

**WOLF CONSERVATION &  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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**From:** John McGhehey <jctsm@msn.com>  
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**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: wolf program

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**From:** John McGhehey <jctsm@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 26, 2017 9:00:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** wolf program

### To Those Considering the Wolf Program

Hunters fund a high percentage of the ODWF. I for one pay annually for a sportsmans pac for two adults and three youths. It is completely amazing to me that the wolf and cougar issue has continued thus far without failure. If the new plan is not supported the State will lose more funding for ODWF than ever imagined. If I was employed by the ODWF I would do everything in my power to stop the idea of spreading wolves throughout the state. ODWF should be managing wildlife for the hunters - period. If Portland and Eugene want to sit in their cities and micro manage our wildlife then they should be charged to have a vote or these predators should be dropped off in every city park for them to admire. In addition, ODFW not feeding the deer population during last years struggle was ridiculous. Hunters purchasing tags is the reason for the existence of ODWF. Illegal take is at an all time high. Licensing is at an all time high. If ODWF is not allowed to manage the entire system, including management of predators, the entire system will fail - or is it already? Do we really want to revert back to the times before FDR. Call me cause I'm Pissed! 5039693868.

John C. McGhehey

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June 5, 2017

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Salem, OR

Chair Finley and Commissioners:

I testified at the Commission meeting of May 19 on the Draft Wolf Plan and am here providing additional comment prior to the Commission meeting on June 8.

I emphasize my, and over 70% of Oregonians', strong disapproval of hunting and/or trapping of wolves. Using civilian hunters and trappers to kill wolves on behalf of the state amounts to state-sanctioned hunting, sets a precedent for trophy hunting and trapping and disrespects both Oregonians and wolves.

Recently an increase in elk numbers in parts of NE Oregon (in wolf country) has caused the Department to increase winter elk feeding stations to draw them away from ranchers' haystacks. The Draft Plan calls for killing wolves deemed a possible *significant* (the existing plan stipulates *primary*) cause of ungulate decline and allows this killing even at elk feeding stations. So here we will have wolves killed on the one hand for purportedly reducing elk numbers (which would benefit ranchers), and on the other hand killed at feeding stations (an obvious attractant) to benefit hunters, whereas in fact the feeding stations are considered necessary to draw an elk overpopulation away from ranchers' hay. Whether elk numbers are high or low, wolves die. This is wrong.

The over-simplification of causes of ungulate decline inherent in the change of wording from *primary* to *significant* may lead to unnecessary and unethical killing of wolves and adds to the impression of bias towards treating the wolf as a source of conflict, to be controlled by killing, rather than as a keystone species important in creating and maintaining a sound ecosystem.

This bias was addressed in detail by four well-published and well-respected scientists in their Draft Plan comments submitted last month. These experts, all of whom are cited in the Draft Plan, criticized the Plan for misinterpreting, misrepresenting or misstating their scientific findings, ignoring or de-emphasizing their findings, and exhibiting bias in the interpretation of their studies and/or the facts therein. I believe the Draft Plan should be reconsidered in light of this criticism, re-drafted and opened to peer-review.

All the concerns above and many others are addressed in the meticulously detailed comments you have received from Oregon Wild, the Center for Biological Diversity and Cascadia Wildlands, with which I concur.

While to date Oregon has set a good standard for wolf conservation, the Draft Plan is more of a guide to when to kill wolves than how to conserve them. I hope the undeniable factual weight of these comments together with the oft-expressed

desires of the majority of Oregonians for a Plan that fully embraces wolf conservation will persuade the Commission to direct the Department to revise the Draft Plan to adhere to the best and most up-to-date science and ethical practices, and to offer it for peer-review.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Sykes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Walter" and last name "Sykes" clearly distinguishable.

Walter H. Sykes  
Co-Founder  
Northeast Oregon Ecosystems  
Joseph. OR

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**From:** Jeff Price <jprice.pdx@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan

ODFW Commission:

As a member of several conservation organizations both nationally and within Oregon, I am writing in SUPPORT of the ODFW Draft Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

As wolves have successfully re-established in Oregon, the state needs to take a proactive approach in considering their management to effectively integrate them into our Oregon wildlands. The approach needs to consider the best scientific guidance and use all tools available as a comprehensive, effective and timely means of management – this includes controlled take. We need to work with all interested parties, particularly farmers/ranchers and the hunting public to ensure a realistic and balanced plan is in place for their management.

I support ODFW's proposed plan as it not only allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population, but addresses other concerns for Oregonians including big game hunting and the agricultural activities of Oregon. As a concerned outdoorsman and conservationist in this state, I look forward to assisting ODFW in the future.

Thank you for the consideration,

Jeff R Price  
Portland, Oregon

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**From:** Dan & Jane Baker <rmebuco@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please support the draft wolf plan

Hello, My name is Dan Baker, I am a member of OHA and a life long Oregon hunter/sportsman, I am all for wolves being a part of our ecosystem and look forward to seeing and hearing them out in the wild one day. However I am concerned that wolves left unmanaged and uncontrolled will upset the fragile balance that already exists between predator/prey. I hope that the draft plan will be implemented and followed. If we're going to manage wildlife in the state to me that means all wildlife.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Dan Baker

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**From:** Jim Persing <jimpersing@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 11:13 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** ohacomments@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Wolf Management

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission,

Since Europeans have occupied the northwest part of this country everything that was natural before has changed. We now have controls on basically everything.

We regulate where we can live, cities have boundaries. We regulate how buildings are built with building codes. We regulate the types of buildings, high rise, residential, commercial that can be built and regulate uses with our zoning codes.

We regulate where we can drive our cars – on roads that are planned to accommodate our travel needs.

We regulate restaurants, how they prepare food and what they can serve so that our population stays healthy and disease free.

We regulate farming, crops, soil erosion and protection of resources.

We regulate our forest and desert lands by limiting certain types of uses, i.e. mining, camping, motorized use.

We regulate our timber resources so that we will always have them and the habitat they provide.

We regulate wild horses and limit their numbers in the ranges where they roam.

We regulate cattle grazing so that our grasslands are not foraged to extinction.

We regulate our air waves, our airports, our trains, buses, ships, ferries.

We regulate our waterways to prevent devastating floods and to ensure that we have enough water for all of our domestic uses and agriculture all year long.

We regulate the number of deer and elk that can inhabit their natural areas that we have invaded with our cities, roads, harbors, crops and recreation uses.

NONE of these regulations existed before Europeans came to this area. Everything is now regulated and managed.

**So, why should we not regulate the number of wolves that inhabit our state? Regulation does not mean eradicating them. It means that we have control over their numbers and how they interact with all of the rest of our eco system so that it doesn't get out of balance.**

**Please look at this realistically and let our Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the intelligent people who work there manage these magnificent predators so that they fit in with the rest of our regulated and controlled environment.**

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**From:** Desiree M <DesireeM@mykolab.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 10:10 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** My comments on the draft Wolf Plan

Dear Chair Finley and Commissioners,

My name is Desiree Mariscal and I live in Portland. I am writing to voice my support for stronger wolf protections in the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. I have been following the ODFW Commission meetings and the updates to the Wolf Plan, and I would like to give my written testimony. This is a very important issue to me and I hope you will consider my comments and the importance of protecting our recovering wolf populations in Oregon.

I consider wolves some of the most important species in our environment because of their flexibility to adapt, and because they play a key role in keeping ungulate populations under control. Without wolves Oregon will have a less diverse and healthy ecosystem. Wolves have been a part of this environment for millions of years. It is only through human encroachment that their existence has become a problem. With better understanding of this species and factual data, we can begin to understand how vital these animals are to our habitat.

Wolves are critical for supporting the environments they inhabit, and are a vital keystone species. Wolves maintain healthy wildlife populations, and their presence helps control the numbers, behaviors and locations of deer, elk and smaller predators. Where elk and deer are less prone to overgraze, native plants grow back faster, more types of habitat become available for other species, and other predators face less pressure. In short, wolves allow for a diverse array of species. Where wolves have been restored, entire watersheds have come back into balance and river systems have become healthier. Wolves are beneficial to the environment, but these draft changes to the Wolf Plan treat wolves as a threat.

The net population of wolves in Oregon only went up by two, according to your 2016 report. This is a less than two percent population increase; in previous years populations grew as much as thirty percent annually. At the same time, wolf packs have dropped down to 11 and breeding pairs down to 7.

In spite of this decline, ODFW wants to introduce several changes that further threaten their wolves' further recovery. The Draft Plan includes provisions to:

- make the language on non-lethal wolf deterrence method more vague and unenforceable. As drafted it gives no clear guidance on when and how the agency should use non-lethal methods. A list of types of non-lethal deterrence with no actionable plan on when the methods should be used is not acceptable. Non-lethal methods have been shown to be incredibly effective, and there should be very clear and enforceable guidance on using the methods.
- enable members of the public to hunt and trap wolves. This is an irresponsible and difficult-to-control way of managing wolf populations, using barely trained members of the public. It could open the door for wolf hunting in the future. It would also further contribute to negative public attitudes and encourage illegal wolf poaching. Hunting has been shown to disrupt wolf social structures and actually increase the risk of livestock conflicts. It should have no place in the Wolf Plan.
- lower the threshold of what ODFW considers chronic depredation. Currently it stands at 4 confirmed kills in 6 months. ODFW wants to bring that down to only 3 confirmed kills in 12 months. ODFW is even considering using 4 \*probable\* kills and 1 confirmed kill in 12 months as a threshold. I am very concerned these thresholds are too low and vague if allowing probable kills as a determination. This is especially concerning considering the next point.
- The Plan would allow Wildlife Services to investigate reports of possible depredations. Wildlife

Services is an agency known for aggressively trapping and killing predators and using ineffective, inhumane and indiscriminate methods of control. ODFW itself has even stopped Wildlife Services from carrying out depredation confirmations in the past, because they found they were over-lenient, confirming depredations that were most likely not carried out by wolves.

All of these proposed changes run against the best available science, and will not only threaten the already low population of recovering wolves, but may in fact increase the rate of conflicts and overall difficulty in managing wolf populations.

Responding also to certain comments given at recent Commission hearings, I will also add that ODFW should not look to Idaho as any sort of example for controlling wolf populations. Idaho practices extremely reckless and violent methods for controlling wildlife populations. Their tactic on wolf population control is slaughter. Idaho's example of cruelty should never be implemented into action here in Oregon.

As a public agency, ODFW is responsible to act on the best science, should be responsive to the public will, and should draft a plan that effectively maintains and protects wolf populations while also including effective, actionable, science-based means such as non-lethal deterrence to help prevent unnecessary livestock depredations. The Wolf Plan will not do any of those things as it is drafted, and that must change. Thank you very much for your time.

Desiree Mariscal

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**From:** Tyler Dungannon <tylerddungannon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 9, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** ohacomment@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Support for the Draft Wolf Plan

My name is Tyler Dungannon and I am an aspiring wildlife research biologist with experience working for an Oregon mammalian predator research project in northeast Oregon. I am also a member of the Oregon Hunters Association.

It is widely known that Oregon's wild ungulate populations are under increasing stress from increasing predator abundance in this state. ODFW's proposed wolf plan allows for steady growth of wolf populations throughout Oregon, yet it considers stakeholder's concerns just as every contentious issue has in the past. Hunters represent a massive stakeholder group and our concerns regarding the increasing predator populations and their effects on our hunting heritage, should be addressed.

Though OHA is not proposing we begin hunting wolves at this time, it is common sense to use hunting as a tool to defray costs to ODFW in their efforts to manage these apex predators. Furthermore, hunters should eventually be rewarded for their massive financial contributions to ODFW's budget by being allowed to hunt wolves in Oregon when populations meet or exceed their maximum sustainable yield.

Please consider these comments and the hunting stakeholders that will be substantially influenced by your decisions as commissioners and trustees of the state's wildlife.

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**From:** David Galvan <Davideverardo@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 11, 2017 3:05 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf conservation

Chair Finley & Commissioners,

As an Oregonian, I can't begin to describe how proud I am of the wolf plan Oregon had put together, how stakeholders from many walks of life came together to figure out how to get this keystone species on track to recovery. I greatly appreciate what the ODFW, our ranchers & stakeholders have done to ensure we Oregonians have a more complete & healthier wild, that we can proudly say wolves are home in Oregon.

