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### Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support

**Virginia DeVries** <critokit@gmail.com>

to dfg.bog.commen.

I am for a Denali Buffer Zone and consider the current situation to be an emerger of. Firstly the spring 2014 wolf count showed wolf numbers the lowest in the park is? Only 4 percent of wolf viewing people saw wolves in 2013. Alaska is depende viewing. Without an EMERGENCY closure, the additional taking of wolves THIS value of the resource that it is your job to manage. The Alaska constitution requir "maximum benefit of the people", and most people are not wolf hunters. The une meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Please support Buffer Zone.

Sincerely, Virginia Jones

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2/25/2015 5:07:10 PM

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I am asking you to save the wolves of Denali. Their numbers have dwindled to 50! This is unacceptable. They are essential to the environment. Please stop allowing them to be killed!

**From:** [Lisa Carnall](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** 2015-Denali-Emergency-Petition  
**Date:** Sunday, March 01, 2015 12:30:59 AM  
**Attachments:** [2015-Denali-Emergency-Petition.pdf](#)

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I support the attached petition and ask that the board consider the proposal and implements the emergency regulation to protect the Denali wolves.

Kind Regards,  
Lisa Carnall

Kind Regards,  
Lisa Carnall

**From:** [Deborah Symonds](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AWA Emergency Petition  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:24:46 PM

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Dear Sirs/ Madams:

I would like to add my voice to those supporting the **AWA's Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park will once again come before the Board of Game at its March meeting.**

**I grew up in northern New England, near and on wild land, and I would not trade that childhood, and that experience of the whole nature of the genuine wild for any other education, although school was ok. My family has been committed to preserving wild nature for several generations, and will continue to appreciate it.**

**Many thanks for your time,**

Deborah A. Symonds  
Professor of History  
Drake University  
Department of History  
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[deborah.symonds@drake.edu](mailto:deborah.symonds@drake.edu)

**From:** [Genevieve Mariani](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AWA Wolf Buffer  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 7:44:19 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am from Minnesota, much like Alaska - we have found ourselves in the middle of the war on wolves. Without any real studies performed, the number of wolves is dwindling after the legalizations of the hunt. They are crucial to our ecosystems. When their numbers are healthy, they regulate the numbers of herding prey animals, such as caribou, deer, and elk. This affects the health of the plants they eat, and in turn the health of rivers, beavers, etc. I'm sure you're aware of this crucial part that wolves play, but I just wanted to remind you how Denali National Park NEEDS wolves.

Thank you very much for your time.

-Genevieve Mariani  
[www.genevievemariani.com](http://www.genevievemariani.com)  
[gabormariani@gmail.com](mailto:gabormariani@gmail.com)

**From:** [Fabiola Rivas](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** AWA's Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:53:48 PM

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Dear Alaska Board of Game

I am writing in support of the AWA's emergency petition to establish a wolf 'buffer zone' adjacent to Denali National Park. The decrease in the wolf population in the park in the last 5 years had been dramatic. Wolves are important members of a healthy ecosystem. Their return to Yellowstone Park has helped vegetation return, other animals thrive and even changed the course of rivers! You can see it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q>

Please protect the wolves in Denali. You are stewards of this amazing, beautiful park, and so are the wolves in a way. Please help them.

Sincerely,

Rivas-Savage family

**From:** [mechyban@gmail.com](mailto:mechyban@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against the careless and irresponsible slaughter of wolves and coyotes  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 1:07:11 PM

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These species are not vermin. They have their just place on nature. Ranchers and wildlife can coexist. No more senseless waste of a whole species. No sense placing them on the endangered list again. No more trapping. It is cruel, careless and irresponsible and benefits money not all of humankind. There are a lot of myths that help outfitters, trappers, fur traders and ranchers. Kids and others should know the truth and witness wildlife in the wild not in a zoo or sanctuary.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Martha P. Nochimson](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Wildlife Alliance Emergency Petition for a no-take wolf "Buffer"  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:41:22 AM

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To the Board of Game:

I enthusiastically support the Emergency Petition of Alaska Wildlife Alliance for a no-take wolf "Buffer" I join with all lovers of the American wild, all intelligent, informed hunters, and all eco-scientists in urging long term thinking about preserving America's wilderness and wild creatures. Wolves are a basic part of the wilderness eco-system. The "Kill everything that moves" hunter is not exercising individual freedom, but uninformed greed and stupidity.

PRESERVE ALASKA FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. ESTABLISH A NO-TAKE WOLF BUFFER.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Martha P. Nochimson



**From:** [S.W](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Alaska Wildlife Alliance  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 12:38:11 PM

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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.

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.

Sincerely,

Sharon Walsh

**From:** [Ilse Singer](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Attn: board of Game  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 6:58:55 AM

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Dear Board of Game,

I am writing to ask you in the strongest terms to 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.

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I thank you in advance for doing the right and just thing, and that which reflects the will of the people!

Sincerely,

Ilse Singer

**From:** [Peggy Hardin](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Beautiful Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:50:27 PM

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Sent from my iPad

I am appalled that these beautiful animals are being slaughtered so cruelly. Why? They are a vital part of the ecosystem and only kill to feed their family unlike humans . We must stop and think what we are doing ,they are vital to this country . PLEASE SAVE THEM !!

Peggy N. Hardin

**From:** [Kathleen Jacobs](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Bog buffer for The Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:22:58 AM

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Please help save the wolf population.

They are a part of nature and were in this world before we were.

Where is the respect of nature?

I understand there can be problems with wolves attacking wild stock and farm animals in all counties across the country.

There has to be away to keep the wolves away and save the farm animals too.

By killing the wolf population is not going to help Eco system and vegetation along with other growth. We need them!!

The Indians have been removed from they're land and placed on reservations. When will it stop.

Please don't remove The Wolf population.

Best regards,  
Kahleen L. Jacobs  
Kitchen & Bath Designer  
Mohawk Iroquois Indian Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [carrie d. kashan](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Brother Wolf  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:26:39 PM

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It's time we take into consideration the true vital role that our brother the wolf plays in the circle of life. Everything has its place in the circle and we need him to survive. There has been way too much decimation of this vital animal.

Thank you,  
Carrie Kashan

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [bblock136@gmail.com](mailto:bblock136@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Buffer Zone for Denali's wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 1:35:59 PM

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There MUST be a buffer zone put in place before all the wolves are killed! There is no rhyme or reason to allow trappers and-or hunters to kill wolves on the borders of the park. There are 6 million acres in Denali and 50 wolves is not good wildlife management. When the wolves are all gone from here, how will you explain all the revenue loss due to the decrease in tourism? What logical, scientific reason can you give to justify what is happening? Please, use science to make a decision, not fear, myths, lies, and special interest groups.

Thank you.

Sent from Windows Mail

**From:** [Louise Kistler](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Buffer zone for Denali Wolves  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 5:14:25 PM

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Please keep this buffer zone in tact it is vital to the survival of the wolves and the ecosystem. Trappers and hunters do not need any advantage over these animals. Look at the science of the wolves impact on the ecosystem and the environment and how vital they are and let them have a chance! Keep this buffer zone in tact!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [sxeequestrian](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Buffer zone for decimated wolf population  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 5:30:03 AM

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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. 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. 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. Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination. 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. 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. 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.

