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The same should be done around Yellowstone NP

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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.

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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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**Comments:**

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

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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

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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.

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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

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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,

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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.

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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

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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.
- 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Save the wolves!

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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.
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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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Please protect our wolves in Yellow Stone National park

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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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## **EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT**

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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

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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.

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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 removed 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 protect 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

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Please protect wolves, they are vital to the ecosystem! Thank you.

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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.

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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,

Line Ringgaard

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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.

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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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~~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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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

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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.

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

Submitted By

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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

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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.

Sincerely,  
Penny S. Garzarek

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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

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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  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 9:31:36 PM

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TUVM.

On Feb 28, 2015 10:02 PM, "DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)"  
<[dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov)> wrote:

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- Deliver to the Board meeting location during the meeting, if 20 copies are provided.

Thank you

Submitted By

Rebecca Taylor

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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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## **Help the wolf**

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2/27/2015 1:18:18 AM

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Ms.

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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

Submitted By

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2/27/2015 8:22:06 AM

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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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## **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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**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.

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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.
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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

Submitted By

shaleen Holland

Submitted On

2/25/2015 9:17:23 PM

Affiliation

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.

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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. 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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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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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

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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'.

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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

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2/27/2015 5:49:43 PM

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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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**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

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2/27/2015 8:46:22 PM

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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.

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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,

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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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