park in order that the wolf numbers recover. I understand there is a meeting to discuss this issue tomorrow, Friday 27th February 2015,

In 2007 the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6,000,000 acre park. In 2014 the NPS counted 50 wolves. At this kill rate there will be no wolves in the park by 2020.

It has been scientifically shown that as a top predator wolves maintain the balance of an ecosystem, helping to keep it healthy and diverse.

People around the world are saddened by reports of wolf killing, hunting and trapping in the US and Canada. In fact many people cannot understand why people hunt at all, fearing that there will be extinction.

Denali is a National Park, for ALL the people. I have little doubt that the majority of people do not want the wolves killed and wish to continue to hear them as part of the wild landscape. Tourists visiting the park would love a sighting of a wolf or wolf pack.

Please help protect the wolves by establishing, at the very least, the buffer zone.

Yours faithfully

M Moorat (Mrs)

Sent from my iPad

From: [Chanchai Kaewim](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:52:30 AM

Please protect the Denali wolves. Do not hunt them or take away their lands. They are very important for our ecosystem. Do not let them go extinct. Thank you.

Chanchai Kaewim

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From: [Lorna Schaefer](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Cc: Lschae4779@aol.com
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:40:51 AM

The toll is immense back in 2007 the national park service counted 143 in a 6 million acre park . In 2014 Nps counted just 50 a record decline of 2/3 in just 7 years . 2015 is expected to be the same. Please keep the buffer to save the continued slaughter from happening . Thank you Lorna Schaefer 890 Lindenwood dr Aurora il.60506

From: [Ruth Terry](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:43:33 AM

Why would you continue to allow such a cruel inhumane act such as trapping to go on? Especially in this non sportsmen like way. Ignorance is not even an excuse for this. Simply cold hearted action of evil to be able to inflict such tormented pain on any innocent living creature!
Sent from my iPhone

From: [duanemcdaniel1](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:26:04 PM

Please leave these animals to live a natural life. It seems some human predators have been enabled to decimate a wonderful creature. I hope that my grandkids can come to Alaska and see some wildlife includin Wolves.

Sent from the Samsung Galaxy Rugby Pro, an AT&T LTE smartphone

From: [Norvie Bullock](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Cc: [Norvie Bullock](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:14:21 AM

PLEAS :

Be Kind
to Our Wolves

(T/Y !!!)

From: [Norvie Bullock](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:12:42 AM

PLEAS :

Save Our Wolves !!!

From: applejam5050@yahoo.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 8:52:43 PM

Please allow the wolves to live. They make prey animal/ herds stronger & they keep ecosystems healthy.

Stacie Kirtley

From: [John Eilers](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:25:05 PM

Please stop this senseless killing of our beautiful wildlife. The only problem I see is man!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Mel](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:26:30 PM

Please please save our wolves. They are precious and we need to save them

Sincerely
Melissa Brokaw
Jacksonville Florida

Sent from my iPhone

From: [bartman1019.bb](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:44:47 AM

Please don't let wolves die for sport

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Sharon Koch](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 1:38:40 AM

There are many people who fear wolves because they are not educated enough about them. They are an essential part of this world. Wolves are not the mean furious animal man makes them out to be. Wolves kill on instinct as that is what instinct has taught them. It is not wolves killing all the moose, deer, and elk it is man. When a wolf kills a family pet or a ranchers cattle it isn't out of spite, it is because they cannot distinguish the difference. Again it is instinct and ranchers get payed by the government for there lost.

When hunting first started it was because man needed food, wolves are not eaten, they are shot for trophy or just because man has the impression wolves are some furious animal, when actually there have been very few wolf attacks in the United States.

You hear stories about how animals that are now extinct would have played an important role in society. So why is man making the same mistakes over. We have much more information now not to make the same mistakes. We need to protect what we have not destroy.

Wolves are like humans. They live in packs and that is their family. When you take a member especially alpha's you are destroying their family. It is no different from humans.

Rather than having your mind set to destroy these animals, think about what they do for the Eco-system and how important they are.

I like seeing wildlife and it is man who is destroying that because of greed and lack of knowledge.

The wolves need to be protected and only you can make that decision to do that.