Thankyou for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Elise Allen



**From:** [Linda](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Buffer zone in National parks.  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 4:37:57 PM

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Please put the buffer zone around all National Parks. Right now you can look at the devastation of the wolves in Yellowstone National Park. The wolves need to be protected from the trophy hunters. From 143 wolves in 2007 to just 50 in 2014.

Alaska is a major tourist attraction and speaking as a tourist, we want to see wolves. Wolves are there for a reason. They have stabilized the elk population, the plant growth, and animals that were absent from the parks. Growth in the shrubs and trees have come back, bringing back birds and other wildlife.

Please take this information into consideration.

Linda & Larry Rabe  
24 North C Street  
Toppenish, WA 98948

**From:** [Wendy Petak](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Buffer zone  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:57:35 PM

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Please better protect our wolves by establishing a buffer zone of protection surrounding Denali National Park!

Sent from Yahoo! Mail on Android

**From:** [Stephanie Johnson](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Buffer  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:06:38 AM

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Please support the AWA Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf "buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park. There seems to be an all out war on wolves from Alaska to the lower forty eight states and people do not realize the contribution they make, not to mention the tourist draw, to our eco-systems.

Thank You,  
Stephanie Johnson  
Grand Marais, mn

**From:** [Candice Sidoriak](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** CandiceSidoriak@yahoo.com  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 3:52:04 PM

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To whom it may concern;

I stand for wolves, I believe they have a right to live and procreate. They have been here alot longer than we have and deserve respect. All this killing is nonsense and only brings more ego than good.

I ask you for safety for wolves in the sense that they are Gods creatures as we all are. How would you like to be headed towards extinction? I know I wouldn't want that for anyone or anything.

Thank you for your time.

Candice Sidoriak

**From:** [vickie\\_jay](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Common sense  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:42:56 AM

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We all need a little space, wolves too.

**From:** [Edla25](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Danali wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:02:12 PM

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Leave Gods country to nature, it has been there long before man; remember you are the guest. There is a law of nature that man must not interfere with.

**From:** [L. R.](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Dear Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 1:17:22 PM

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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.

Sincerely,  
Line Ringgaard

**From:** [Autumn-Diana Standingwolf](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer - Wolves  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:29:02 PM

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Dear Board Members,

I am Rev. Diana Autumn Standingwolf, residing at 8 Burnett Place, Tonawanda NY 14150. Phone number: 716.563.9571. Email is: [Standingwolf28@gmail.com](mailto:Standingwolf28@gmail.com). I consent to my contact information being included on printed copies of my comment.

The sled dogs used in the Last Great Race, the Iditarod, are descendants of wolves. To celebrate one, while allowing excessive killing of the other, is unthinkable.

Many, many, years ago we were a people in need. We were cold. We starved. We had very little. We had fire.

Then, we met a people. A people with superior weapons, superior hunting skills.

We made a treaty with those people. Our fire, our warm cooked food, for their hunting help, their companionship.

We would not be where we are today if it were not for those people.

Those people were (and are) called Wolves.

Oh, how we have broken our treaty with them. After they raised us up so high, we killed them. We still kill them.

We breed juvenile versions of them that are so deformed they struggle to breath. We mutilate their ears and tails because it looks "pretty".

Shame on us.

The time will come again when we need their help, their partnership, their companionship. If we continue to mistreat them, will they give it? Will any be left to give it?

Save the Wolves.

I support establishing the Denali Buffer to protect wolves as referenced below.

#### EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

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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. 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.

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,

Rev. Diana Autumn Standingwolf  
8 Burnett Place,  
Tonawanda NY 14150.  
Phone number: 716.563.9571.  
Email: [Standingwolf28@gmail.com](mailto:Standingwolf28@gmail.com).

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**From:** [Jenni barbano](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer Zone  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:28:52 PM

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Dear Sirs,

With only 50 wolves in the whole Park clearly a Buffer Zone is needed.

Please protect the wolves from being killed the moment they step out of the Park.

Emergency Buffer Zone around Denali Park is needed now.

Many come to see wildlife and wolves are at the top of the list.

More money in tourist dollars to see wolves.

With only 50 wolves left a Buffer Zone is needed.

Wolves are a Keystone species. They are a sentient being.

Please keep them protected.

Thank you.

Larry Barbano

**From:** [pinknoser@aol.com](mailto:pinknoser@aol.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer Zone  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:29:46 AM

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Please realize the reality this buffer zone would provide, not only for the wolves, but for the many tourist's who travel to Alaska to hopefully see them in the wild. Gordon Haber was on the right track to suggest this quite awhile ago. It's time for this to be set in place!

Mark Huckel  
6168 1/2 Seminole Blvd.  
Seminole Fl. 33772

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All the Best!  
Mark

**From:** [Jill Vincent](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer for Wolves  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 2:33:46 AM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jill Vincent. I lived for a year in Alaska and my youngest daughter was born there. Alaska is very special to us, as is its wildlife. Wolves are not only extremely special to my daughter and me but they play a vital role in the entire ecosystem. Seeing clearly that the wolf population in Denali is dwindling to an all time low is quite concerning. Please take note of the following facts.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
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- 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.

My daughter and I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. We respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that petition.

Thank you for your time.

Jill Vincent

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636-248-8004  
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**From:** [Lindell Long](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 11:38:30 AM

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To save mutual time, I want to go on recent rd for support of the re establishment of the Denali a Buffer.

Thank you for your attention.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Misty](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:53:54 AM

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I support the no-take buffer zone adjacent to Denali Nat'l park. Please protect our wolves. The wolf population continues to decline and needs protection. Without this protected zone the wolf population will continue to decline.

Misty Clack

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Elizabeth](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffer  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:47:10 PM

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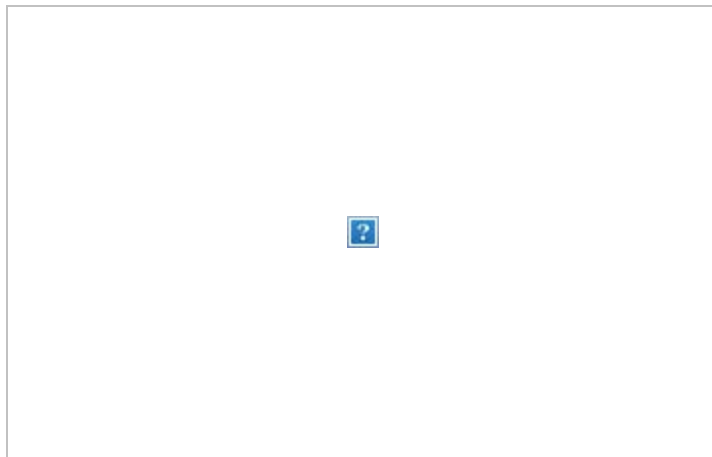
Please reestablish a no-take wolf buffer at Denali Park.

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 I am 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.

Please consider the emergency Petition at a public meeting, and place it on the March meeting agenda. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Watts  
16 Starks Place  
Lynbrook, NY 11563





**From:** [myprincessrose@aol.com](mailto:myprincessrose@aol.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Buffers  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:27:22 PM

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- We 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.

Katarina Flynn  
Olivia Flynn  
Patricia Wolf  
Fred Wolf  
Paulette Canaveras  
Bill Sumen  
Joe Sumen  
Frank Sumen  
Rosalie Sumen

**From:** [Leo & Dorothy Keeler](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Emergency Petition  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 3:58:41 PM

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Dear Board Members,

As a former 28 year Alaska resident, I encourage you to restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

According to Defenders of Wildlife, wolves bring more than 150,000 people and \$35 million to the Yellowstone area each year.