Wolves play an important role in the landscape. I come from a ranching family. We are no strangers to predator control, & we killed wolves. We did not do so as religiously as some folks seem to in the states. We also lost our wolves. When we lost them it was a time of fighting, militias & government & rural people fighting, killing. Many people fled into the wild, wildlife became the target of bored rifles, wolves took the greatest hit & never recovered. But this lack of wolves did not mean our cattle were free from danger, we still lost them no less than we had before. Jaguar would take them, but more often it was the coyote, suddenly more plentiful in the wolf's absence that would strike the newborns. We still lost cattle, we still had to commit to prevention & control just as much as before. What we did lose was the wolf, his howls & presence. Life did not get easier, it was just a little different. I believe that can go both ways, that livestock can adjust. What exciting times, these predator preventative measures. The ranching lifestyle, revitalized by new methods, the promise that a younger generation now has to find new ways of doing things. Equal parts discovery & pain. I respect Oregon's ranchers for the position they are in. It's a great responsibility & challenge to meet, to find a way to live along side a new animal. One not free of heartache. Wolf recovery wouldn't be where it is today, without their commitment.

It is my hope Oregon will remain committed to non-lethal deterrents & management options. These non-lethal methods seem to work better at keeping both wolf & livestock alive, & it's work we can be prouder of! The traditional lethal methods offer little chance of ingenuity. If we continue to pursue the non-lethal methods, perhaps we may learn better ways of accomplishing the same results, cheaper or more effective methods. I think our state has managed wolves pretty well, following the plan. I thought lethal takes were justified when they occurred. I am very concerned about poaching, that seems to have been a growing problem in this state. I don't want wolf management in Oregon to look like Idaho's or any

other State's, at least not at this point in recovery. Our state's done well following the Wolf Plan, doing it's own thing.

Keep up the good work and thank you,  
David

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**From:** Brian Bassett <bbassett63@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 11, 2017 5:55 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf control and prederator control

I am writing this testimony as a life long resident of Oregon and hunter at fifty four years old. I have six grand kids and the biggest family joy we have is hunting and that's a mess these day with all the controlled hunts and application only hunts. I hunted in the eighties and early ninety Idaho several times and have seen first hand the direct decline in the elk herds flat out due to wolf predation. Last year I spend nine days twenty miles in the Sellway and seen one elk a spike bull and I couldn't of physically hunted any harder.

To the point Oregon cannot afford another predator such as a wolf to roam free with out being managed. Just do to Cougar and Bear predation our big games herds are in such a state that I don't believe my grandkids will ever see quality hunting for bulls and bucks in this state in their lifetime. The you throw mother nature doing her thing like this last winter and even more decline in herd numbers and it is so sad to see because it doesn't has to be.

Run the state game issues Biologically not what the pavement dwellers want.

Please don't let our predator current situation get worse when it comes to the effect on Deer and elk herd numbers.

Thank you  
Brian Bassett  
503-805-4671

I am not a very public person but am writing this with deep concern in my heart and soul on the current state of Oregons deer and elk herds.

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Jeremy Carpenter <buta275@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 6:25 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Conservation Planning Comment

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask for the strongest possible protections for Oregon's wolves. The Wolf Conservation and Management Plan should first and foremost consider the already very low population of wolves in the state and that species recovery has not even come close to being accomplished. Wolves are persecuted too much already by state and federal governments and short-sighted greedy anti-wildlife industry groups. That must be countered by a strong, scientifically-based response by Oregon's wildlife agency. Please do what's best for the long-term recovery of this important species and Oregon's ecosystems. Please do what's in the best interest of wildlife and outdoors enthusiasts, tourists, and the state's economy. Please increase protections under the wolf plan.

Relating to ranching concerns, the science comparing lethal and nonlethal methods of conflict deterrence has shown that nonlethal measures are more effective and less costly over the long haul than simply killing wolves and other native predators. Revisions to Oregon's wolf plan should acknowledge this science and shift the plan away from killing wolves.

Specifically, I urge you to focus on these ideas when making revisions:

1) Maintain a wolf-conservation focus and should not make wolves a scapegoat for declines in elk or deer. The current plan says wolves can be killed if they are "the cause" for wild ungulate declines; the proposed revisions say wolves need only be "a significant factor." This greatly reduces protections for wolves. Also, the proposed plan allows wolves to be killed if they cause elk herds to decline at artificial elk-feeding stations. Those stations bait wolves in, and it's outrageous that the state would kill wolves for being drawn to a natural prey species.

2) The revised plan should preserve those parts from Phase I that have proved beneficial for all parties and include them in Phase II and III. This includes clarity, transparency, accountability and enforceable requirements for the department and livestock operators before killing wolves can be considered.

3) No hunting or trapping of wolves should be allowed in Oregon, except for live trapping by state or federal biologists to fasten collars. Most Oregonians don't want wolves killed, since

current science shows that killing wolves increases the risk for conflict, reduces social tolerance for wolves, and increases poaching. But especially, wolves shouldn't be hunted or trapped by members of the public -- it incentivizes conflict, is ripe for abuse, and is a "foot in the door" for general wolf hunting and trapping seasons.

4) The threshold for considering killing wolves for chronic livestock depredations should be higher on public lands than on private lands. The state holds wolves as a public trust and should not be killing our wolves on public lands to benefit a private, for-profit industry that uses these lands at a tremendous discount and is eligible for compensation for wolf-caused losses.

5) Finally, the plan should not count "probable" wolf-caused losses toward a wolf-kill order since there's no scientific evidence it will result in fewer conflicts; it shouldn't allow USDA's Wildlife Services to be involved in wolf-depredation investigations since this rogue agency routinely confirms depredations when the department did not find sufficient evidence; it shouldn't allow involvement of local elected officials in making depredation decisions because such consequential decisions should be divorced from local politics, pressure and personal relationships; and the plan should not create management zones and wolf population caps when it's well known that wolves are self-regulating.

Please be fair, forward-thinking, and intelligent in finalizing your plan for wolves, and prioritize science, ecology, Oregon's public lands ethic and the tourism economy, not the demands of the ranching industry and other short-sighted special interests.

Thank you for carefully considering my input on this important matter to Oregonians and all Americans.

Jeremy Carpenter

Latham, NY 12110

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**From:** Jodi Bissell <tokenbattle@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please protect the wolves!

Dear Commissioners,

Oregon leads other states in so many ways, PLEASE set the example here with the wolves and protect them!

I'm writing to advocate for specific priorities in the revision of Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Wolves often bear the brunt of special-interest politics -- but the state's wolves belong to all Oregonians, not just those who find it inconvenient to live with big wildlife. The department's 2016 annual wolf report shows a population increase of just two wolves since 2015 and a decrease in packs and breeding pairs. This concerns me greatly and highlights the need to increase protections under the wolf plan.

Science increasingly tells us that killing wolves harms pack social structure, cohesiveness, reproduction and pup survival. It also increases risk of conflicts with livestock and levels of poaching. The science comparing lethal and nonlethal methods of conflict deterrence has also shown that nonlethal measures are more effective and less costly over the long haul than simply killing wolves and other native predators. Revisions to Oregon's wolf plan should acknowledge this science and shift the plan away from killing wolves.

Specifically, I urge you to focus on the following five areas when making revisions:

- 1) The plan should maintain a wolf-conservation focus and should not make wolves a scapegoat for declines in elk or deer. The current plan says wolves can be killed if they are "the cause" for wild ungulate declines; the proposed revisions say wolves need only be "a significant factor." This greatly reduces protections for wolves. Also, the proposed plan allows wolves to be killed if they cause elk herds to decline at artificial elk-feeding stations. Those stations bait wolves in, and it's outrageous that the state would kill wolves for being drawn to a natural prey species.
- 2) The revised plan should preserve those parts from Phase I that have proved beneficial for all parties and include them in Phase II and III. This includes clarity, transparency, accountability and enforceable requirements for the department and livestock operators before killing wolves can be considered.

3) No hunting or trapping of wolves should be allowed in Oregon, except for live trapping by state or federal biologists to fasten collars. Most Oregonians don't want wolves killed, since current science shows that killing wolves increases the risk for conflict, reduces social tolerance for wolves, and increases poaching. But especially, wolves shouldn't be hunted or trapped by members of the public -- it incentivizes conflict, is ripe for abuse, and is a "foot in the door" for general wolf hunting and trapping seasons.

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5) Finally, the plan should not count "probable" wolf-caused losses toward a wolf-kill order since there's no scientific evidence it will result in fewer conflicts; it shouldn't allow USDA's Wildlife Services to be involved in wolf-depredation investigations since this rogue agency routinely confirms depredations when the department did not find sufficient evidence; it shouldn't allow involvement of local elected officials in making depredation decisions because such consequential decisions should be divorced from local politics, pressure and personal relationships; and the plan should not create management zones and wolf population caps when it's well known that wolves are self-regulating.

Thank you for carefully considering my input.

Jodi Bissell

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**From:** snoblind1@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2017 6:07 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** concerns re: odfw draft of wolf plan for Oregon

7/4/17

Dear Sir:

The current draft form of the ODFW Wolf Plan does not support Oregonians and creates a highly dangerous to the public scenario of allowing anyone to kill by any means not only wolves, but other endangered species and wildlife as well. Hunters will kill on pretext that they are hunting wolves, anything they desire without a required permit for deer and other permit process hunts. Additionally, such hunting sanctions those without training and experience to roam through our Oregon forests and kill whatever they choose. Similar to an aerial kill, an untrained hunter potentially could kill a hiker.

Oregon's tourist economy depends on its natural beauty which includes being able to see endangered wolves and other wildlife in their natural habitats. By public knowledge, this poorly devised draft would announce to the world that Oregon does not protect its endangered species.

Countless letters and public concern from those of us knowing about this horrendous plan disagree with it and with your department's GOP perspective of appeasing a few ranchers who have no regard for wildlife and who are unable to discern cattle kill by a wolf (which merely a few weak/sick wolves potentially kill) from a coyote kill. I know because I talked to the Chair of the Wolf Committee on Oregon's Cattlemen Association. This man was very rude and condescending when I presented the REAL science as to why our Oregon wolves need protection. The REAL science piece is the study of what happened in Yellowstone when wolves were eradicated—ALL wildlife dispersed as food was scarce.

So please do what MOST Oregonians are asking you to do and that is modify your draft to protect our wolves more than the draft in its current state. Oregon had a fabulous previous wolf plan—please regenerate it by keeping greater wolf protection in the new plan.

Sincerely

Anna Becker

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**From:** Michelle MacKenzie <michellehmackenzie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2017 9:26 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Management Plan

Although I am a Californian, I vacation in Oregon at least twice a year. I am very disappointed to learn of ODFW plan to kill two wolves at the request of cattle ranchers.

Studies repeatedly show that killing native predators to protect livestock does not work. In fact, it often makes the problem worse. Why is a state such as Oregon unwilling to follow the best available science? Why follow archaic principles in predator management? Oregon is better than this!

Please repeal the kill order and instead follow the best available science in managing native predators.

Sincerely

Michelle MacKenzie  
Menlo Park, California

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** shristi kamal <shristikamal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2017 9:40 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comments to the wolf management plan  
**Attachments:** Comments to the Wolf Management Plan.pdf

Hello

As a concerned resident of Oregon and as a researcher, I wanted to submit my opinion and comments on the current review of the wolf management plan. Please find attached PDF with my comments.

Thanking you  
Yours sincerely

Sristi Kamal

Sristi Kamal, PhD  
Research Consultant  
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August 4th 2017

Michael Finley, Chair  
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My name is Sristi Kamal and I am an ecologist, with special focus on human dimensions in large scale carnivore conservation. I have over six years of professional experience as a researcher and conservationist, working on issues related to community based biodiversity conservation, private lands conservation and human-wildlife conflicts. My geographic area of expertise include USA, India, Nepal, East Timor, Haiti, Ethiopia and Poland. Within the US, I have conducted research at Yellowstone National Park on the role of identifying the common interest of different stakeholders in large scale carnivore (grizzly bears) conservation. Currently, I work as a natural resource management specialist for a civic sector organization (Mercy Corps) and a foundation (Sweetgrass Foundation). In this capacity, I evaluate and provide recommendations for community based conservation programs in different countries across the world. I also identify shared interests of different stakeholder groups to meet the conservation needs of the program.