Sent from my iPhone

From: runningredwolf23@gmail.com
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:15:54 PM

Dear Gov

I would like to express my thoughts on the declining wolf populations. Wolves as you know it be scientific facts and studies improve the forests and the lives of other creatures in the forests. Do not take away the chance of me, my children and there children the chance of hearing a wolf howl in the wilds. Thank you Jenna Anderson
runningredwolf23@gmail.com

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From: [Norvie Bullock](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Cc: [Norvie Bullock](#)
Subject: Wolves
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:15:14 AM

PLEAS : Help Save Our Wolves ...

From: [Deb](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: comment
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:52:13 PM

PLease create a no kill buffer zone near Denali and give the wolves a chance. I thought Alaska was proud of its wildlife. Apparently it enjoys killing more than conserving. The lower 48 thought there was no end to buffalo at one time too. Well there is an end, and your tourism WILL suffer when its all depleted.
Deb

From: [Ingrid](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: comments
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:54:42 AM

To: Department of Fish and Game and BOG... state of Alaska

From: I de Baintner MD FACSM (Major, USAF ret.)
Dover, Massachusetts

Re: Emergency petition for buffer adjacent to Denali national Park.

As a long time advocate for Alaska's wolves and wildlife, and a hiker backpacker up your beautiful landscape I am once again putting in an urgent request to protect the iconic and important keystone predator: the Alaskan gray wolf. I have followed the horrific events over the years involving aerial shooting, overt abuse by so-called hunters etc. etc. not to mention the sadistic and cruel reaction to Gordon Haber's untimely and tragic death. It is time that Alaska and in particular the board of game sees the world as a premier attraction and most importantly a key figure in the health of the ecosystem. Manipulating the numbers is based on unscientific information, politics and is at best cruel and inhumane.

Since 2010 a group of individuals has requested the reestablishment of a buffer zone along the eastern boundary of Denali. This has been stonewalled by your department and what has happened is a tragic and predictable demise of wolf numbers to the point where they are in serious jeopardy. The total has been immense! In 2010 there were 143 wolves in a 6,000,000 acre park... in 2014, NPS count it just 50 wolves the lowest on record and a decline of nearly 2/3 in seven years. Unfortunately that or lower count will be expected in spring of 2015. Interestingly enough this seems to correlate with Gordon Haber's death to a large extent.

Since the previous buffer zone was eliminated wealth viewing by almost a half 1 million visitors and Denali has dropped from 44% in 2010 to 4% in 2013.

Some of my friends and colleagues are no longer planning to visit Alaska for this reason specifically Denali and are now going to Yellowstone! It is an unprecedented decline and probably the most serious one in history of the national Park system. Shameful!!

Income to Denali National Park is around \$500 million and this gets pumped into the economy. One of the main reasons visitors come to Denali to see wolves and that is what always seems to stand out in their mind when I speak to individuals that visit Alaska over the summer spec. Denali

Without this emergency closure and protection of vulnerable wolf families additional trapping will cause irreparable damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management... namely wolves as a keystone predator and symbol of wild/wilderness!

Indeed Alaska's constitution requires that the state management position wildlife for "maximum benefit of the people". This obviously includes non-consumptive values: wildlife observation and tourism....not wildlife terrorism!

Why do a few individuals who trap and kill get precedence and priority over the thousands of Alaskan citizens and tourists who wish to view wolves in the wild??

It is a disgrace that politics and money seem to play a priority i.e. hunting, trapping, etc.

and, by the way, it is also a shame that the BOG is entirely composed of individuals with allegiances to these groups!

This type of problem is not unprecedented: Algonquin Park in Ontario Canada had the same problem for years and when the wolf population was severely imperiled, a buffer zone was created and I believe is still in operation.

The precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource meets the threshold for the emergency action by the BOG.

I respectfully ask you to do the ETHICAL and RIGHT thing: emergency closure as outlined in the petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance.
Thank you for your time

From: [Shelley Ruth Wyndham](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: place this Emergency Petition on its March 2015 meeting agenda, solicit and consider public comment, and act affirmatively on the petition
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:56:19 PM

I am in full support to re-establish a Buffer along the eastern boundary of Denali.

It is an utter disgrace that the Denali wolf situation has deteriorated as it has.