Similarly, Denali's wolves are worth far more alive than dead. According to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Alaska, there were 125 thousand residents and nonresidents 16 years old and older who hunted in Alaska. Of the 125 thousand, 104 thousand were state residents and 21,000 thousand were nonresidents.

All hunting-related expenditures in Alaska totaled \$425 million in 2011. The average trip-related expenditure per hunter was \$1,339.

In contrast, in 2011, 640 thousand U.S. residents 16 years old and older participated in wildlife-watching activities. Unlike most states, a minority of the wildlife watchers, 36 percent (229 thousand), enjoyed their activities close to home and are called "around-the-home" participants. Those persons who enjoyed wildlife at least one mile from home are called "away-from-home" participants. People participating in away-from-home activities in Alaska in 2011 numbered 498 thousand, **or nearly 5 times the number of hunters.** Of the 498 thousand, 104 thousand were state residents and 395 thousand were nonresidents, compared to 21,000 thousand non-resident hunters.

Wildlife watchers spent \$2.1 billion on wildlife-watching activities in Alaska in 2011, **or nearly 4 times the number of hunters.** The average of trip-related expenditures for away-from-home participants was \$3,952 per person in 2011, **or nearly 3 times the amount spent by hunters.**

Clearly, if the leadership in Alaska is truly concerned with finding a replacement for dwindling oil revenues, reducing the need for a state income tax, and insuring the solvency of the state, they should stop managing Alaska's wildlife for the sole benefit of hunters and promote wildlife watching activities statewide.

The decline from 44% of visitors seeing wolves to only 4% in Denali National Park since the removal of the "Buffer" in 2010 warrants Board action on behalf of wildlife watchers.

Therefore, I encourage you to restore the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Keeler

**From:** [Benjamin Trezona](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali National Park Wolves  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:08:44 PM

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Dear Nice Person,  
It will only be sporting when the wolves can shoot back. As a member of the global community please protect these beautiful animals who are wiser than those on the other side of this Emergency Petition.  
Thankyou

Any queries, questions or quibbles; or even for more info, please call us (9am - 5pm)

Yours Sincerely  
Diana Trezona  
Rampant Entertainment  
Ph: 02 4729 0367

**From:** [madeintahoe@aol.com](mailto:madeintahoe@aol.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Park Wolves..Buffer Zone  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:19:05 AM

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Dear Alaska Department of Fish & Game

I am writing you with great concerns of the population of the Gray Wolf as only 50 wolves in and around Denali National Park..since there is no safe buffer zone that would not allow hunting and trapping of wolves..the population is declining very fast and is not a sustainable healthy wolf population. I have a very good friend that spent two weeks in the park in 2013 hoping to see her 1st wolf in the wild...during her time there she did not see one wolf and was very sad and disappointed..2013 is one of the declining years for seeing wolves in the park and wolf watchers...wolf watching brings in millions of dollars to the economy. Wolves are worth more alive than dead. I am asking you to please give the protection these wolves need from hunting and trapping..Please give them a protective Buffer Zone around Denali National Park to keep them safe and enjoyed by millions of peoples that come to the park to see wolves..There are some hunters and trappers that target park wolves..a Buffer Zone would stop that. Please I ask you to add a Buffer Zone around Denali National Park where no hunting and trapping can happen in that zone...the wolves need that protection  
Thank you for your time reading my important concerns  
Anita Chittenden

**From:** [Ginny Williams](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Park Wolves  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 4:49:06 PM

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Please help protect the Denali Park wolves! They are essential to the environment and their numbers have dwindled to 50..... Please stop the killing of wolves!  
My name is Virginia Becton Williams, I reside in North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72118 and am a citizen of the United States of America.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [STEVEN SPARKS](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali WOLF BUFFER ZONE  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:56:19 PM

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IT is appalling that Hunting and trapping is allowed to seemingly destroy the population of wolves in and around Denali. You are killing not only the wolf but your economy as well. Tourism dollars from non residents seeking to view wildlife especially the wolf in a natural setting such as Denali should be paramount. Instead you are killing a major component of the draw and reason for the tourists. A tourist does not come thousands of miles and spend \$thousands of dollars to see a groundhog or cow on the slopes of the mountain.

A wolf does not know it is stepping over an invisible boundary fence surrounding the park. Shooting a wolf for putting 1 foot outside the park zone is SICK! The wolf population has dropped by 2/3 in 7 years and the lowest on record. Shooting and trapping the pack leaders also causes the pack to usually not have pups or even breed that year. So the population further decreases. Unless that is your goal all along and that is inhumane to kill the pack by not allowing it to breed or feed itself since the loss of the strongest members are gone.

That is unhealthy, and shooting and trapping the leaders of a pack makes the situation much much worse since the pack usually disperses to nothing. A weakened pack will then probably not be able to furnish itself with normal; prey animals and probably go for the stupid weak animals such as cows,cattle or domestic animals.

Humans are making the problem worse NOT better for themselves. Without a healthy wolf population to weed out the sick or weak prey animals of elk,caribou or moose, the weak prey animals will be the only animals left to breed. Since Man always shoots the prime animals that could have provided the proper genes to keep the elk,caribou and moose populations strong and healthy.

Re-establish the Denali buffer zone to protect what little wolf population of wolves Alaska has left around Denali.

Without wolves you will not only lose tourists you will lose your dignity as wildlife stewards.

Steven Sparks

**From:** [diane donovan](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Wolf Protection  
**Date:** Sunday, March 01, 2015 8:00:14 AM

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Thank you for taking the time to read and deliberate this issue. Please approve the requested emergency regulation. Our wolves are of utmost importance not only for the interest of tourists; but, because they are an extremely important part of the eco-strata.

Article VIII of the Alaska Constitution – Natural Resources – stipulates that natural resources will be managed as a “public trust,” providing “for maximum use consistent with the public interest,” and for the “utilization, development, and conservation...for the maximum benefit of (the) people.” Clearly, this constitutional provision provides for non-consumptive uses of wildlife such as wildlife viewing, along with consumptive uses such as hunting and trapping. Regarding this issue, there is significant value to thousands of Alaskans provided by the viewing of Denali National Park wolves. The value and public interest to thousands of Alaskans provided by seeing Denali wolves, as well as the value to the many Alaskan businesses reliant on this wildlife viewing tourism, should greatly outweigh the value and public interest of just a few individuals being allowed to continue trapping and hunting Denali wolves along the park boundary. It would be irrational, and we suggest unconstitutional, to continue placing the interests of a few Alaskans over the interests of thousands of Alaskans. Emergency regulation by the Board is clearly appropriate in this case, as there is a clear threat to an important Alaska game resource that was unforeseen and unexpected. This emergency petition presents significant new information showing the severity of impact of the take of park wolves on state lands: two park packs (Grant Creek and Nenana River) were severely affected by take in 2012 and 2013 on state lands along the boundary; visitor viewing success of park wolves dropped from an estimated 45% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013; the drop in viewing success of Denali wolves has, and will continue to, cost the local and state economy; the fall 2014 park wolf count did not increase above the historic low spring count; and the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interest, not narrow interests.