I have had the opportunity to educate myself on the updated Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (OWCMP) and as a researcher with peer reviewed publications on the subject, I wanted to take this opportunity to submit my comments to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) on the proposed plan. My research background in ecology as well as my field experience working with implementing agencies has led me to the conclusion that the current version of OWCMP is short-sighted and lacks adaptive principles of wildlife management. It focusses excessively on human-wolf conflict but a review of existing literature on Oregon's history on this subject indicates no evidence of high frequency of such conflicts that would warrant such attention. The plan is short-sighted in its goal as it rushes to minimize immediate conflicts with stakeholder groups but disregards the consequence of such actions in the long run on the landscape and on the people who depend on this landscape for their livelihoods. Wolves are keystone species in their ecosystem and we already have evidence of how the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone has caused a trophic cascade of ecological change, including increase in beaver populations, bringing back aspen and ultimately changing the geography of the area by altering river course (Ripple and Beschta 2012; ). This is just one example of complex ecological webs with their internal checks and balance mechanisms and where wolves are at the heart of the web. Their presence is crucial to sustaining the ecosystem services and functions that rural and urban communities rely on.

During my education and professional career, I have worked extensively on symbolism and how stakeholder groups sometimes direct their disapproval and anger of policy instruments, top-down system of wildlife governance, and of regulating institutions toward an animal. Coexistence is influenced not only by human–carnivore interactions, but also by human–human interactions that affect carnivores (Redpath et al. 2012). Failure to address the disparity in human norms, attitudes, and knowledge about carnivores among different human groups can undermine coexistence. The classic example is that of grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) and the aftermath of delisting the species in 2007 (Peacock 2009). Socio-political tensions among groups to influence the decision making process and win the power struggle often ends with the animal as the victim. The current population size of 112 wolves in Oregon, as estimated by ODFW, is very low and therefore vulnerable. Their population growth rate in the past year (1.8%) has also been below ecological expectancy for the species and the carrying capacity of the landscape. Had these been the statistics for another flagship species that was not associated with negative symbolism, it would have been a matter of great concern for the public and public institutions responsible for protecting them. Yet, because these are wolves, and an apex predator in the food chain, the plan seems to disregard these concerning statistics and focus instead of management strategies such as depredation culling which is usually the last option in wildlife management (Ripple and Beschta 2004) .

On the subject of depredation culling, I have two serious concerns. The first and primary is the very idea of culling an already fragile number of individuals to prevent human-wildlife conflicts. The plan takes the “Polluter Pays Principle” approach (with the wolf as the “polluter”) instead of the Precautionary Principle approach. Two cases of depredation a year is a dangerously low number for sufficient evidence for killing a wolf, and almost unheard of for an apex predator species. Statistically, two cases of depredation can be attributed as random instances and not a pattern. Even in case of grizzly bears in GYE and tigers in India, the number of acceptable depredation per year was higher. The two-depredation criteria per year also does not make economic sense. It will be more cost-effective to compensate for two depredation cases than to kill a wolf and bear the long term costs of its impact on the ecosystem and its services. If culling needs to remain an option in the OWCMP, the acceptable limit will have to increase and should be based on scientific research of wolf-livestock interactions. The second concern is related to the conversation on outsourcing the actual killing of a “trouble” wolf to private citizens. Such a step would blur the line between wildlife management and economically incentivizing hunting of wolves. Wildlife is a public good and therefore its management should extend to public entities alone.

Carnivore conservation will always be a dynamic process. As anthropogenic pressures increase and the physical space between man and animal decreases, interactions are inevitable. However, co-existence depends on how we manage these interactions and to what degree can the negative interactions be minimized. I grew up in one of the 34 IUCN identified global biodiversity hotspots, wildlife and co-existing with mega-fauna including large carnivores including tigers, leopards and bears has been an intricate part of my life. As a individual of a community, I acknowledge that there are challenges in co-existing with large carnivores . However, as an ecolo-

gist, I am aware of tools and processes that can facilitate the conversation toward finding a shared vision where animals and people can co-exist. Penalizing a species when little to no effort is made to deter conflicts is unfair and anthropocentric. Management interventions, precautionary measures by livestock producers, and economic tools that would incentivize such actions should also be one of the main focus of the plan OWCMP.

Oregon is blessed to have such wide expanses of open landscapes and there is space for everyone in it, provided we are willing to own up to our responsibilities and do our part. We cherish and support conservation of large carnivores across the world -- lions in Africa, tigers in India, grizzly bears across US and Canada -- and I hope we can find a way to support such conservation actions in our own backyard. As a state that is known for its environmentally progressive policies and residents, let us try to keep our legacy alive, and in the process, let a remarkable species thrive.

Yours sincerely



Sristi Kamal

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**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Augustine J Beard <abeard@uoregon.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Protections

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you to comment on the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. ODFW should prioritize three principles in regards to wolf conservation: 1) The recovery of wolf populations in Oregon, 2) the public acceptance of recovering wolf populations, and 3) the security and public safety of those living in Oregon. Considering these three principles, it is in the best interest of ODFW to institute strong protections for wolves. The hunting and killing of wolves to protect livestock contradicts all three principles, because it damages herds, decreases acceptance, and encourages more livestock hunting by now under-stress wolf populations. Stronger protections and eliminating rights to kill wolves altogether is the best action to maintain the principles I outlined above.

Thank you for your time,  
Augustine

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Deirdre Cochran <wolfdeirdre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please prioritize wolf conservation

Chair Finley & Commissioners,

I was troubled to see that Oregon's wolf recovery seems to have stalled out in 2016. Along with recent decreases in protections and the expiration of important enforceable provisions in the state's wolf plan, conflict increased - as science indicated it likely would.

As you consider long-awaited revisions to the Oregon Wolf Plan, please ensure the plan prioritizes conservation, education, and conflict prevention. Killing wolves does not resolve conflict and should truly be an option of last resort.

The revised Wolf Plan should learn from the past by carrying forward parts of the plan that worked in previous phases and fixing those that did not. To succeed, the plan must contain clear, defensible, and enforceable requirements. For instance, the definition of chronic depredation and enforceable requirements for non-lethal measures and transparency should be no less than they were prior to 2015 when the wolf population grew and conflict decreased.

It's also important to remember that as Commissioners, you serve all Oregonians. The majority of Oregonians value native wildlife for their intrinsic value and strongly oppose wolf hunting by any name. Existing provisions in the plan that allow wolf hunting and trapping should be removed.

Oregon's wolf recovery remains tenuous. Wolves play an important role on the landscape and have many positive benefits. Oregon can - and should - do better than neighboring states that have shown killing wolves only increases conflict.

Please consider the voices of all Oregonians.

Thank you.

Ms. Deirdre Cochran  
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**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Ken Johnson <kenmjohnson@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:37 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

I support ODFW's proposed plan that allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population. The plan considers some very important concerns, such as hunting for deer, elk, and other big game, and the agricultural activities of Oregon. Population management is the key to a continued successful plan.  
Please lend your support as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Johnson  
Oregon Hunters Association  
Board member Emerald Valley Chapter

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** GERARD FABIANO <baya\_maraka@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:00 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please prioritize wolf conservation

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Please consider the voices of all Oregonians.

Thank you.

Mr. GERARD FABIANO  
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Toulouse, AK 31200

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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** ronald Mabe <ronmabe@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 29, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan

**Categories:** printed, Forwarded to Wildlife

I am an OHA member and strongly support the scientific management of wildlife  
By Fish and Game professionals.

This includes the hunting of wolves as a management tool if it becomes  
Needed in the future.

Bear and cougar numbers have been maintained at healthy  
Populations for decades with controlled hunting.

Respectfully  
Ronald Mabe  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Matt Sprague <MSprague@pd-grp.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 9:33 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** In support of the Draft Wolf Plan

Dear Commission Members:

As a lifelong Oregonian who has hunted this beautiful state for almost 40 years, I implore you to approve ODFW's draft management plan. We have seen hunting opportunities continually decrease since the mid 70's for many reasons and eventually, wolves will be added to that list if not already. Wolves have re-established sustainable populations in Oregon and the count of last winter, I think we all know, is likely on the very low side of actual numbers based on the charted trends and noted difficulty in counting proffered by ODFW staff due to weather conditions during that time.

Eventually, (not today but likely soon) Oregon hunters deserve to be in a position to help manage wolf populations through hunting opportunities or working with ODFW. We spend millions of dollars a year through license and tag fees as well as with other organized groups to do good things for wildlife, not just those species that we hunt. We as a group are the largest conservation advocates in the State.

If in the future, more opportunities do not become available to control wolf populations, we all know what will happen based upon programs in other states. It will be too late and wolf tags will become wholesale over the counter tags issued in a desperate attempt to undo the damage already done to elk and deer populations. In Oregon, we don't have numbers of deer and elk that are damaging to public lands as existed in Yellowstone and surrounding areas for example. I don't even know why ODFW thinks it's responsible to allow doe and cow hunts but that's another subject for another time.

You will be pressured by others to slow things down. You will hear many misrepresentations and many personal and subjective opinions as to why wolves should forever be protected and never controlled. I ask that you look at these comments carefully and not be swayed by those not supported by true science and past experience. Most of these people don't truly understand how violent nature is and a wolf is not something to walk up an pet or snuggle with on the couch.

Last thought: I took the coyote/wolf identification test on ODFW's website and was actually very surprised at how simple a test this was. I was expecting some tough calls but didn't find any. I scored 100% in less than 3 minutes. On a lighter note, maybe the Commission should only consider comments for the wolf plan from people who have scored 100% on this test. If you can't score 100% then you really don't know what you are looking at and you don't know the actual animal being considered in the draft plan. 😊

Thanks for your consideration and please make the proper choices to move the plan forward. Delays or setbacks to the plan could be disastrous to many living organisms in our beautiful state which is the side of things that others don't like to think about. It's just pretty fur and feathers to them.

**Matthew Sprague**  
**Newberg, Oregon**

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** ROD ADAMS <radams@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Support Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Commissioners;

I am a member of Oregon Hunters Association and a Hunter. As such, I am very concerned that the foresight and collaboration that brought the Wolf Plan into use by the State could be left on the wayside due to emotional influences from people that have little experience in Wildlife and Land management. The Oregon Wolf Plan has allowed Wolves to re-establish and spread much beyond projected estimates set at the time of implementation. The Draft Wolf Plan, as you know, will also take into consideration other Wildlife and Livestock losses due to Wolf predation. Oregon Hunters stand ready to help O.D.F.W. if and when Wolf culling is required due to these other considerations to help ease the cost of private contractors doing the work. Please support the Draft Wolf Plan when the vote comes up this month.

Respectfully Yours

Rod Adams

Bend, Or.

radams@bendbroadband.com

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Andy Martisak <ANDYMARTISAK@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 8:39 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

**Importance:** High

I am a long standing member of Oregon Hunters Association and have the following concerns of control of wolves in Oregon and elsewhere.

1. Before it gets out of control in Oregon like it has elsewhere example the elk populations in Yellowstone we need to establish good rules to manage the wolves in Oregon
2. Myself and many of my other hunting friends are frustrated with the lack of game to hunt with to many Cougars and now the wolf situation. I hope ODFW will come through for us as hunting is a big revenue for ODFW and it means jobs for you guys I am sending this email to. Thanks for your consideration Andy Martisak.

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Brian Ray <bray@nheri.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** odfw.comments@state.or.us; ohacomment@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Support the Wolf Plan and make hunting them a key part

Dear Sir/Madam,

My Ph.D. is in science education from Oregon State University and I have an M.S. in ecological zoology. I am a member of the OHA (Oregon Hunters Association).

I generally endorse the Wolf Plan, but I urge you to make the language clear that hunting is a good and key tool for managing the wolf population, just as hunting is good for managing other predators such as cougars and bears.

I have personally seen and heard plenty of wolves in northeast Oregon and I have witnessed the already too-negative effect on Oregon elk herds, deer, and livestock. We need private human hunters who pay hunting fees, and not tax-funded paid hunters, to be a part of managing wolves in the future.

There are already more than enough wolves in Oregon to successfully reproduce and they should really be considered simply a part of the entire northern Rockies population as we manage them.

