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Hello,

I wanted to provide the Board of Game with a few points of clarification regarding the National Park Service testimony to the Board on Proposal 141 on Saturday March 21.

1. The reason that we requested that the April 15th date for the start of the wolf hunting closure was because that is when bear baiting in 20C begins. Therefore, our request is to close wolf hunting once the bear baiting season opens.
2. Regarding questions about wolf use of the territory formerly occupied by the East Fork pack- there is evidence that neighboring packs and the current East Fork pair are using all of the territory formerly used by the East Fork pack when it numbered 14 individuals in the spring 2015. That is to say, there is no indication that there is a hole in the territory mosaic which might be an indication that there is an uncollared group of wolves occupying that territory. That is not conclusive evidence that there are no more wolves from the former East Fork pack around. However, based on aerial tracking and data from other packs, we do not currently have any evidence that there are other wolves from the East Fork pack in that area.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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