Since 2010 a few trappers have specifically targeted Denali wolves when they cross the park boundary onto state land in their winter pursuit of caribou. On that small area of state land - where we are requesting a Buffer - trapping is legal.

The toll on the wolves has been immense. Back in 2007, the National Park Service counted 143 wolves in the 6-million-acre park. In 2014, NPS counted just 50 wolves, the lowest population in the park's historical record, and a decline of nearly two-thirds in just seven years. Unfortunately, the count for Spring 2015 is expected stay at the same record-low level.

Predictably, wolf-viewing success for the 400,000+ annual visitors to the park dropped accordingly. In 2010, the last year the Buffer was in place, 44 percent of visitors saw wolves. That number dropped to 12 percent in 2012, and to just 4 percent in 2013. Given the very low wolf numbers, the 2014 viewing success rate was likely very similar, and the outlook for 2015 is no better.

I am in full support to submit an Emergency Petition, **and I** request it be placed on the March meeting agenda.

The petition proposes simply that a small subset of the GMU 20 wolf population – the twenty to thirty individual animals that comprise what had been the most viewed 3 or 4 wolf packs in eastern Denali National Park – is at risk from take on adjacent state lands, and asks the State to grant protection to this small, unique subset of the GMU 20 wolf population due to its significant and disproportionate economic value to Alaska.

We note that Denali National Park contributes over \$500 million each year to the state economy, and one of the main reasons tourists come to Denali is to see wildlife, **OF COURSE INCLUDES WOLVES.**

I respectfully request that the Board place this Emergency Petition on its March 2015 meeting agenda, solicit and consider public comment, and act affirmatively on the petition.

The unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) clearly meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board. The wolf population across the 6 million acre park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in fall 2014 – a drop of almost 2/3 in just six years. The spring 2014 wolf count in the park of just 50 wolves was the lowest in the park's historical record, and remained at 50 in the fall count. It is highly unusual, indeed worrisome, that the 2014 Denali wolf population did not increase over the summer as it traditionally does.

Thank you.

Dr Shelley Ruth Wyndham

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From: [Mary Elizabeth Spalding](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: please help preserve the wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:56:50 PM

Please preserve the buffer zone so that wolves may live. We need them and now they need us!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Spalding, PhD
University of Nevada Las Vegas

From: [Michael Popowski](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: re-establishing a Denali Buffer
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:05:02 AM

I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer because the unexpected and precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. The emergency regulation requested will benefit thousands of **Alaska and American citizens wishing to view wolves in the wild**, over a few who wish to hunt and trap park wolves.

Michael Popowski

From: [Cornet Hilary](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: save the wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 2:58:39 AM

Numbers of wolves in Denali have dropped. Wolves are essential to the health of the ecosystem. Please do what you can to save the wolves. There should be a big buffer zone where no trapping and no hunting is allowed. Please act on this now.

Your sincerely,

Hilary Shadroui Cornet
Le Vermont
Saint Pierre du Mont
France

From: [Cathy Condon](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: save wolves don't destroythem
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 1:21:53 AM

From: [Charmi Weker](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: wolf buffer
Date: Sunday, March 01, 2015 7:12:22 AM

I am in favor of a buffer around Denali Park boundaries to ensure protection of the wolf population that lives in and around the park.

Charmi Weker

From: [patricia Russell](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: wolf
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:58:37 AM

please do not kill any more wolves and our countries you cannot to mess with the ecosystem and think everything will be okay thank you Patricia Russell 405 5244667

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Novella Maia](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: wolves
Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:30:00 PM

There is nothing noble about decimating a species, which many of the current policies appear to be designed for!
The law of unintended consequences seems to be unheard of among those policy makers.

We need to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park, and preserve these animals.

Novella Maia
Lyons, Colorado

From: [Natasha Zapata](#)
To: [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)
Subject: wolves
Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:11:10 AM

Please leave the wolves alone. They deserve to live their lives and do their jobs in the ecosystem. That will help humans. Stop cow towing to sportsmen and ranchers. They are no better than everyone. They do not deserve their desires over the rest of us. You should protect wildlife at costs. We have to share this planet for all of us to survive. If some humans got in the way of ranchers would we be killing them? Animals deserve the same rights as humans. Leave them be.