Please support the Wolf Plan and give us clear language that hunting of wolves by private citizens is a good way to manage wolves.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Ray, Ph.D.  
Salem, Oregon  
503-364-1490

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** MICHAEL BELLMAN <BELLMAN9647@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2017 11:48 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (201718)

### Comments on the ODF&W Wolf Management Plan

A century ago, there was one wolf plan—shoot, poison and exterminate every gray wolf in the western United States. It was a simple plan with a single objective, and the plan succeeded. By 1934 only a few stray wolves were left in northern Minnesota.

Beginning in the 1960's a strong environmental movement took root in our society. Wilderness laws, scenic river laws, endangered species protections, forest management plans, new parks and wilderness set asides—all these and more legal requirements were approved to further the protect-the-earth programs. Not that all the actions were bad, but the new laws gave impetus to the environmental agenda.

And so, to restore the balance of nature, Canadian wolves were live-trapped, transported to Yellowstone National Park and there released. In less than thirty years the gray wolf populations of Wyoming, Idaho and Montana exploded beyond all expectations. There are now several thousand wolves in the Pacific Northwest, so many that Idaho and Montana now have special hunting seasons to keep the wolf population in check.

Prior to the colonization of the United States, *Canis lupus* (in one form or another) roamed throughout 49 states. Left undisturbed, the gray wolf could conceivably re-establish itself throughout its historic range. Birthing litters of 2-8 pups a year, it should be no surprise how quickly the wolf has returned to the Northwest.

Human-wolf conflicts are now occurring and accelerating. In just the past 12 months several wolves have been killed when they attacked livestock in northeast Oregon. Three radio-collared wolves have been shot by persons unknown. These confrontations will only increase in the future as the gray wolf repopulates Oregon.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has developed a plan to manage the burgeoning wolf population. When—not if—it becomes necessary to check the wolf population in order to protect

livestock and wildlife, then limited and controlled hunting by responsible, private citizen hunters is a viable tool and ought to be utilized. The ODF&W plan is a good one supported by Oregon Hunters Association and myself.

Please move forward and approve this management plan in order to protect wildlife, livestock and our Oregon heritage.

Thank you.

Mickey Bellman  
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[Bellman9647@msn.com](mailto:Bellman9647@msn.com)

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Larry Blankenship <blankenshiplw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 2:27 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Wolf Mgmt Plan 2017/18

Gentlemen and Ladies of the Commission: I have resided in Oregon and hunted Oregon's outdoors since 1982 and am a Life Member of OHA as well as RMEF. I have served on the Boards of several outdoor organizations and I have observed personally the impact the introduction of the Canadian grey Wolf has had in NE Oregon on both deer and elk herds. Just drawing a elk tag for a branched bull or a buck deer tag at age 70 is becoming much harder these days.

I just returned from an unsuccessful Spike elk hunting trip in the Imnaha Unit- Our party of 5 licensed hunters observed numerous wolf scat and tracks everywhere we hunted and only small scattered groups of cows and calves- only one spike seen in a week of hard hiking into the Eagle Cap Wilderness. No one in our party even got a shot this year! The number of buck deer as well as branched bulls and Spikes has been greatly impacted since measure 18 eliminated hunting Cougars and Bears using dogs and with the intro of the Grey wolf and the fast growth of the number of packs, the deer and elk herds are reduced even more.

As a former Board member of the Tualatin OHA Chapter, I believe the Commission should maintain the course on the Current agreed to Wolf Management Plan and strongly consider going to the next logical step in the plan by considering the future control of the number and size of the wolf packs by Controlled hunting if necessary to prevent future livestock losses and further wild game herd depletions, below management objectives in each wildlife unit.

Wolves have been successfully introduced into Oregon so please have ODF & W remain proactive thru effective management of the Wolf Management Plan- supported by OHA.

Respectfully,

Larry Blankenship  
Hunter ID # 49778

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Paul Krabbe <krabbepaul35@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 8:13 AM  
**To:** ODFW.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please support the draft wolf plan[2017/18]

Wolf packs are multiplying in Oregon and there will come a time when their numbers will have to be controlled. Hunting should be used as one of the available tools for that process. I believe that wolves have a place in the natural progression of things, but farmers and ranchers will need to be protected as well as existing elk and deer herds. Hunting is a valuable tool to have in the tool box, please put it there and keep it there!

Thank you,  
Paul Krabbe  
Lifetime OHA member  
Tax payer  
Registered voter

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** casey ferguson <casey.fergusondc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 10:28 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/2018)

Dear Commissioners;

I am a Oregonian and OHA member. I support the OHA position of allowing a controlled take of wolves once the population numbers warrant the species management for the following reason:

Oregon's Rocky Mountain goat population has grown to an estimated 800 since five goats were transported from Chopaka Mountain in **northern** Washington to the Wallowa Mountains in 1950. ODFW allows for limited, controlled take of this species.

"The Oregon minimum wolf population is determined at the end of each calander year and is based on wolves that staff has verified through direct evidence. Thus, the actual number of wolves in Oregon is likely greater than this minimum count. Wolf packs are dynamic and rarely stay the same size over time. Numbers fluctuate throughout the year as subadults disperse, members die and pups are born." -ODFW 2017 Reported on ODFW's website actual numbers are 112 wolves from the 2016 count.

Once an evidence based population threshold is established and met, management options (at ODFW's discretion) should be allowed.

Best,

Dr. Casey Ferguson DC, CCSP  
Eugene, OR

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Bryan Cook <bryan@oregonhunters.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Wolves in Oregon have been doing very well and have successfully been re-established. ODFW has been very proactive in wolf planning. We need to let ODFW do their job. Wolves have been and will continue to be a huge financial burden to ODFW. A good share of this is paid for by hunters and fishermen taking away monies that are needed in many other areas. With continued growth in numbers and proper management tools in place hunters could help to lower the financial impacts from Wolves. I'm a OHA member and a native Oregonian. Please let ODFW do their job.

Thanks,

*Bryan Cook*

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** ddavis@peak.org  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

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**From:** ddavis@peak.org  
**To:** "odfw commision" <odfw.commission@state.or.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 10:07:00 AM  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

As with any predator there needs to be management tools in place to control negative impacts on other species. No doubt that as wolf #s increase conflicts will arise between domestic livestock as well as game animals that share the same habitat. Big game #s are below mgmt. objectives in several GMUs already, letting another large predator into the mix without some sort of management tool would be irresponsible. Thank You-Donny Davis (OHA-life member)

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** John R. Putman <oha@johnputman.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 12:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18).

Members of the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to urge your favorable support and adoption of ODFW's Draft Wolf Plan – 2017/18 and thank you for your consideration of my email testimony.

Wolves ARE re-established in Oregon. The issue is not 'do we want wolves?' The issue is: 'How are we going to co-exist with wolves.'

Allowing **hunting as a tool** for controlled take of wolves whenever and wherever control is desired or needed **is a critical option** to have in this Plan. Further, it is a component of the multiple, wise use of our Oregon's public, wildlife resources.

The Wolf Management Plan was created at a time when calm heads prevailed. The Plan was and is a science-based plan which considers the risk of human-wolf conflicts as the wolf population increases. It established management options and strategies at differing wolf population levels based upon established packs and/or breeding pairs. ODFW's proposed plan allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population, yet considers other very important concerns for Oregonians, such as the impact of wolf populations on deer, elk, and other big game populations, on the traditional heritage of recreational hunting on those species, and on farming and ranching activities in Oregon. This science-based Plan deserves your support for all species and all Oregonians.

Please Support and Adopt the April 2017 draft plan revision to ODFW's 'Revised Wolf Management Plan'.

Thank you.

John R. Putman,  
President, Tillamook Chapter, Oregon Hunters Association, and  
Northwest Director, Oregon Hunters Association.

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** putsnbend@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Dear ODFW,

I support the Draft Wolf Plan as long as it contains provisions for actually managing/harvesting when the target numbers or management goals have been attained or numbers need to be reduced, Management is not just allowing the animals to propagate abated. They have shown a great ability to reproduce in this state already.

I have hunted elk every year in the Starkey GMU since 1982. Since the early 2000's the numbers of elk seem to lessen each year. This year hunting the 5 day first season hard resulted in seeing one cow with her calf! We had cougar visit our camp one night and saw tracks of both cougar and bear daily. Our deer and elk herds seemingly are in trouble statewide and large numbers of top predators are not going to help that situation (I saw my first wolf tracks in that unit five years ago).

Again manage the wolf, don't let it manage itself.

Charles Putman, Oregon Hunters Association member.  
Bend, Oregon

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Ken McCall <ken@oregonhunters.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Oregon's Wolf Management Plan

Commissioners,

First my thanks to you all as a (now pioneer) hunter, native Oregonian and outdoor resource conservation supporter for your continued diligence in working with all interested parties on the difficult and devise issues around predator species management, the wolf plan in this particular case.

Wolves have now successfully re-established in Oregon with ODFW staff and your commission work being a proactive force in planning for them through an effective management plan process - supported by OHA and others.

I believe it is critical to treat Oregon's wolves as the westward extension of a much larger Northern Rockies population. The wolves in Oregon, given they are not a stand alone population encumbered by artificial boundaries, need to be managed as a part of the larger regional wildlife population. Oregon's wolf management should include removal of individuals when populations and impacts on other resources (big game, public and private economic interests - including wildlife viewing) dictate control of the wolf population. Average citizens like myself do not have the expertise to make those difficult biological decisions, emotionally charged single species wildlife advocates with arguably less live experience in the outdoor than live long hunters do not have the expertise either. Wolf preservation advocates and those who call for active, informed management each have different life experiences outdoors, neither have all the answers for wildlife management. In some cases neither do the experts without some flexibility to manage through experience and observation. Both camps need to recognize our respective reliance on science and adaptive wildlife management tools employed by ODFW and the Commission are the keys to any sort of balance.

ODFW's proposed wolf plan revision allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population yet considers other very important concerns for Oregonians such as hunting for deer, elk, and other big game, the agricultural activities of Oregon and the desire of mostly urban populations to know wolves are part of the complicated landscape of our state.

Please support and adopt the Oregon Wolf Management Plan when it comes up for your votes..

Thank you for your efforts

Ken McCall  
Resource Director  
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**From:** Cindy Rooney <cindyrooneyoha@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 3:35 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan

Dear Members of the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission;

Thank you for taking the time to review my email testimony. I ask that you support the wolf plan and the option to use hunting as a tool for management.

It is very important that we learn to manage the wolf population within the state of Oregon and using hunting as a tool for conservation will help in this process.

I ask that you accept the Wolf Plan.

Thank you,

Cindy Rooney

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Bill Littlefield <bvlittlefield@bendcable.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)  
**Attachments:** Wolf Plan Comments - Bend Chapter - 2017.11.20BL.pdf  
  
**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

Dear ODFW Commission,

Please find attached a letter regarding the new draft wolf plan.

Thanks,

Bill Littlefield  
OHA Bend Chapter President  
541-429-2950  
[bvlittlefield@bendcable.com](mailto:bvlittlefield@bendcable.com)  
[www.oregonhunters.org](http://www.oregonhunters.org)



# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

*Helping Wildlife – Enhancing Habitat – Protecting Our Hunting Heritage*

ODFW Commission members,

I'm writing on behalf of the Bend Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association in regards to the new (draft) Oregon Wolf Management Plan. Our chapter has reviewed the new management plan and we support the population control measures that are in the plan. In particular, we support the use of "limited hunting" as a management control measure in those areas of the state where and when the population goals in phase III have been established.

It is our position that wolves are now established in some areas of the state and will continue to become established in other areas. When they do, they be one species in the overall wildlife population model and as such will need to be managed at or near a population level that is appropriate to maintain a "balance" in our ecosystem, just as all other species are managed to population objectives. Wolves required protections for population recovery but on the other side of the population model, ODFW will need tools like "limited hunting" to assist when populations or damage are high.