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Diane Donovan

**From:** [Brittany Straw](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:57:30 PM

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I am writing you today to speak on behalf of Denali Wolves. Wolves are losing their lives and are VITAL for the ecosystem, as every animal has their importance in balancing mother nature. If we continue to kill off these animals- we will continue to kill ourselves. We cannot wait until it's too late to reverse the damage that we have done. Revenue has decreased due to the loss of wolves- wolves equal money - you are risking a subsequent amount of money and also your figure if you disrespect wildlife. If you want people to continue to visit then I would HIGHLY suggest keeping the wolves safe/conserved along with all life. Thank you for your time and consideration. -Brittany Straw. Reno, Nevada



**From:** [Saranda Oestreicher](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:27:54 PM

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Leave the Denali wolves to be - do not allow trapping!

**From:** [Frances bonner](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:06:13 AM

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Please consider providing a buffer for Denali wolves. One of the few things that could get me to spend money, investing in Alaska, is to see wolves. Wolves mean a great deal to people and to the lands which they are integral part of.

Thank You,  
Frances Bonner, MAT  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Craig Hiler](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali Wolves  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 3:22:17 PM

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I'm writing in response to what I read of your treatment towards your wolves. Alaska is known and loved for its vast open spaces and it's wildlife. To read of the slaughter of your wolves is appalling. I suspect it's to keep the populations high of your hoofed animals, making easier for them to be hunted. It is a common and shameful tactic in our country. Please stop your slaughter of these beautiful, iconic wolves and rethink your policy.

Thank you,  
Craig Hiler

**From:** [Kasie Henderson](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali buffer for wolves  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 12:45:06 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to strongly encourage you to reestablish the buffer around Denali for the protection of the remaining wolves. Pack numbers are dwindling dangerously low and the entire ecosystem of Denali will suffer, this fact has been proven time and again. Millions of dollars are generated by Denali National Park and a great many of those dollar wielding humans go in hopes of catching a glimpse of a wolf or pack of wolves! My sisters and I go to a new national park every summer and I was pushing for Denali this summer for the sheer exciting possibility of seeing or even hearing wolves! The devastating drop in numbers constitutes an emergency - please take this concern to heart and do the right thing. We need wolves - they are important to a healthy ecosystem, to Denali National Park specifically.

Sincerely,

Kasie J. Henderson  
1027 E. Main St  
Auburn, Wa 98002

**From:** [Eileen Sutz](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali park wolves  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 2:29:00 PM

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Please put a protective buffer around Denali park for wolves. The population has drastically dropped from 143 to 50 because of trapping . The wolves can't see the invisible boundary. Please be their stewards as we believe you to be and protect them. People from around the world come to Denali to view wildlife which includes wolves.

Please show the world your compassion for this species. The species has declined by TWO THIRDS in just 7 years!! 50 wolves is the lowest population in the parks recorded history. The count for spring 2015 is expected to be the same if not lower. Please put a buffer zone/ no trapping zone as outlined in the Petition for Emergency regulation as outlined by The Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

The ability to view wolves in Denali has gone from 44% in 2010 to 4% in 2014!  
Please take note and help by allowing this ASAP.

Thank you, respectfully -

Eileen Sutz

**From:** [bsbvenue@gmail.com](mailto:bsbvenue@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali petition  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:29:25 AM

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Please support the petition. Wolves are vital to the ecosystems. Humans are causing the problems and should fix what we have broken.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® III mini, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [Marina](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali wolf buffer zone  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 5:25:50 PM

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Hello,

I ask that you make protecting Denali's dwindling wolf population one of your highest priorities. There is plenty of evidence showing how large predators are integral for healthy biodiversity and balanced ecosystems. Please write back if necessary to be pointed toward the scientific literature.

Thanks,  
Marina Granger

**From:** [Lindsey Gray](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Denali wolves  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 2:07:27 AM

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Please leave the wolves alone! They deserve the right to live.  
~Lindsey Gray



**From:** [Sue Goldstein](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGEGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER):SUPPORT  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:44:45 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly urge you to adopt AWA's petition to establish a no-take wolf buffer adjacent to Denali. In addition to believing that it is up to us two legged inhabitants of earth to protect those who cannot speak for themselves, I have traveled to and throughout Alaska four times and believe the sighting of wildlife, especially wolves to be one of the highlights of our trips.

As keepers of The Last Frontier, you have a duty to preserve it for future generations. I am counting on you to do the right thing and adopt the petition.

Thank you, Sue Goldstein

**From:** [Eugenia Kim Hensley](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY BUFFER ZONE FOR DENALI  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 6:48:07 PM

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Board,

I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. I am a U.S. Citizen and pay taxes - and have a right to have my voice heard.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- 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.
- 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.
- I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Again, I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Kim Hensley  
2502 Lawrence Street  
Houston, Tx 77008

**From:** [Elizabeth Colpitts](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:15:50 AM

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According to the National Park Service, wolf population throughout the six-million-acre Park and preserve has declined from 143 wolves in fall 2007 to just 50 in Fall 2014. This translates to nearly two-thirds decline in only seven years. Historically, this has been the lowest count on Park record. Furthermore, this depleted count failed to increase during the summer as it usually does.

Since the 2010 Denali Buffer elimination, wolf-viewing success for the park's 400,000 annual visitors has drastically dropped from 44 percent in 2010, to 12 percent in 2012, to just 4 percent in 2013 (according to the most recently reported data). This drastic decline in wildlife viewing is unprecedented in U.S. National Park system history. Clearly, this affects Denali National Park visitors, who contribute more than \$500 million annually to Alaska's economy. One of the main reasons tourists visit Denali is to observe wildlife, particularly wolves.

Without this requested emergency closure, there will likely be a further decline in wolf population, resulting in long-term consequences to include decimation of this resource and substantial damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management as well as its standing as a prominent wildlife tourism destination.

According to Alaska's constitution, the state is responsible for managing fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", which includes non-consumptive values like wildlife viewing. This emergency regulation will benefit thousands of Alaska citizens wanting to view wolves in the wild, versus the few who want to hunt and trap park wolves.

Clearly, the astonishing and drastic decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success) meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game.

Therefore, I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Respectfully, I ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Best,

Elizabeth

[Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony. – Gandhi](#)

**From:** [Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:59:00 AM

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Dear Alaska Board of Game Officers:

I SUPPORT EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance (AWA). I respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that petition.

The Denali wolf population is now walking a tightrope. According to the National Park Service spring 2014 wolf count, there were just 50 wolves in the park—the lowest in the park’s history. As apex predators, wolves are vital to their ecosystem. Since the Denali Buffer was discontinued, their numbers have declined steadily. With the decline of wolf-seeing opportunities, so will the tourists decline too. It’s time to halt wolf persecution and bring this animal back to its rightful place in nature. Please keep Alaska as the “last frontier.”

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter.

Yours truly,  
Jeffrey Kramer  
New York City

**From:** [Tanya MacRae](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 6:53:53 AM

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**My entire family and I passionately support this proposal for this emergency closure, as we believe wolves and other predators are play a vital role in the health of our rich natural history and our essential ecosystems, as well as contributing a great deal to the local community.**

We understand that according to the National Park Service, the wolf population has now dropped to just 50 - the lowest in the park's historical record. This will have a devastating impact on not only the wolves and other species, but the area as a whole.

