

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to you in **support of the following proposals Proposal 86 and Proposal 105** which shall be brought in front of you for consideration.

It is very important to protect our National Parks which, means protecting the habitants within. I venture to Denali National Park for wolf viewing potential encounters. Unfortunately, due to the decline of the wolf population which, is getting hit hard in the park by (in my mind) unethical and immoral hunters/trappers just outside boundaries, I have yet to view a wolf in Alaska. This saddens me as this is America's last frontier. The people felt it a great need to protect certain critical areas; hence the National Parks were created. It is our jobs to carry this legacy and continue to help protect natural resources, landscapes, and wildlife. Sometimes this may require us to create buffer zones to ensure wildlife survival. It is to my belief that re-establishing a wolf hunting buffer zone around Denali would be in the best interest of people and wildlife. I also believe that the majority of people would concur with this. I hope the board does not chose to side with the small population of interest groups over the numerous concerned citizens of Alaska, U.S., and the rest of the world. Millions of acres and yet only 60 some wolves are documented in the park. This is a concern that needs addressing.

I also want to bring to light the also known fact that wolves within National Parks develop a human tolerance. The board must protect our wildlife from unethical hunters who would take advantage of this flaw. I plead with the board to make decisions on morality, common sense, science, and what the people plead for. Please re-establish this buffer zone. It was needed once and due to the same issues, it is needed again. I also plead for the sake of the people who visit the area just to be able to experience wolves.

I would also ask that you consider human treatment in the management of bears. Trapping is cruel and barbaric. Trapping was a way of life but in 2013, it is no longer needed and should no longer be practiced. I ask that the board help promote enlightened and evolved thoughts as the human population no longer needs to use trapping.

Thank you,
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