There are many people who have an axe to grind either in favor of wolves or against wolves. But wolves are just one species in an ecosystem with many other species both wild and domestic. No species, no matter how beloved by some, should be given a free pass. Furthermore, hunting is a very effective and affordable management tool and we should be mindful of the ODFW's budget and funds that are needed for other department objectives and species both fish and wildlife.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bill Littlefield  
Bend Chapter President  
60280 Windsong Lane  
Bend, Oregon 97702

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Bill Dollar <bdollar@chehalemappraisals.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 5:24 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Dear ODFW Commission,

I am the OHA Yamhill County Chapter President and wolves have been successfully re-established in Oregon and I hope that you can understand the need for managing ALL predators with ALL ungulates being managed once numbers of said species reach manageable numbers. I hope you will take to the side of scientific management and factual studies rather than emotional rhetoric. When and where ever needed, hunters can aid ODFW in controlling take and lowering financial impact on ODFW's already strained budget! Most of which comes from hunters and anglers. No other non-profit has worked with and for wildlife and habitat in the State of Oregon, please keep this in mind when hearing the emotional testimonies of the other side of the room.

Thank you for your time,

Bill Dollar

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Mike Metzler <mikewithflooredbyus@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Support revised wolf plan (2017-18)

I would like to voice my support of ODFW's revised wolf plan because:

\*Wolves have continued to grow in number and range since being introduced back into Oregon. Thanks to the original plan worked out by ODFW, along with the support of many other interested groups including OHA.

\*The revised plan includes controlled take and hunting as means to control wolf populations and predation, as wolf numbers and range grow, while considering other big game populations. Hunting, when appropriate, can be used as a cost saving to ODFW.

Thank you,

Mike Metzler  
Hunter, volunteer, OHA, RMEF member

Sent from my iPad

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** ORTWS President <ortws.pres@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 7:46 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Derek J Broman; Curt Melcher; Douglas Cottam; Andrea Karoglanian  
**Subject:** Oregon Chapter of TWS Comments on OR Wolf Plan 2017 Update  
**Attachments:** ORTWS wolf plan letter.docx (1).pdf

**Categories:** Forwarded to Wildlife

To: ODFW Commission Chair Michael Finley

On behalf of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ORTWS) I am attaching a letter summarizing our comments on the 2017 update of the Oregon Wolf Management Plan.

We would be happy to expand on these comments if necessary.

Regards,  
David Shepherdson  
ORTWS President

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*David Shepherdson Ph.D.*  
*President 2017-2018*  
*Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society*  
[ortws.pres@gmail.com](mailto:ortws.pres@gmail.com)



**OREGON CHAPTER  
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

PO Box 2378  
Corvallis, OR 97339

DATE: 11/21/2017

FROM: **Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society**

SUBJECT: **Oregon Wolf Management Plan – 2017 update**

TO: **ODFW Commission**

The Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ORTWS) is writing to provide comments on the 2017 update of the Oregon Wolf Plan. The ORTWS will not attempt to make editing changes but would like to address the more germane issues within the plan that we feel are policy-level decisions that you must make. Please give full consideration to our suggestions, which are founded on years of technical and scientifically-based wildlife management experience.

Wolf populations have thrived in Oregon under the management of ODFW utilizing the original wolf plan as guidance. The 2017 plan is considered an update of the original plan, thus we envision no major issues in continued maintenance of wolf populations in Oregon. However, ORTWS encourages the Commission to carefully consider the following 3 issues of the 2017 Wolf Plan which we consider policy-level decisions. Not only are these policy-related issues, they are likely the most publicly contentious aspects of the plan.

1. ORTWS supports ODFW's retention and utilization of hunters and trappers (Chapter 2) to help manage individual wolves that must be removed during phase 3.
2. ORTWS agrees with the 2017 plan update's method and procedures (Chapter 3) to determine the critical time for removal of a wolf causing livestock depredation.
3. ORTWS encourages the Commission to adequately define the description and technical language associated with "wolf damage" on private land to prevent ambiguities associated with proposed management actions.
4. ORTWS recommends defining ODFW review and oversight of USDA Wildlife Services investigations and confirmation of wolf depredation events.

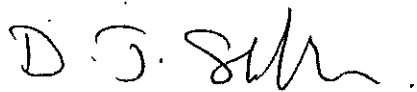
Consistent, science-based management is at the core of retaining wolf populations in Oregon. The 2017 updated version of the Oregon Wolf Plan provides that management guidance and contains staff recommendations to address the above issues. ORTWS endorses these staff recommendations and encourages the Commission to adopt the updated plan and the associated rule(s) provided to you by ODFW Wildlife Division.

The Wildlife Society is an international organization founded in 1937, representing nearly 10,000 professions, including scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, consultants, conservation officers, students, and others who manage, conserve, and study wildlife populations and habitat. In

Oregon, the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society represents nearly 400 such professionals from many areas of public and private enterprise.

ORTWS's mission is to promote wise conservation and management of wildlife resources in Oregon by serving and representing natural resource professions. A central purpose of ORTWS is to aid public discussion of natural resource management in Oregon by communicating best available science, and supporting scientifically sound management policies to entities engaged in management decisions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Shepherdson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Shepherdson Ph.D.

President

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Linda Sweeney <lksweeney@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 22, 2017 9:14 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf plan

Please support the Draft Wolf Plan in 2017 and 2018 I am a member of OHA and feel we need some common sense management regarding the growing wolf population. We at OHA are not necessarily proposing hunting at this time, but we want to have the tool available once the numbers warrant the reduction. I have been an avid hunter in Oregon for 50 years and have seen the amount of predators increase and managing them decrease. Let's get management plans in so the next generations can enjoy the outdoor experience of hunting.

Sincerely Bill Sweeney

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Sent from my iPad

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** James Dundon <jgdundon@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 24, 2017 9:40 PM  
**To:** odfw commission  
**Subject:** November 2017 Draft Revision. Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission:

I'm a lifelong resident, hunter and angler in Oregon. I'm a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited and a Life Member of the Oregon Hunters Association. In my 64 years I contributed thousands of dollars in license fees and financially supported non-game programs as well. I have followed closely the current revision process of the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, (Wolf Plan). Attending meetings of the commission, listening to testimony and reviewing comments to the department.

I am deeply concerned with the November revisions to the draft Wolf Plan. Recognizing that wolf recovery in Oregon would one day require management of their numbers, controlled hunting of wolves has been an essential component of the wolf plan since its inception. All scientific projections indicate that wolves in Oregon have and will continue to expand their numbers and range within the state. Some neighboring states have already found it necessary to allow controlled hunting to effectively reduce wolf numbers consistent with the management objectives of other wildlife and game species and limit conflicts with other users of their range. I have heard numerous wolf advocates vehemently demonize any killing of wolves as some sort of crime against nature. While I respect their right to their personal opinion, I challenge ODFW staff and/or the commission to cite any scientific study that indicates the controlled hunting of wolves has contributed to the failure to re-establish the species in those states that have utilized this management tool or that it is somehow likely to result in re-listing of the species or show any scientific basis for excluding controlled hunting of wolves when appropriate in Oregon.

The proposal to replace controlled hunting with an untested concept of "Special Permit Agents" somehow vetted through a yet to be determined process or education and training akin to ODFW's currently defunct "Master Hunter Program" will exclude many hunters from the future opportunity to harvest a wolf. The very hunters who's contributions establish the financial support for ODFW and management of a prey base, making wolf reintroduction possible. In fact I have heard from ODFW staff and agricultural producers that utilizing the Master Hunter Program in the past to deal with damage control issues has often been ineffectual.

Secondly, while I'm not a livestock producer, I have heard enough testimony to know that the reduction or elimination of "probable depredations" in conjunction with confirmed depredations as a criteria for lethal removal of wolves is problematic. Repeated accounts of delays in staff response to kills, natural loss of evidence due to these delays and "analysis paralysis" resulting in un-confirmed depredations has only increased livestock losses to depredating wolves. Hunters and ODFW are dependent on agricultural, livestock and other resource based producers who we know control much of the land base we recreate on and half of the winter ranges wildlife depends on. We know that as long as we have wolves and livestock sharing the same habitat, depredations by wolves is inevitable. A functioning wolf plan, responsive to the needs of the agricultural producer is essential in allowing enough tolerance of wolves to ensure their continued success.

For these reasons I strongly urge you to reject the current draft Wolf Plan as written. Please re-establish controlled hunting as an essential component of future wolf management and provide for an improved process for determining wolf depredation and pro-active protection of livestock.

Sincerely,

James A. Dundon  
Salem, Oregon

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Goat Hunter <goathunter.oregon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 25, 2017 4:03 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to support the draft wolf plan. I am a long-time hunter, outdoorsman, and conservationist. As a lifetime member of both OHA and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, I have donated considerable volunteer time and money to support both habitat and wildlife in our state.

Since wolves reintroduced themselves to Oregon, their numbers have steadily grown and they have thrived. As the benchmark wolf numbers continue to be met, wolves should be managed the same way we manage bears and cougars. Hunting is a cost-effective tool that can help manage wolf population numbers.

Thank you for the work that you do for our wildlife in Oregon. I encourage you to support the draft wolf plan.

Sincerely,

Matt Alford  
39360 SW Laurelwood Road  
Gaston, Oregon 97119

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Tom & Kathy Fisk <tkfisk@q.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 8:46 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)  
**Attachments:** IMG\_20171114\_151950474.jpg

Dear O.D.F.W. Wildlife Commissioners:

I've been hunting white-tailed deer using a muzzleloader rifle in Northeast Oregon nearly every fall since 1994. The area I usually hunt is in Union County North of the town of Elgin on Public Land. As you know, this area is rich in wildlife, including deer, both white-tail and mule deer, elk, black bear, cougar, coyotes and even moose. This year things have changed dramatically. Judging by the hundreds of wolf tracks seen in the snow while hunting and driving on Forest Service access roads there is now an infestation of Canadian Wolves in this area. These tracks are huge (please see attached photo of the tracks) and so are the killing machines that make them. On one trip driving back to camp after dark three white-tailed deer crossed the forest service road 75 yards ahead of our truck. I have never seen deer run so fast – they were absolutely terrified by whatever was chasing them. We stopped the truck and waited to see if their pursuer(s) would show themselves. They did not. The next morning we drove the same road headed back to an area to hunt. We stopped at the location where the three white-tailed deer had crossed the previous night and examined the snow. Tracks from several wolves were clearly visible - they had resumed the chase after our pick-up had passed by. I don't know how often wolves are successful once they have located prey and are in "hot pursuit". Of the three deer they were chasing that night the slowest was a fawn, it lagged behind the adult doe and buck by 30 or 40 feet. I bet that young deer did not live through the night. Each wolf consumes approximately 17 white-tail deer each year (source [www.wolf.org](http://www.wolf.org)). At that rate it won't take long for the deer, elk and moose to suffer enormous losses. Please support the proposed Draft Wolf Plan so that policies and procedures can be implemented in the future to control these carnivores. Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Fisk  
18984 Grace Street  
Baker City, Oregon 97814

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** [5415196455@vzwpix.com](mailto:5415196455@vzwpix.com)  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 26, 2017 2:09 PM  
**To:** [tkfisk@q.com](mailto:tkfisk@q.com)  
**Subject:**

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Robert Dixon <bobdix1@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 3:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Oregon Draft Wolf Plan 2017-18

I am a OHA member of the Bend Chapter.

I am strongly requesting that you support the draft Oregon Wolf Plan for 2017-18.

The wolfs are reestablished in Oregon within the guidelines that were developed and it is now time to plan on their management like all game and predators we manage in the state of Oregon. OHA is not promoting immediate hunting as a planning tool but should not be disregarded in the future.

This is Oregon's management issue and not out of staters and the planning and decisions should be left up to Oregonians and not out of state interests or national organizations that do not look at our issues and principles, only their own.

Respectfully,  
Bob Dixon  
bobdix1@icloud.com

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Gary Lewis <garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Do Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Members of the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission:

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of all Oregonians. And thank you for the chance to comment on adoption of ODFW's Draft Wolf Plan.

According to the science-based Wolf Management Plan, adopted before wolves were officially in the state, our current wolf population is well-established. The ODFW plan allows for continued growth and health of the wolf population, yet considers the impact of wolf populations on deer, elk and livestock. Allowing hunting as a component of the plan (if needed), is an important option to include in the plan. And it is part of the scientific, wise use of wildlife resources. This plan was agreed upon years ago and it deserves your support and the support of all Oregonians.

Please support and adopt the April 2017 draft plan revision to ODFW's revised wolf management plan.

