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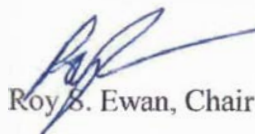
Dear Chairman Spraker,

The Ahtna Tene Nene' Customary & Traditional Use Committee is opposed to the Petition #1 – Closure for taking wolves on state lands near Denali National Park Unit 20.

There is no conservation concern or reason, error in regulation, or biological need to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted. There is no reason or conservation concern to re-address this petition. Wolves will move to another area if food sources are insufficient within habitat areas. Wolves reproduce in abundance, with as many as seven litter pups each spring. This population of wolves will naturally rebound, given time to reproduce.

Our Committee does not believe there is a management correction that needs to be made. Expanding the area in size or to re-consider re-addressing this issue will increase wolf population and decrease other wild game, such as moose and caribou in the Stamped Trail, National Park areas and on State lands. Subsistence needs must be a priority over maintaining a healthy wolf population. Wolves naturally re-produce and built up its population without human intervention.

Sincerely,



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