From: <u>Janice Greenberg</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Stephanie</u>

To: <u>DFG. BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>
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,

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.

Laura Wolfe

From: <u>Laura Davidson</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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 doggs a chance to thrive. All creatures great and small, the good Lord made them all. Thank you.

From: <u>C Shell</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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 boarders on state land. Wolves are essential and need to be protected. Please create a buffer for the wolves. Thank you.

From: <u>hilltophouse29</u>

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: <u>Kim Waterson</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)
Please protect wolves To:

Subject:

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:19:41 PM

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nic D

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

Subject: Please put a buffer zone to protect precious wildlife!

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:48:39 AM

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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.

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Please put a buffer zone to protect our majestic and precious wildlife!

Sincerely, Dr. Kelly Dunn From: <u>Peter Cucchiara</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>David Brewer</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Karen Hulene Bartell</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Jason Frost</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Catherine Hults</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Deborah Lashley</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DONELLA SCOTT</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Michelle Plummer</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Tim Murphy</u>

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: <u>Niki Conrad</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>
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: <u>Kathryn Hamilton</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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.

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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: <u>Brenda Nadeau</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Cynthia Arnold</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Jennifer Wood</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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 an 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: <u>Jamie Trottier</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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:

<u>Deidre Viars</u> <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u> Stop killing wolves To:

Subject:

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>
Subject: Stop the war on Our wildlife- Protect the Wolves!

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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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Kim Sellers</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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:

- 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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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: <u>Dena Selby</u>

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: <u>Debbie Ballard</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

<u>Liz Lowrance</u> <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u> To:

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: <u>SKYSHRINK@aol.com</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

Subject: Wolf Denali Buffer

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:22:20 AM

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

Thank you

Rosa Popowski

From: Zachariah Strife

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Craig Hiler</u>

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

Regina Baker
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

Subject:

Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 6:44:57 PM

Its imperative that wolves r emain free from danger as part of our ecosystem and beauty. Regina Baker From: <u>JaneToeDoe</u>

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: <u>freakybadkitty@yahoo.com</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

<u>Liz Lowrance</u> <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u> To:

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

R e gina Morciglio DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

Subject: Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:57:36 PM

Help the wolf

From: Sonia Valdivia

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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.

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.

Sonia V. California

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>3604631061@vtext.com</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Donna R. D"Fini</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

Subject: Wolves need every inch

Date: Friday, February 27, 2015 5:56:51 PM

Denali should not be denied as a safe zone PLUS.



This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.

www.avast.com

From: <u>heather reppen</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

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From: <u>Tricia Michael</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>
Subject: Wolves of Denali Natonal 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: <u>Eileen Sutz</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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 fll 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: Beckey Gooden

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

Subject: Wolves

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:41:57 PM

Make them a priority!!! Please save them. Stop stonewalling the votes!

Beckey Boyd Gooden Bodacious Bookings 361-746-4744

Norvie Bullock
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

Subject:

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:14:44 AM

Help Save Our Wolves Pleas ...

Jeannette Eaton
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

Subject:

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

<u>Dianne Schneider</u> <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u> To:

Subject:

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: <u>Deborah Martin</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Douglas Franklin</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Maria Moorat</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Chanchai Kaewim</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

Sent from my iPhone

From: <u>Lorna Schaefer</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

Cc: <u>Lschae4779@aol.com</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>duanemcdaniel1</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

Norvie Bullock
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

Cc: Norvie Bullock Wolves Subject:

Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:14:21 AM Date:

PLEAS:

Be Kind to Our Wolves

(T/Y!!!)

From:

Norvie Bullock
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

Subject:

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:12:42 AM

PLEAS:

Save Our Wolves !!!

From: applejam5050@yahoo.com

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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
DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

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 DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored) To:

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: <u>bartman1019.bb</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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 if 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: <u>runningredwolf23@gmail.com</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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

Sent from my iPad

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To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

Cc: Norvie Bullock
Subject: Wolves

Date: Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:15:14 AM

PLEAS: Help Save Our Wolves ...

From: Deb

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Ingrid</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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 is 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 and 143 walls 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 a 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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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.

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From: <u>Mary Elizabeth Spalding</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>
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: <u>Michael Popowski</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>
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: <u>Cornet Hilary</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Cathy Condon</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Novella Maia</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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: <u>Natasha Zapata</u>

To: <u>DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)</u>

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.