Since the last Denali Buffer was removed in 2010, wolf-viewing has also dropped dramatically from 44% in 2010 to just 4% in 2013 - and this freefall decline in wildlife viewing success is both unprecedented and appalling.

Local communities will also suffer as a direct result of the continual slaughter of wolves by hunters and poachers - we understand that visitors to Denali National park contribute more than \$500 million each year to Alaska's economy, with the viewing of wildlife and especially wolves a key priority.

Any further losses in the population of wolves will create long-term problems and damage to Alaska's sustainable wildlife management and reputation - tourists will quite rightly seek to visit alternative destinations that protect not kill their wildlife, my family included. The small minority of hunters and ranchers across the USA are systematically wiping out or manipulating wildlife for their own gains, which will have long-term devastating consequences for animals, environment and local communities.

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 the vast majority of thousands of Alaska citizens and international visitors wishing to view wolves in the wild - over tiny minority who wish to hunt and trap park wolves, for their own gains.

The evidence is clear - 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. Therefore, my family and I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance - with a matter of urgency.

We therefore respectfully ask that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition. As past visitors to Alaska with the intention of returning again in the near future, we hope that this proactive measure will be taken for the benefit of these and all other wolves in the USA - please set an example to other states as to how to successfully preserve these beautiful creatures, precious ecosystems, local communities and rich natural heritage for all our futures!

Yours sincerely

Family MacRae

**From:** [Cathie Turk](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:00:46 PM

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
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- 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.
- **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.**

I vacation in areas that allow me to enjoy viewing the wolves in the wild, such as Eastern Arizona, Wyoming, and Alaska. If the wolf population continues to decrease at Denali, why would I come there? Please allow the wolf population to increase to safer numbers in your park to allow visitors to enjoy them, before they are all gone.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Turk  
5360 N. Warner Drive  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120  
480-982-8609

**From:** [Kelly Jo](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
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## **EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT**

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- 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.

Kelly Jo Jones  
7140 Taylor Ave  
Temperance, MI 48182



**From:** [Jed Zimmerman](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:01:32 PM

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## **EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT**

**Please help save our Wolves. They are very important to us.  
Killing our wild animals is against our values.**

**Thank you,  
Jed B. Zimmerman**

**From:** [Kimberly CONVY](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 10:31:49 AM

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**Please do the right thing here. This is Alaska, where wildlife thrive and tourist flock to see the last frontier! Claim this as your own. Protect your unique wildlife. Protect Alaska's uniqueness, it's purity, it's beauty...wildlife belongs here, it's woven in the fabric of the landscape. Essential. Truly essential. I ask you, what would Alaska be without it's wildlife? Your protections of ALL wildlife are critical, especially the wolves. They belong to this wilderness, they belong to all of us.**

**Kim Convy**

**Facts:**

- 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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that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

**From:** [Melanie Weberg](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer) SUPPORT  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 4:07:28 PM

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Hello

I am writing to support the Emergency Petition for a buffer around Denali National Park.

You are the trustee of our National Park and thus must protect wolves for all citizens. To promote a drop in population of 2/3rds in just seven years clearly is not acceptable and does not represent the public's wishes. Your tourism revenue is enormous and Denali NP is part of that.

Tourists interested in seeing wolves dwarf the few trappers and hunters that wish to kill them. I for one will never visit Alaska and am ashamed of how you are managing the wildlife within our federal and Alaska's state lands.

Please support the Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer).

Melanie Weberg  
Wisconsin



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**From:** [Ian Francis](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer)  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 10:52:54 PM

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Sirs,

I write in response to your refusal to grant a buffer zone for the Denali wolves, and in so doing allowing the trapping of wolves.

The population has declined by 2/3rds in the last few years, and visitor sightings have declined accordingly. This is now an international issue, and we are watching Alaska for your response. We are appalled at the underhand serial email tactics used in the past, and the refusal to see that Alaska is one of the few areas of the world still using State legislation to drive a national creature to extinction where other countries, like ourselves, have already done so. To do so also denies the economic benefits of visitors who come to your area specifically to view wild wolves.

Again, I urge you to grant the Denali wolves their needed and rightful buffer zone.

I. Francis

United Kingdom.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [PAMELA J WILLIAMS](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): I Support It  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 2:34:08 PM

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I am 100% in support of designating a generous buffer zone in the Denali National Park area to protect all species at risk. I am particularly concerned about the wolves that follow their natural prey of caribou onto adjacent state lands where they are trapped and hunted.

While I support the Alaska Wildlife Alliance's emergency petition to establish the buffer zone in the most critical area, I don't think it goes far enough. The entire park should have a buffer zone, and all species -- including wolves -- should be protected.

Wildlife "belongs" to all the citizens of the United States. Hunters and trappers already dominate the landscape and put peaceful nonconsumptive users of public lands at risk. Are hunters and trappers the only citizens you serve? I thought your mission stated otherwise. Also, why jeopardize the tourist revenue that healthy wildlife populations and the opportunities for wildlife viewing bring? The dramatic decline in Denali wolves will discourage Great Old Broads for Wilderness and other like-minded wildlife appreciators from even considering a trip to Alaska. Why wouldn't we head to Yellowstone instead?

Please protect the wildlife that belongs to ALL of us by implementing the buffer zone proposed in the emergency petition -- or an even larger one that offers more protections. Please also let me know the course of action you decide to follow, as well as your rationale.

Thank you.

**From:** [Rhonda Lanier](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 4:15:16 PM

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Dear Alaska Board of Game:

I am contacting the Alaska Board of Game to ask that you please support the Emergency Petition reestablish a Buffer along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. Without the requested and needed emergency closure there will no doubt be more additional wolves removed from the Denali landscape. And there will no doubt be further long-lasting impacts to Denali's wolves.

Since the removal of the previous buffer in 2010 the critical impact of take on wolves has severely impacted Alaska's tourism dollars. The successful viewing of visitors of the Grant Creek and Nenana River packs is all important to people considering traveling to Alaska: I know that for a fact because I am one of those people.

Why would you not protect these wolves who each year contribute to the local and state economy? 500 million dollars to Alaska's economy is not something to be dismissed. Further to that indisputable fact is that the Alaska Constitution requires that wildlife resources be managed for the greater public interests, not to serve as agenda items for a few.

Please do the right thing for all of the citizens of Alaska and for her Denali wolves, known and loved worldwide. Please support this Emergency Petition for the Denali Buffer.  
Sincerely,

Rhonda Lanier  
Bozeman, Montana



**From:** [Amy Jones](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
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Please stop the now legal trapping and killing of wolves along the Denali Buffer. The decline in the wolf population in recent years has affected the state tourism by the park visitors declining, as these visitors go to Alaska's parks to see the beautiful land and wildlife, this includes wolves. Please save these wolves so that the tourists & visitors to the parks may see all of Alaska's wildlife. Thank you.

