

Alaska Board of Game

I support Proposal number 86

The no-trapping buffer zone for Denali National Park wolves should be restored so that thousands of park visitors will have opportunities to see wolves in the park again. In the past the wolves were very popular among the visitors for several years and were the main reason many visitors came to Alaska, which no doubt was good for state business. The state can get nowhere near the amount of income from selling a few trapping licenses to a trapper or two who take the wolves in that area, so it makes no sense to me to not protect those wolves for the benefit of the park and its visitors.

Most of the visitors don't get anywhere near the wolves to get hurt or even let the wolves get used to humans. The wolves in Yellowstone Park in Wyoming are a great attraction to thousands of people who come to Lamar Valley and spend several days watching the wolves, bison, elk and bears. The wolves are the main attraction there because they are always trying to catch either an elk or a bison or staying away from the bears after they steal an elk from them. When there is a den or two where the wolves have to cross the road and pass between the crowds of tourists to feed their pups in the spring it is a very interesting and popular place. It may not be quite that interesting in Denali, but it makes no sense to me not to let a few wolves live there where they could at least be seen.

Thank You,

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