

**FrontDesk Reservations**

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I support amending proposal 152 . I support a full closure or year around closure of trapping and shooting of predators (wolves, bears, lynx, wolverine) along the Stampede corridor (or wolf townships) . There was a buffer zone preventing the shooting and trapping of wolves along the Stampede Corridor from 2000-2010. The Board of Game removed the buffer zone from the Stampede Corridor in 2011 This piece of state land that juts into the Denali National Park & Preserve then allowed the baiting of predators during open season. The traps were baited with hog carcasses that lured Denali wolves into the Stampede Corridor where they were shot and killed. This activity decimated some of the wolf packs living in the east and northeast portion of Denali National Park. Viewability of wolves by visitors to the park fell from 45% in 2010 to 1% in 2019. The 1% figure comes from a poll by Denali National Park bus drivers at the end of the 2019 summer season.

The Denali National Park & Preserve attracts over 400,000 visitors each year. These visitors include tourists who come from all over the world as well as Alaskan residents. These visitors come to see living, watchable wildlife. One of the most sought after views is of wolves. When the buffer zone was in place, wolves were commonly seen along the road that enters the park. However with the removal of the buffer zone the few packs who used this road have diminished and now viewability is down to 1%.

Denali National Park is an economic engine bringing in both tourists and Alaskan residents. In 2011, wildlife viewing activities supported over \$2.7 billion in economic activities. This is over twice as much as hunting and trapping activities provide to the state of Alaska. Living and watchable wildlife is Alaska's other renewable permanent dividend. According to the 2 year survey conducted by ECONorthwest 2011 for ADF&G, most Alaskans value living watchable wildlife in Alaska. Thus Alaskans should be supporting and protecting living watchable wildlife. It is a renewable resource that we need to protect for future generations of Americans and Alaskans.

It is time that the Alaska State Board of Game begin to listen to the voices of the 80 % of Alaskans who live in Alaska and enjoy the chance to watch, observe, study and photograph wildlife as well as the Alaskan businesses that benefit from tourists who come to Alaska to see watchable and living wildlife.

Also it is time that the Board of Game members listen to the Native elders such as the mayor of Anaktuvik Pass who complained to the Board of Game *on March 8* ~~today~~ of the activities of nonresident hunters whose planes (cubs) and hunting activities have disrupted caribou migration in their area and in the Dalton Corridor!

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Board of Game about these issues.

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