**From:** [Margaret McGinnis](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 5:00:41 PM

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**I am writing to urge support of the emergency petition (Denali Buffer) for the following reasons:**

- **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.**
- **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.**
- **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. I would not want to visit Denali if there was no possibility of seeing wolves. I am constantly confounded by the BOG's relentless assault on wildlife.**
- **Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.**
- **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.**
- **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.**

- **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.**

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**From:** [Mark Gopaulsingh](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:13:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Emergency Petition regarding the establishment of the Denali Buffer Zone as proposed by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. It has come to my attention that the Denali wolf population has declined significantly in past 7 years, by a factor of almost 66%. I find this troubling, and hope that the proposed Buffer will work to rectify the situation. Wolves are an important natural resource to the people of Alaska, both maintaining the delicate ecological balance in, and attracting tourists to, the region. With this marked decrease in wolf population not only is the ecological balance threatened, the financial well-being of the parks, and by extension the state, is as well.

It is my firm belief that it is the responsibility of the Alaskan government to seek to protect the wolves from this dangerous drop in population, and to do their utmost to restore the wolf population to a healthier, more reasonable and ecologically sound size.

Thank you,  
Mark Gopaulsingh  
Ontario, Canada

**From:** [Beth Katte](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 2:27:59 PM

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Dear Board of Game,

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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

Beth C. Katte  
Los Angeles, California

**From:** [ann.cahill27@comcast.net](mailto:ann.cahill27@comcast.net)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
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The wolf population in Denali is in sharp decline. The loss of a buffer in an area around the park has resulted in hunting and trapping of these wolves on public lands as they naturally follow the caribou. As you must be aware, wolves are a keystone species that help maintain the natural order of their environment, both with other species and their behavior that directly relates to the health of that environment. Significant losses of wolf population will have a negative impact on other species and the land they inhabit.

The loss of wolves can also have a negative affect on tourism to Denali, since many come to see not just the beauty of the land, but the wildlife there. Wolves are a natural part of that wildlife that many tourists would hope to see. As little as 50 wolves diminishes that hope for your visitors. This is a potential loss of revenue for the state.

Without this buffer, the hunting and trapping will continue, resulting in more losses. Recent counts show the wolves are not rebounding well from this. Studies show that random hunting and trapping of wolves disrupts the core family unit, and makes their recovery more precarious.

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 for your attention to this important matter.

Ann M Cahill-Makowsky

**From:** [Lynn Driessen](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 1:34:38 PM

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To the Board of Game:

I strongly support the Emergency Petition to establish a no-take wolf Buffer adjacent to Denali National Park. It is absolutely shameful that the wolf population across the park and preserve has declined so precipitously between 2007 and 2014. Since the elimination of the previous Denali Buffer in 2010, wolf-viewing success for park visitors has also declined precipitously, from 44 percent in 2010 to just 4 percent in 2013.

As the Board is well aware, visitors to Denali National Park contribute more than \$500 million to the Alaskan economy. One of the main reasons tourists visit Denali is to view wildlife, especially wolves. Wolves were my main reason for visiting Alaska.

The requested emergency closure is critical to prevent additional taking of wolves this spring, which would result in further long-term impacts on the population and lost value of this resource. This would result in significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

Under its constitution, Alaska is required to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people," which obviously includes non-consumptive values such as wildlife viewing. The requested emergency regulation will indeed benefit thousands of Alaska citizens who wish to view wolves in the wild. It is time that non-consumptive users have a voice in these decisions, rather than solely that of a view who choose to hunt and trap park wolves.

I have visited Alaska in the past, but choose not to return until the policies that have caused the alarming decline in the wolf population are discontinued and until all park users have meaningful input in sustainable wildlife management decisions. I sincerely hope that I, along with the wildlife groups to which I belong, will once again enjoy the fabulous opportunity to view Alaska's magnificent wildlife, especially wolves.

The threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game has clearly been met by the unexpected precipitous decline in the Denali wolf resource (population and viewing success). Again, I strongly support re-establishing a Denali Buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation submitted by the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I respectfully request that the Board of Game vote in favor of the emergency closure as described in that Petition.

Lynn Driessen  
Appleton, WI

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**From:** [Ron Howard](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

The attempt to control nature for the benefit of one class of citizen i.e. game hunters is not only not sustainable but doesn't serve the interest of the public at large. Trapping may have made sense at the turn of the century but it has no place in modern day society. People who engage in this activity have little concern for maintaining a proper balance in nature and will no doubt ignore any regulations or quotas in an effort to stay within the law. The creation of a buffer zone will also eliminate risk to other wildlife and even possibly family pets who may wander into the area. I strongly urge the commission to consider the long term effects if the Denali wolves are hunted into extinction. With only fifty wolves remaining they are already at considerable risk as the gene pool has already been seriously compromised.

We belong to nature, it doesn't belong to us.

Respectfully,

Ron Howard  
Woodland Park, CO



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**From:** [Virginia DeVries](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 9:18:50 AM

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I am for a Denali Buffer Zone and consider the current situation to be an emergency because of facts you clearly have to be aware of. Firstly the spring 2014 wolf count showed wolf numbers the lowest in the park's historical record! If this isn't an emergency, what is? Only 4 percent of wolf viewing people saw wolves in 2013. Alaska is dependent on tourism and tourism is dependent on wildlife viewing. Without an EMERGENCY closure, the additional taking of wolves THIS spring will result on long lasting impacts and lost value of the resource that it is your job to manage. The Alaska constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people", and most people are not wolf hunters. The unexpected decline in the Denali wolf resource clearing meets the threshold for emergency action by the Board of Game. Please support Alaska's wolf population by re-establishing a Denali Buffer Zone.

Sincerely, Virginia Jones

**From:** [Erin Hauge](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
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To: Alaska Board of Game

I strongly support the Denali buffer as outlined in the Petition for Emergency Regulation for protection of Denali's remaining wolves.

A two-thirds loss in wolf populations in Denali National Park in 7 years is not only unsustainable, it tarnishes Denali's image as a holy grail for eco-tourism by visitors from around the globe. People come to see Denali's astounding diversity of wildlife, and especially Denali's wolves.

Allowing these essential apex predators to be blasted by hunters who manage to lure them out of the park and onto the unprotected and huntable state lands east of the park is cruel and short-sighted.

Allowing continued hunting off the unprotected eastern boundary areas will undeniably result in further destruction of Denali wolf populations to the point where they may not even survive. This lack of sound science management will irreparably damage what has been Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, not to mention destroy its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

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 belong on Alaska's landscape. They are native. They must be protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Erin Hauge

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Erin Hauge  
Certified California Naturalist  
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Walk quietly Coyote, the practical people are coming now.  
Thomas Hornsby Ferril

**From:** [Bob May](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Bob May](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
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Give protection now or you will be responsible for the demise of these beautiful animals. Wolves are an essential component of the ecology. It is not for you to decide out of convenience.

Bob May

**From:** [christopher.polito](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 5:56:34 PM

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I am writing to support a buffer zone around the Denali National Park in order to ensure that in essence a DMZ area is established in which wildlife can safely cross over the national park border without running into a wall of traps and hunters.

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.

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.

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.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

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.

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.

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,

Christopher Polito

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**From:** [Terri Stilwell](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
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- 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 end this senseless killing.

Thank you!

Terri Stilwell  
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**From:** [John Donovan](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
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I have read and I strongly support the petition of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance to establish a no-kill buffer zone around Denali National Park. This would be a rational and sound exercise of your role in wolf management. John A. Donovan



**From:** [Daniel A. Martinez](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 12:38:53 AM

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To the Alaska Department of Fish & Game - Board of Game,

EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT

I write as a National Park Ranger and fellow citizen who has had the pleasure and fortune of visiting Denali National Park and being in awe of its splendor.