Respectfully,

Gary A. Lewis

Author, Southeast Director, Oregon Hunters Association

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** LARRY L & ELLEN AVERY <lla806@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** wolf program

After watching a news article on our local TV station about the wolf problem in northern Klamath county, I feel that it is imperative that the protected status the wolves now enjoy needs to be reviewed and revamped. Ranchers are suffering substantial losses due to wolf predation, yet are prohibited from receiving compensation for the lost animals killed by the wolves.

They said that there were 19 collared wolves, but an unknown number of non collared animals. Obviously there is a problem, but no one wants to admit that there needs to be a certain amount of wolves eliminated. It also needs to be noted that our game animals are also being attacked by wolves, with unknown numbers being killed each year.

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Bill Littlefield <bvlittlefield@bendcable.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** Gary Lewis  
**Cc:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Re: Do Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Nicely said (but we've come to expect that from you!)

Bill L.  
541-429-2950

On Nov 30, 2017, at 10:19 AM, Gary Lewis <[garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com](mailto:garylewisoutdoors@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Respectfully,

Gary A. Lewis

Author, Southeast Director, Oregon Hunters Association

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** WAYNE mackenzie <wdm144@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolves

I'm not in favor of the number of wolves and other predators in Oregon. At one time I could go deer and Elk hunting and be successful but not now. We need to have a way to keep the numbers down on predators to insure we have good healthy deer and Elk populations. I'm a member of OHA and I'm very concerned about our populations of game.

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** treatmj68@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2017 1:19 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Brad Robins; Andy Ponce; Kevin Thompson  
**Subject:** Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/2018)

Commissioners,

Traditional Archers of Oregon members first greeted Oregon's wolf introduction with a mixture of interest and skepticism. We immediately requested that the ODFW Wolf Coordinator, traditional archer and TAO member, Russ Morgan, be invited to speak at our annual banquet to educate the membership.

As the plan evolved and reintroduction has progressed, members have related stories about encounters with wolves as quickly as encounters with elk, deer, bear and cougar. Whether it was simply hearing a wolf in the distant darkness from the comfort of camp or the heart pounding experience of being stalked by a pack as you head back to camp, the story is told with the same enthusiasm as those dealing with a bugling branch bull elk.

TAO members appreciate that the Wolf Plan was carefully thought through by a diversity of stakeholders, has been guided by a seasoned wolf technical resource committee and monitored by professional wildlife agency employees. The plan has been reviewed and modified over time as scientific data has been compiled. At one point, many years ago, the Wolf Plan was agreed to by all and the success of the plan is evidence that these collective efforts contributed to that success.

Yes, wolf populations are recovering and will continue to evolve and grow. As a testimony to that success, the part of the plan that allows for managed "controlled take" of wolves may, at some point, be introduced to ensure that ODFW's mission to **"PROTECT AND ENHANCE OREGON'S FISH AND WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITATS FOR USE AND ENJOYMENT BY PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS"**.

TAO members trust the ODFW Commission to ensure the original concepts of the Wolf Plan are followed and ODFW's Mission is carried through.

Sincerely,

Michael Treat  
Field Governor  
Traditional Archers of Oregon

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org> on behalf of Phil Hanson <defenders@mail.defenders.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 1, 2017 8:16 PM  
**To:** Commission Chair Finley  
**Subject:** Give Oregon's Wolves Strong Protections

Dec 1, 2017

Commission Chair Finley

Dear Finley,

I'm deeply disappointed in the latest, weakened version of the Oregon Wolf Plan. It appears that over the last few months, ODFW and the Commission have ignored the feedback of Oregonians who want to see continued protections for wolves. Instead, the plan makes it easier than ever for the state to justify more killing. And the Commission is making it harder for people to make their voices heard by preventing public testimony on the issue until January - the same day the Commission will vote on the final plan.

While the first draft of the Oregon Wolf Plan unacceptably lowered the bar for killing wolves in response to livestock depredations, this latest version takes things a step further. I was shocked to see a new provision that gives the ODFW Director broad discretion to authorize killing wolves after two confirmed depredations, without any time or place restrictions. This is an untenable standard.

The latest draft also makes it easier to hunt wolves. It creates a special hunting permit so that local residents can do the agency's "lethal removals." It also adds a vision statement that shifts the intent of the state to one day manage wolves like cougars and black bears - a euphemism for hunting. It seems the Commission was more concerned with getting a foot in the door for hunting than it was with addressing serious threats like poaching.

In the last month, there have been at least three poaching incidents in Oregon - not including the wolf that was shot by an elk hunter in what was reported as self-defense. Yet this plan fails to meaningfully address this issue. There is no strategy to coordinate with enforcement agencies or to close loopholes in our existing wildlife laws. This sends a powerful and dangerous message about how little the state values its imperiled species.

As it's written today, the draft Oregon Wolf Plan fails wolves and the majority of Oregonians who wish to see them recover.

Sincerely,

Mr. Phil Hanson  
7941 SE Monroe St  
Milwaukie, OR 97222-1441  
(503) 387-6986  
phanson@spiretech.com

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Defenders of Wildlife <ecommunications@defenders.org> on behalf of Scott R Bowler <defenders@mail.defenders.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 2, 2017 7:53 AM  
**To:** Commission Chair Finley  
**Subject:** Oregon Wolves Need Stronger Protections

Dec 2, 2017

Commission Chair Finley

Dear Finley,

I am writing to express my dismay over the newly weakened version of the Oregon Wolf Plan. For several months, ODFW and the Commission have ignored the feedback of a majority Oregonians who want to see continued, even strengthened, protections for wolves. Instead, the plan makes it easier for the state to "justify" more killing, while the Commission is making it harder for people like me to make our voices heard by preventing public testimony on the issue until January

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Sincerely,

Mr. Scott R Bowler  
7323 SW 32nd Ave  
Portland, OR 97219-1830  
(971) 275-6608  
mrsighents55@gmail.com

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org> on behalf of shirley reams <defenders@mail.defenders.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 2, 2017 8:23 AM  
**To:** Commission Chair Finley  
**Subject:** Our wolves

Dec 2, 2017

Commission Chair Finley

Dear Finley,

I'd like to see the wolf depredation tax credit restored. Wasn't that better for all concerned?

As it's written today, the draft Oregon Wolf Plan fails wolves and the majority of Oregonians who wish to see them recover.

Sincerely,

Miss shirley reams  
1810 Lorain Ct SE  
Salem, OR 97302-3032  
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swynne0@gmail.com

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Don Schaller <deschaller@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** wolf plan

I am a life member of OHA and I have hunted in eastern Oregon for many years. When I first started to hunt in eastern Oregon the deer were numerous and with passage of time I found that I was taking my rifle for walk. Now we must deal with another predator. Wolves are spreading through out the state. We now have a pack in the Wall Creek area. This new plan must have guide lines which will allow for hunting of wolves. We must maintain a huntable big game herd or no one is going to purchase a license. I know that I will not.

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** richhalley@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2017 8:09 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

Dear Commissioners,

I am an Oregon hunter and a member of the Oregon Hunters Association. I was educated as a field biologist.

I am writing to support the revised version of the Wolf Management Plan. Wolves are clearly well established in Oregon and their population will continue to grow. The wolf population must be managed so that it is compatible with hunting for deer, elk and other species as well as with agriculture. Also, if the wolf population rises to a certain point, the plan includes the option of reducing that population to scientifically appropriate levels. I support the draft plan.

Yours Truly,

Richard Halley  
Portland

## Roxann B Borisch

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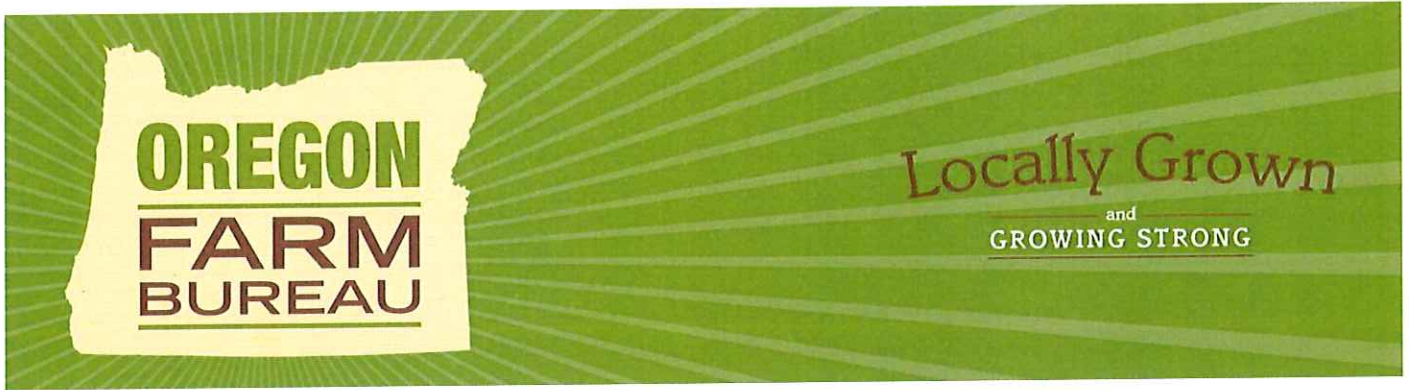
**From:** Greg Parrott <gparrott54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2017 1:19 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please allow controlled wolf hunting in your plans!

Dear ODFW,

I am respectfully requesting that you revise the wolf plan back to the way it was intended: to some day soon allow controlled hunting of wolves as a conservation measure to control numbers and keep a balance on the resources. We "regular" hunters at the appropriate time would like the opportunity to harvest biologically surplus wolves. This is especially appropriate since hunter's conservation efforts and financial support are the main reason that we have the ungulate numbers that we currently do.

The future of big game hunting in Oregon for many generations rests in your hands. We will be watching and expect that you will do the right and honorable thing, which specifically is to allow the hunters that have been supporting the resources to take part in the ecological balancing. We have been providing that support in many ways over many years. Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Greg Parrott  
27397 SW Xanthus Ct.  
Sherwood, Oregon. 97140



December 6, 2017

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
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odfw.commission@state.or.us

**VIA EMAIL**

*RE: Comments on the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Revisions*

Dear Chair Finley, Director Melcher, and Members of the Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the second draft Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Plan). OFB remains deeply concerned about the direction of the Plan revisions and do not feel that our prior feedback was taken seriously or addressed in these revisions. Given that cattle ranchers, sheep producers, and other livestock owners in rural communities are the most impacted by the state's management decisions, it is disappointing that the Department did not meaningfully consider or address the feedback we have provided consistently over the past year.

It is frustrating that, despite our input, the draft Plan continues to move toward even more prescriptive and burdensome wolf management in Oregon at a time when populations are increasing and conflict with livestock is rising accordingly.

As explained in our letter dated May 17, 2017 (attached), we asked for several adjustments in the plan. While we will not belabor the requests we have already made, we will summarize them here and hope they will be carefully considered:

1. Local, evidence based-depredation decisions: We request that you allow the local field biologist, local law enforcement, or USDA Wildlife Services personnel trained by ODFW to make depredation determinations in their area upon reviewing evidence. We believe these trained professionals should be authorized to determine whether to take lethal or non-lethal measures after two confirmed depredations. This reduces the risk of losing precious time once a science-based determination has been made on the ground

and removes the potential for politicizing or unnecessarily delaying decisions. Instead of taking this route, the draft plan actually vests more power in the state, only authorizing the director to move to lethal take after two depredations.

2. Collaring: We request that you continue to place collars on packs into Phase III management, with an emphasis on wolves that are the most likely to be in conflict with domestic livestock.
3. Management Zones: We request that you establish management areas, and set objective population targets based on the wild ungulate populations so that wolf populations do not exceed their natural carrying capacity. Setting a minimum population does not achieve this goal – as populations grow, the need to set population carrying capacities is critical.

The draft Plan will only increase conflict with agriculture in our rural communities and continue to place the burden of wolf management solely upon Oregon's ranchers. The draft Plan does not meet our needs, and will not find broad support in our communities.

We have worked with the state in good faith to develop the current Plan and have asked our members to honor that Plan and work with the state. The draft Plan undermines our efforts and does not reflect an intent on the part of the state to work with us.

We hope that you will address our concerns and work with our membership to develop a Plan we can support.

Respectfully,



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**From:** ProSource Supply <prosourcesupply@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017 9:35 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Support the Wolf Draft Plan(2017/18)

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in support of the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18). I am a OHA member and unfortunately will not be able to attend the December 8th Commission meeting in Salem.