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game's cruel experiment with the Denali wolf population has resulted in a two thirds loss of Denali wolves stemming from their decision to remove the trapping buffer in 2010. The data is clear per the National Park Service 2014 count of only 50 wolves in the 6 million acre park compared to 147 wolves in their prior count. The precipitous decrease in wolf sightings for Denali National Park visitors from 44% to 4 % from the years 2010 to 2013 confirms these data. So now we know. Removal of the buffer by the Alaska Fish & Game Department was a bad idea and a handful of trappers have been given priority over an estimated 400,000 yearly Denali National Park visitors including a large number of Alaskans. Times have changed. Animal populations are not able to defend themselves from the so-called "traditional" practices of a handful of individuals who cannot accept the fact, or care that the Denali ecosystem is now under significant stress from human exploitive practices. Trapping in this fragile ecosystem is not a sustainable practice given these real world data, and iconic species such as wolves may soon be only a memory. The incredible cruelty of intentionally subjecting an animal to this slow painful death is another issue. These people are a significant minority, and public servants on the Board of Fish & Game are legally constrained to represent the majority position in a democracy. Alaska's constitution requires these representatives to manage fish and wildlife "for the maximum benefit of the people", and those of us who regularly visit and financially support the park prefer wildlife viewing rather than seeing dead wolf skins on a wall.

Daniel A. Martinez  
Wilderness Ranger  
National Park Service

**From:** [Naomi Heiman](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer):  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:18:43 PM

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#### Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer)

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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.

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.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

Naomi Heiman  
Emmaandspirit@hotmail.com

**From:** [iPad Speech14](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition -Denali Buffer: Support  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:24:18 PM

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## **EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT**

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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.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination, as well as the tragic loss of precious lives of individual wolves.

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.

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.

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.

Janet Rhodes  
Cathedral City, CA

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [lilith2163@gmail.com](mailto:lilith2163@gmail.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition Denali Buffer  
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Please reinstate the Denali Buffer to protect the serious declining population of wolves in the Denali Wildlife Park ! The population is now down to approximately 50 wolves ! This is simply a very serious matter of life & death for these beautiful essential animals ! I urge you to please protect these wolves by keeping them safe from hunters , so they may once again be able to survive extinction!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Penelope Bakatsias](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Petition for safe buffer zone for Denali wolves  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 6:19:00 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please allow for the safety buffer zone for Denali wolves AND DO NOT ALLOW trapping or hunting of this dwindling population anywhere.

Thank you.

A concerned American citizen,

Penelope Bakatsias  
North Carolina  
USA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mary Parham](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency Support: Denali buffer  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 8:20:58 AM

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I've always wanted to visit Alaska. I want to see the glorious scenery, visit the mountains and oceans and see the wildlife especially the wolves. Now I understand that there are very few wolves left because you are now allowing trappers into the prior buffer zone.

Denali National Park gets hundreds of thousands of visitors each year who want to see the wildlife, especially the wild and wonderful wolves but you have taken that away. They supply millions of dollars to Alaska. To me, it makes no sense not to restart the buffer zone and let the wolf population rebound.

I am very disappointed that Alaska is wasting a wonderful asset by allowing them to be killed.

I read a book by the name of "A wolf called Romeo" which I'm sure you know took place in Juneau. The town's population was mostly supportive of Romeo. It took a man from Pennsylvania to ruin that for them. Are you now the man from Pennsylvania?

Please restore the buffer zone and give wolves a chance to live. I would love to visit and see everything Alaska has to offer and that includes the wolves.

Sincerely,

Mary Parham

**From:** [Kevin Laemmrich](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency petition (Denali Buffer) Support  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 8:08:48 AM

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## **EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER): SUPPORT**

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- 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.
- Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional take of wolves this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Let's save these wolfs, there's plenty of animals to trap. Science has shown killing packs creates rogue wolfs that tend to act desperate and unnatural which leads to cattle or pets being attacked due to desperation. Please reintroduce the buffer

**From:** [Janet Slinowsky](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency petition Denali wolf buffer  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 6:08:03 PM

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Please strongly consider not allowing trapping, hunting or poisoning or lol lining of wolves in this area of Alaska ! I have come many times to this park, and have encouraged many friends to also. The wolf is an awesome animal with a purpose to its existence !! Why repeat what went wrong in Yellowstone ! Kill them, then try to reintroduce them . When we see your big screw up. Leave the wolves . They BELONG!!

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [taxiserve](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency petition support, denali buffer  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 7:32:31 AM

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Please rethink this, and allow a buffer. It will benefit not only the wolves, but the whole echo system. Improve income through tourism, and save them for our future generations

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Mega™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [rusti benton](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Emergency petition, Denali buffer!  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 1:03:21 AM

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- 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.

Think your decision through. It has consequences if you don't reinstate the Denali buffer.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [El Mack](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Establish a no take wolf zone outside Denali  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 4:26:01 PM

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It is crucial that a no take wolf zone be established outside the Denali park border!

**From:** [jfedel@juno.com](mailto:jfedel@juno.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 6:57:51 PM

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**I am sorry that this email is coming so late in the day, but PLEASE establish a no-take wolf "Buffer" adjacent to Denali National Park.**

**I believe that this buffer is critical to the health of the local wolf packs, and to the tourism industry in the area....not to mention the benefit a healthy wolf population will offer behavioralists and scientists.**

**Thank you,  
Jeanne Fedel**

**From:** [lmstadler1@aol.com](mailto:lmstadler1@aol.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Establishment of No Take Wolf "Buffer" Zone  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:34:45 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly urge you to establish a no take wolf "buffer" zone adjacent to Denali National Park.

The wolf population has declined dramatically in the last 7 years; from 143 in the fall of 2007 to just 50 in the fall of 2013. That is a 2/3 decrease in just 7 years. Trappers should no longer be allowed to target wolves that leave the safety of Denali.

It has been documented that visitors to Denali are having far fewer successful wolf sightings. As a past visitor to Alaska, I can vow that ample opportunities to view your magnificent wildlife are essential in drawing tourist dollars to your state. It makes absolutely no sense to kill the animals that are generating millions of dollars for the tourist economy.

Alaska's constitution requires the state to manage fish and wildlife for the "maximum benefit of the people" It is apparent that this is not being done. Current wolf management policies are benefiting special interest groups which comprise only a small segment of the population. Reckless policies such as these are threatening the tourism economy, which benefit all Alaskans.

Loretta Stadler  
NJ

**From:** [martina truelsen](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dear Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game  
**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015 3:13:29 PM

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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.

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.

Sincerely,  
nina clausen

**From:** [Oliver Starr](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Oliver Starr](#)  
**Subject:** Haber Was Right. Failing to provide a buffer for park wolves is destroying their culture and the nature of the park  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 5:15:12 PM

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As someone that like Gordon, has invested most of my life in studying and working with wolves it is simply inconceivable that given what has happened in the past three years that more wolves would die as a result of hunting, trapping and the calling and baiting of wolves out of the security of the park and to their deaths along its borders.

We have already destroyed some of the longest lived wolf packs in the world and along with them hundreds or thousands of years of developed social culture.

Wolves are not like other animals that can be managed with slaughter. Their reproductive rates are not the determining factor in how wolves should be stewarded but rather with species as advanced as wolves, compassionate conservation like that propounded by Dr Marc Bekoff or the late Dr Gordon Haber needs to be implemented. In wolves like in humans, it's not how many but whom. Wolf packs are social structures that are destroyed by random and unnecessary killing.