Wolves have successfully been re-established in Oregon and ODFW has been proactive in planning their management. Idaho is a great example of what can happen when wolves exceed management levels. The impacts in some areas to other wildlife has been devastating. Idaho has also implemented effective methods including hunting to reduce wolf numbers toward more healthy numbers. This has helped to slow the destructive decline of numerous other wildlife.

We all want healthy wildlife populations in Oregon. A solid wolf management plan, which includes hunting as a tool to keep wolf populations within a sound management objective, would still allow for healthy wolf numbers and also have a positive impact on many other species of wildlife.

Thank you for your time.  
Jeff Blair

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**From:** Scott Beckstead <sbeckstead@humanesociety.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 8:14 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** Michelle Tate  
**Subject:** HSUS Oregon Wolf Plan Comments  
**Attachments:** 12\_08\_17 HSUS Letter on Wolf Plan.docx

Chair Finley, Commission Members, and Director Melcher:

Attached please find comments on the Oregon Wolf Plan.

Thank you for considering our views, and for your service to the people and wildlife of Oregon.

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**RE: Oregon Wolf Plan**

Dear Chair Finley and Members of the Commission:

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and our supporters in Oregon, I am writing to express our disappointment regarding the most recent proposed revisions to the Oregon Wolf Conservation & Management Plan. These proposed revisions are flawed, not based on the best available science, and fail to reflect the humane values of the majority of Oregon's voters.

Despite an attempt to rectify scientific inaccuracies and information gaps, the most recent changes to the Plan do not meaningfully address concerns raised by independent biologists, wildlife conservationists, and the public and too many troubling elements of previous drafts continue to be included. With just over 100 individuals, Oregon's wolves are far from recovered. This iconic species deserves more protections—not fewer.

One of our primary concerns is that the most recent changes to the Plan include a section that allows the Director to allow wolf killing for two livestock predations over any time period that take place anywhere in the state. This ignores scientific evidence that has shown that non-lethal methods are far more efficacious and economical and in fact may decrease future livestock losses because non-lethal methods avoid wolf-pack disruption. Lethal methods leave young, naïve animals to fend for themselves. If orphaned, young wolves may target livestock, who are easy prey compared to most wild ungulates. Furthermore, data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that wolves (and all other carnivores put together, including coyotes, cougars, dogs, and bears) take less than 1% of all annual livestock inventories.

We are also concerned with provisions that allow the agency to authorize residents with special permits to hunt and trap wolves in areas where the agency has determined that wolves are a major cause of deer and elk populations falling short of population targets. Scientific research, as well as data from other states,

has demonstrated that hunters have far greater effects on ungulate populations than wolves. In fact, wolves improve the health of herds by taking the oldest and weakest animals. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which has recently seen its wolf population recover to as many as 900, says in its gray wolf factsheet, “Ironically, studies have shown that wolves have minimal negative impact on deer populations, since they feed primarily on weak, sick, or disabled individuals.” And its recent deer hunting numbers have increased sharply in the Northern Forest Zone, where the wolves are. Minnesota has seen similar results, as deer hunting numbers have increased in areas where the wolves are located. In addition, several recent Alaskan studies found that wolves are not responsible for reducing prey species.

The use of euphemisms and ambiguous language may make parts of the Plan contradictory and impractical. This combined with the fact that the Plan deputizes members of the public to hunt and trap wolves makes the Plan ripe for abuse and is simply a ruse for general wolf trophy hunting and trapping seasons in Oregon. Wolf hunting and trapping are broadly opposed in Oregon, and studies indicate hunting carnivores does not increase social tolerance for them. The HSUS is vehemently opposed to any provisions that would move Oregon toward the trophy hunting of wolves.

Wolves are a vital component of Oregon’s natural wild heritage and the public has overwhelmingly stated that they want these iconic native carnivores protected as a valuable part of our ecosystems. As it is, the conservation community, independent wildlife biologists, and the public all agree that the Plan has serious flaws that must be addressed. We sincerely hope that you will reconsider this Plan and ensure that the final draft is based upon the best available science and informed by Oregon’s deeply-held conservation values.

Sincerely,

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**From:** mark nofziger <marknofziger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 9:23 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please support the wolf draft plan 2017-18

As a farmer and Hunter and member of the Oregon Hunters Association I urge you to support this plan and keep both numbers to a minimum will let them be hunted to keep them low and numbers and afraid of humans  
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Randy Shaw <rlestate@kfalls.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 9, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Cc:** klamathoha@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)

I am a lifetime member of OHA and a born & raised Oregonian. Several years ago Wolf hearings or meetings were held around the state. I attended the Klamath Falls meeting and, having experienced the wolf introduction in Idaho, was adamantly opposed to establishing an acceptable population of wolves in Oregon. Now we are seeing this travesty happen and I am commenting on the management of these horrific predators.

If we are to maintain a viable population of elk or deer, one that includes harvest numbers for hunters, it is vital that we have the capability to manage the wolf populations around the state. Hunters can be used as a tool to help manage the wolf populations but it will be necessary to include other resources to fully manage these animals. The use of hunters will help reduce the cost of management putting a strain on the already underfunded ODFW organization.

Thank you for your time concerning this very important subject,

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**From:** Paula <cesspj@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 9, 2017 1:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT THE DRAFT WOLF PLAN 2017/18

I am a lifetime member of OHA.

I am totally against the wolves being introduced back.

At the time of introduction there was a number given that when they reached this point something would be done.

I say it is time to start selling tags so you can make money instead of loosing it and keep the numbers in check.

Respectfully,

Roy Hurst

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Mike Messenger <mmessenger@roguedisposal.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 7:36 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Support the Draft Wolf Plan

Dear Commissioners,

While I was against the reintroduction of wolves for the very reasons that are now the problems you are faced with; it is what it is. So now it's time to improve the situation for the many constituents. Those primarily being the elk, deer and livestock of Oregon. Thank you for tackling this controversial issue!

I'm a long time member of OHA, I studied Wildlife Biology at OSU (got my degree in a different major), I've lived in Alaska and observed the predatory hunting prowess of wolf packs first hand.

While OHA is not proposing a wolf hunt, I AM!! Hunting is an effective management tool and needs to be done to control the wolf population. Period. The wolf numbers are rapidly increasing throughout Oregon and their range is too. The decline in deer and elk numbers and "joy killing" of livestock is a direct correlation of this increase.

Of course in Portland and the liberal Willamette Valley hunting wolves would be extremely controversial and would be met with wailing and nashing of teeth. Too bad. Hunters pay the most with their license and tag fees. It's time for that to be recognized by management practices that support increases in Big game numbers.

Sincerely,

Mike Messenger  
Medford, OR

Sent from my iPhone

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Lance Powlison <lspowlison@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 9:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf management plan

Commission,

The current plan does not go far enough to support a wolf hunting season. Many states have successful wolf hunting seasons and programs. Please consider taking a larger step to manage our States wolves.

Thank you,

Lance Powlison

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**From:** Mary Anne Ericson <maericson4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Review of Wolf Conservation and Management Plan

My name is Mary Anne Ericson and I would like to officially submit this comment into the public record regarding the review of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. I have read the latest version of the plan, with changes tracked, and also watched/listened to the live stream of the commission meeting on Friday, December 8.

I believe the latest version of the plan represents a step backwards for wolves and for the interests of a majority of Oregonians, especially regarding the inclusion of "special permit agents" who will be trained to kill wolves. This seems to open the door to wolf hunting in Oregon, which I and most Oregonians strongly oppose. The OHA may want Oregon to go the way of Idaho and Montana, but these states are hellish for wolves and should not be the examples we follow.

I agree with Chair Finley that a distinction should be made between public and private land when it comes to depredation, but rather than having a lower threshold (below three) for private land, I believe there should be an even higher threshold when it comes to public land. Poor animal husbandry is usually to blame for livestock mortality on public land, and wolves should not be killed because of it.

Something I believe is missing from the wolf plan is a section on strategies for increasing social tolerance for wolves. If social tolerance is crucial for wolves' continued recovery, then ODFW should be devoting time and effort into researching and promoting it. Recent incidents of poaching, and the persistence of irrational hatred of wolves, speak to the need for much more work in this area.

Finally, I believe that wolves should retain their special status in our state. Wolves are not game animals that people eat. Wolves are native to Oregon and essential to our ecosystem. Wolves have a complex emotional and social life which is strikingly similar to our own. Wolves also have a history of shameful persecution in Oregon and elsewhere which gives them a moral claim to restorative justice and ongoing strong protection.

Thank you for reading my comments. The well-being of Oregon's wildlife, and especially our wolves, is an issue of high importance to me.

Mary Anne Ericson

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**From:** Defenders of Wildlife <ecommunications@defenders.org> on behalf of Nancy Shinn <defenders@mail.defenders.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:47 PM  
**To:** Commission Chair Finley  
**Subject:** Wolves in Oregon Deserve Strong Protections

Dec 10, 2017

Commission Chair Finley

Dear Finley,

I want to express my deep disappointment in the latest, weakened version of the Oregon Wolf Plan. It appears that over the last few months, ODFW and the Commission have ignored the feedback of Oregonians who want to see continued protections for wolves. Instead, the plan makes it easier than ever for the state to justify more killing. And the Commission is making it harder for people like me to make our voices heard by preventing public testimony on the issue until January  
- the same day the Commission will vote on the final plan.

While the first draft of the Oregon Wolf Plan unacceptably lowered the bar for killing wolves in response to livestock depredations, this latest version takes things a step further. I was shocked to see a new provision that gives the ODFW Director broad discretion to authorize killing wolves after two confirmed depredations, without any time or place restrictions. This is an untenable standard.

The latest draft also makes it easier to hunt wolves. It creates a special hunting permit so that local residents can do the agency's "lethal removals." It also adds a vision statement that shifts the intent of the state to one day manage wolves like cougars and black bears - a euphemism for hunting. It seems the Commission was more concerned with getting a foot in the door for hunting than it was with addressing serious threats like poaching.

In the last month, there have been at least three poaching incidents in Oregon - not including the wolf that was shot by an elk hunter in what was reported as self-defense. Yet this plan fails to meaningfully address this issue. There is no strategy to coordinate with enforcement agencies or to close loopholes in our existing wildlife laws. This sends a powerful and dangerous message about how little the state values its imperiled species.

As it's written today, the draft Oregon Wolf Plan fails wolves and the majority of Oregonians who wish to see them recover.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us; curt.melcher@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Final Draft of the Wolf Plan Meeting

Dear Chair Finley, Director Melcher, and ODFW Commissioners,

I attended the first section of ODFW's meeting on December 8th. I found the testimonies of both panels to be helpful in understanding the complexities of the final draft of the Wolf Plan. I appreciate your attention to the concerns and suggestions provided by the panels and your decision to postpone the final decision, as the current version of the plan is clearly flawed and in need of additional revisions.

As a constituent who has testified at all but one of ODFW's hearings regarding our wolves over these past three years, I was disappointed that a public hearing opportunity was not offered at the Dec. 8th meeting. Instead, a public hearing was planned for the decision making day of January 19th. Public hearings should take place well before the final decision is made, so to allow for testimonies to be thoughtfully considered.

As past hearings have demonstrated, wolf management is an issue of strong interest and concern for the public. Holding a hearing on the decision making day does not demonstrate a sincere interest in the public's opinion. As a common citizen, I feel that this process devalues the public's opinions and concerns as time is not allowed for serious consideration of the testimonies given.

The postponement of the decision opens the door for a meaningful public hearing on the final draft of the wolf plan. I would like to recommend that the public hearing not be scheduled for the decision making day, but rather remain on the agenda for January 19th. This will give the Commission the opportunity to hear the public's concerns and suggestions within a timeline which allows careful consideration of the testimony given.

Thank you for considering this recommendation and thank you for your thoughtful attention to this challenging issue.

Sincerely,  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Randy Ericson <reericson@hamilton.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 6:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Review of Wolf Management Plan

My name is Randall Ericson and I would like to officially submit this comment into the public record regarding the review of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. I am familiar with the latest version of the plan and I was present at the ODFW commission meeting on Friday, December 8, 2017.

I am dismayed by the extent of wolf mortality in our state over this past year, whether by authorized lethal take or by poaching, and I feel that this new wolf management plan will do nothing to stem that tide but rather is likely to increase the level of mortality, what with “special permit agents” adding more manpower devoted to killing wolves, and by establishing a lower threshold for depredations in “extreme circumstances,” as yet undefined.