Please respect the sanctity of this park, the intrinsic value of each animal, not just the species itself, and stop caving in to people like the murdered Wallace that killed Haber's favorite wolves with snares by baiting them out of the park over the carcass of his own horse. A horse of over 17 years that he shot adjacent to the park.

This is unacceptable. The world is watching. Act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Oliver Starr, President  
Good Wolf (a 501c.3 non-profit representing over 250,000 members)

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**From:** [Carrie Muse](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I stand with AWA  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:59:49 AM

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Protect our wolves. These animals deserve protection. I stand with the AWA. Why visit Alaska if the "wild" is removed from the wilderness? I know I won't. Re-establish the much needed buffer zone.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Muse



**From:** [Robert Howard](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support a buffer zone.  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 3:48:59 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Robert Howard. I am writing to ask for a "no take buffer zone" around Denali National Park in regards to wolves. Wolf numbers have been drastically decreased in the past few years. Besides the loss of a precious resource in itself, the loss of wolves also affects the number of visitors in the park. Wildlife viewing is an incredible draw. With them, large amounts of money. This is a fact.

The further decline of wolves should be allowed. I am a hunter, but I do not share the ignorant view of many other hunters with regards to the lack of value to wild wolves.

Do the right thing and allow for a no kill zone surrounding the park.

**From:** [Diane Bentivegna](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support the Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:13:36 AM

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### **Emergency Petition (Denali Buffer): Support**

Dear Alaska Board of Game,

The national reputation of the State of Alaska in terms of its commitment to wildlife tourism was damaged when the Alaska Board of Game first rejected a petition urging the Board to enact a wolf buffer (no-trapping/no-hunting) zone on a small parcel of state land along the eastern boundary of Denali National Park. Although the most recent wolf survey results estimate a total population of only 50 animals in the park — one of the lowest counts in the past 20 years — this buffer zone would protect the twenty to thirty animals that comprise the three most viewed wolf packs in Denali National Park.

One of the most viewed packs in the park – the Grant Creek pack – was seriously impacted from a trapping loss this past April. The pack failed to reproduce and dispersed. The success of viewing wolves in Denali has declined dramatically since the buffer was removed in 2010.

A journey to Alaska requires a substantial financial investment on the part of visitors. Personally, I will not spend approximately \$9500 for this trip (which I make twice a year), when, in all probability, I may not see the very wildlife I expect to see on a “wolf-watching” adventure. If, however, the proposed buffer zone were enacted, I would be reasonably assure that all was being done to encourage a successful experience. I am surely not alone in that conclusion.

Without this requested emergency closure, there likely will be additional wolf killing this spring, resulting in further long-lasting impacts and lost value of the resource. The result will be significant damage to Alaska's commitment to sustainable wildlife management, and to its reputation as a premier wildlife tourism destination.

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. 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.

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Best regards,  
Diane Bentivegna  
494 South 14 Street  
New Hyde Park, New York 11040  
516-352-0670

**From:** [Eva Schorer](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** IN SUPPORT OF PETITION GMU20  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:58:43 AM

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To the Alaska Board of Game

I strongly support the petition GMU 20 requesting that the Alaska Board of Game establish an appropriate buffer zone to protect the Denali wolves along the eastern boundary of the park.

It is of extreme importance that we manage a healthy and sustainable ecosystem and conserve a healthy and sustainable population of the top predators, wolves and bears. There is a mountain of scientific evidence that clearly outlines the necessity of maintaining a healthy, sustainable wolf population and keep the integrity of wolf packs.

The extreme situation that has been caused by mismanagement where wolves are being slaughtered is totally unacceptable. A drastic decline in wolf population of over 66% in the past several years and the fact that the population has shown no growth this past summer is extremely concerning. As many of our colleagues, we travel extensively to view wildlife and anticipate that National Parks are managed in a way to keep a healthy and balanced ecosystem including wolves.

Wolves are sociable and extremely intelligent animals that develop hunting skills that are passed down from generation to generation. By destroying wolf packs you are destroying the behavioural and integrity of the pack. The wolves contribute to maintaining a healthy herbivore population, the very animals you claim you want to protect i.e) caribou, elk, etc.. This decimation of wildlife is having a long lasting impact on all the wildlife and causing significant negative impact on the ecosystem.

We visited Denali a couple of years for the sole purpose of locating and viewing wolves and it was to our huge disappointment that none were seen. This situation was experienced by our friends who had visited the year prior. We now visit and spend our money in Yellowstone, where this past year we observed wolves on 2 separate locations. We are scheduled to return to Yellowstone this May.

It is of utmost importance that the parks be managed for everyone, not just for the trappers and hunters. This beautiful area should benefit all people. Ecotourism brings in huge amounts of revenue.

The situation is dire with the present wolf situation and the tremendous decline of the population. This is cause of extreme measures in conserving this wonderful animal.

I request that you do the right thing and vote in favour of establishing the buffer zone on the eastern boundary of Denali National Park.

Respectfully yours

Eva Schorer

**From:** [Matt Lambert](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** In support of the EMERGENCY PETITION (DENALI BUFFER)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 7:17:24 AM

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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.

If humans would stop killing wolves, the ecosystem, of which they are an integral part, would recover. There needs to be a buffer system put in place adjacent to Denali Park to minimize the slaughter of wolves, and curtailing somewhat the bloodlust of certain humans.

Thank you,  
Matt Lambert

**From:** [Shields, Judith](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Alaska Wild  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 3:15:15 PM

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Please protect your wolves. By doing so, you will protect your great state.

Take a look at this wonderful film. In it are my comments.

Thank you for your attention.

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**From:** [Christina Pruitt](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** MASSACRE OF WOLVES  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 10:34:25 AM

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LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE! HUNT THE DECISIIN MAKERS AND THE HUNTERS!  
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

**From:** [Amala Kohler](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 11:41:11 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Amala Kohler

**From:** [Chrissty Elliott](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, February 26, 2015 9:18:25 AM

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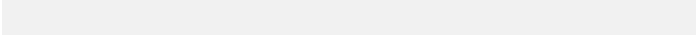
Wolves are the beautiful original dog!! Without them you would have NO domestic dogs at all!!!



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**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
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Stop killing the wolfs.



**From:** [4076977888@vzwpix.com](mailto:4076977888@vzwpix.com)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
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This severe decline on population needs to be looked into more heavily with accent on monitoring the hunting and trapping regulations at this point in emergency!

**From:** [J DeBoskey](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:24:00 PM

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Please save the wildlife in and around Denali Park.

**From:** [Sue](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 3:09:38 PM

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Please establish the "Buffer" for wolves as a safe haven for them. Please protect these animals.

Sent from my iPhone

"Love one another. Take care of each other. Respect each other."  
Hannah Solomon  
Athabascan Matriarch

**From:** [Nikki Feely](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Date:** Friday, February 27, 2015 5:07:19 PM

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I support the emergency petition for Denali wolves!

**From:** [Dyan Draper](#)  
**To:** [DFG, BOG Comments \(DFG sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** No take Wolf Buffer  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:22:10 PM

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In support of a No Take Wolf Buffer next to Denali National Park since wolf numbers are critically at a low count!