Although wolves have gained a foothold in Oregon, their numbers remain very small relative to the size of our state and the number of livestock. Each wolf killed, legally or illegally, takes a toll, especially if the wolf is one of a breeding pair. And why does it make sense for ODFW to employ “lethal take” when killing wolves doesn’t stop depredation but in many cases actually increases it? If killing our wolves is ineffective and a waste of taxpayer money, it should be abandoned as a policy.

Even though wolves may not be in imminent danger of extirpation from our state, this new plan could result in our having only a small, struggling population of persecuted wolves, which is not what most Oregonians want.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Randall Ericson  
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**From:** kayenta <kayenta@efn.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 10:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** jan. 19 hearing

Hello

I have heard via my colleagues that you have delayed the approval of the revised Wolf Management Plan to an undetermined date in the future.

I would like to highly encourage the commission to allow public testimony on the proposed changes to the Wolf Management Plan at your Jan. 19th meeting.

If you do not do this, it will appear that you will have made up your mind without additional input from us, the taxpaying public, on the draft plan before the meeting where you will announce the final plan.

I hope you will take this into serious consideration. I am 'encouraged' that you are delaying the decision to allow for more discussion and to take all the input you have received into serious consideration.

I, for one, pay state taxes and thus fund your agency, and want to know that you are standing by your mission statement:

**"Our mission is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations."**

Meaning, your mission is not to protect the livestock interests in the state and succumb to pressure from them.

Thank you  
Karen Olch  
Eugene, Oregon

Sent via my faster-than-Wi-Fi and totally safe HARD-WIRED internet connection

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**From:** Adam Bieghler <duckhunter1122@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:40 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf management

Dear Commisiomer,

The latest plan for wolf management falls short from my expectations in allowing wolf hunting here in Oregon. Please fight for a well balanced and managed wolf program. All Oregonians deserve it!

Adam Bieghler

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Adam Bieghler

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**From:** David Davis <daviddavisr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 2:12 PM  
**To:** ODFW.WildlifeInfo@state.or.us  
**Subject:** EndWolf management

I just read your wolf update. Do you care anything at all about their effect on elk in the same areas of livestock kills. As a 70 resident and 55 year hunter in Oregon I and others like me want better management for game animals as well as livestock. Please publish you findings related to elk and deer. We pay the bill so want some representation.

Sent from my iPhone

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Lance Archer <lancea09@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 6:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf plan

Your wolf plan needs a provision for hunting them. The current plan doesnt go far enough at all.  
Sincerely,  
Lance Archer

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Greg Lambert <greg@MidOregonPersonnel.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Plan

Wolves have been successfully re-established in Oregon. As their numbers grow, it is important that wolf populations are maintained at a level that does not impose significant additional pressure to other game animals and livestock.

I am in favor of a wolf plan that allows for capping wolf populations at a sustainable level. That level can eventually be maintained by, or at least assisted by hunters at a lower cost than relying only on state management people.

Hunter numbers are shrinking partially due to the lack of game in some parts of Oregon. Too much additional predator pressure will not help. Thank you,

*Greg Lambert  
President*

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**From:** Jessica Eagan <jessieeagan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:30 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Oregonians for wolves!!

I am writing to urge you to use the extended timeline for a wildlife plan as an opportunity to strengthen the Plan. Please incorporate provisions that more closely align with the best available science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians who - like me - value wolves and other native wildlife. If wolves continue to be killed as part of the state management strategy, I will be advocating strongly for a change in leadership to more closely align with my values.

The latest iteration of the draft Wolf Plan not only opens the door for future hunting and trapping of wolves, but allows these methods to be used as a management tool now. Phrases like "special permit agents" and "management approach similar to other wildlife in Oregon" are efforts to get a foot in the door towards sport hunting- unacceptable.

I encourage the Commission to ensure that any policies found in the Wolf Plan make killing an option of LAST resort and prioritize enforceable requirements for implementation of meaningful non-lethal preventative measures.

Oregon also needs to more seriously address the pervasive poaching problem which affects all wildlife in our state, but especially our native carnivores.

Oregonians are counting on you to pass a Wolf Plan that is scientifically defensible and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife for future generations.

Thank you,

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**From:** Rynda Clark <ryndaclark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Plan

I was very happy to learn you have extended the release of the updated wolf conservation and management plan. I value wolves and other native wildlife and will not support any policies that allow hunting, trapping and killing wolves as a way to manage them. Please use the best available science in moving forward with your planning, and the values expressed by thousands of Oregonians who has submitted comments.

Phrases like “special permit agents” and “management approach similar to other wildlife in Oregon” are efforts to get a foot in the door towards sport hunting. And it’s unacceptable.

Oregonians are counting on you to pass a Wolf Plan that is scientifically defensible and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife for future generations.

Thanks,

Rynda Clark

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Rynda Clark, BE BOLD, BE BRAVE, BE A BROAD

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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Michael murray <mmtnsong@telus.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Improve the wolf plan & catch poachers

Put native wildlife before livestock.

Please incorporate provisions that more closely align with the best available science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians who - like me - value wolves and other native wildlife.

As you've seen from the thousands of comments which have been submitted by the public, and critiques from independent scientists, hunting, trapping, and killing wolves is not the way to manage this unique native species or reduce conflict.

The latest iteration of the draft Wolf Plan not only opens the door for future hunting and trapping of wolves, but allows these methods to be used as a management tool now. Phrases like "special permit agents" and "management approach similar to other wildlife in Oregon" are efforts to get a foot in the door towards sport hunting. And it's unacceptable.

I encourage the Commission to ensure that any policies found in the Wolf Plan make killing an option of last resort and prioritize enforceable requirements for implementation of meaningful non-lethal preventative measures.

Oregon also needs to more seriously address the pervasive poaching problem which affects all wildlife in our state, but especially our native carnivores.

Oregonians are counting on you to pass a Wolf Plan that is scientifically defensible and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife for future generations.

Thank you,

Mr. Michael murray  
517 OBSERVATORY ST.  
NELSON, BC V1L 4Y9

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Jennifer Nitz <grizzalo@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf plan

I urge to strengthen Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Incorporate provisions that more closely align with the best available science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians who value wolves and other native wildlife.

Thousands of comments have been submitted by the public, and critiques from independent scientists prove that; hunting, trapping, and killing wolves is not the way to manage this unique native species or reduce conflict.

The latest iteration of the draft Wolf Plan opens the door for future hunting and trapping of wolves, and allows these methods to be used as a management tool now. Phrases like "special permit agents" and "management approach similar to other wildlife in Oregon" are efforts to get a foot in the door towards sport hunting, that is unacceptable.

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Oregonians are counting on you to pass a Wolf Plan that is scientifically defensible and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife.

Ms. Jennifer Nitz  
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Missoula, MT 59802

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Cheryl Martin <Cherylmart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 10:36 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Strengthen the wolf plan

This is not my Oregon!!

We want a Wolf Plan that is scientifically defensible and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife for future generations.

Revise ur, please!

Thank you,  
Cheryl Martin

Ms. Cheryl Martin  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Susan Heath <forbux@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please strengthen the wolf plan

Having learned that you extended the timeline on the review of Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, I am writing to urge you to use this delay as an opportunity to strengthen the Plan. Please incorporate provisions that more closely align with the best available science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians who - like me - value wolves and other native wildlife.

As you've seen from the thousands of comments which have been submitted by the public, and critiques from independent scientists, hunting, trapping, and killing wolves is not the way to manage this unique native species or reduce conflict.

The latest iteration of the draft Wolf Plan not only opens the door for future hunting and trapping of wolves, but allows these methods to be used as a management tool now. Phrases like "special permit agents" and "management approach similar to other wildlife in Oregon" are efforts to get a foot in the door towards sport hunting. And it's unacceptable.

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Thank you,

Miss. Susan Heath  
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Unit 28  
Albany, OR 97322  
541-928-1059

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Chris Stern <cpstern83@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 6:16 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Strengthen the wolf plan

You have a job to protect all wolves, therefore there is no discussion on the issue, you all need to pull your heads out of your asses and do your jobs. Put an end to this foolish nonsense, put a stop to all of the hunting, all of the poaching, and all of the trapping. Wolves have a purpose on this planet and it is not to be a trophy for a hunter or farmer.

Mr. Chris Stern  
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Cameron, WV 26033  
3045516093

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Karen Heere <kheere@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:48 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Strengthen the wolf plan

If wolves are to survive as a species in Oregon, they need maximum protection. I oppose any "management" plan that includes hunting or trapping.

Thank you,  
Karen Heere  
Yachats, OR

Dr. Karen Heere  
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Yachats, OR 97498  
541-547-4238

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Deborah Gisetto <Debdag1@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Strengthen the wolf plan

With the extended the timeline on the review of Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, I wanted to voice my opinion on the pending situation. Wolves should not be trapped or hunted at this point as they have not recovered enough to put their population at risk. Wiping out the higher predators endangers the earth on all levels from forest undergrowth and erosion and the populations of other animals is not kept to reasonable numbers without predators such as wolves, coyotes and cougars. We need to learn to live with these other beings and we need to accept the pros and cons of co-existing with these amazing animals. We need to have greater punishments for poachers of wolves. We aren't the most important creature on the planet and we need to have value for these other lives incorporated into a proper plan.

Thank you  
Deborah Gisetto  
Yachats, Oregon

Ms. Deborah Gisetto  
PO Box 1112  
Yachats, OR 97498  
5415473077

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** James Fenner <mayfair44@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 7:04 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please make a Wolf Management Plan that helps wolves.

As a "native" Oregonian who has enjoyed Oregon's excellent outdoor recreational opportunities for decades, I hope your review of Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan leads to a strengthened Plan that helps wolves more than the current one. As a scientist, I urge you to accept and include "the best available science," as well as considering "Oregon Values" in the Plan. Obviously, one of those "values" is our century-old tradition of freely roaming native wildlife. [The current Plan appears to "value" revenue over wildlife in its natural habitat.]

Also obviously, I have not read the thousands of comments you have received, but I presume a large percentage of the public, scientists, and non-consumptive enjoyers of Oregon's outdoors write that hunting, trapping, and otherwise killing wolves is not the way to manage wolves or reduce conflict. I urge you to give such comments adequate weight in your decision.

In my view, the draft Wolf Plan favors "consumptive" users--hunters and other killers--above non-consumptive ones. For hundreds of thousands of Oregonians, the idea of legalizing killing wolves before there is a self-sustaining wolf population is unacceptable. No sport hunting unless there is an adequately self-sustaining supply is nonsense.

I also think the current practice of allowing killing "nuisance" wolves is far too lax. It appears the presumption of any death of commercial non-native livestock--such as the recent Llama deaths--is due to wolf predation, rather than wild dogs, natural causes, or so forth. I do not think the Commission sets the burden of proof high enough. I urge you to make non-lethal preventive measures first choice, with lethal means not only last, but also with a much higher burden of proof.

Poaching penalties are also far too lax; please strengthen them! Oregon has a serious poaching problem with wildlife right now, not just for its native carnivores. Please address this!

Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians are counting on you to create a Wolf Plan that is scientifically ["best science" and "best practices"] defensible, and one that honors and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife for future generations.

Thank you,

James H Fenner, PhD, PE  
Colonel, USAF (Ret)

Dr. James Fenner  
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Lake Oswego, OR 97035  
5036248603

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Lee Crist <edleecri@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Management Plan

I am writing to urge you to support a wolf management plan that actually protects the wolves of our state. It is time to brush aside the nonsense that the NRA and ranching lobby have inflicted on you. The sad part is that you believe them. The vast majority of Oregonians want our wildlife protected from hunting and ranching groups, most of whom live out of state. It is time to find that backbone you lost and do the right thing. Ed Crist

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Helen Caswell <helenjcaswell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 12:00 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Strengthen the wolf plan

It's really important that Oregon have a better Conservation and Health plan for wolves. I think shooting wolves for sport is barbaric and strongly object to that as any kind of management practice. I am a fan of wolves and of the great diversity of animal and botanical wildlife Oregon contains.

I urge you to make your plan stronger and use the best science you can. Do NOT reduce restrictions on killing wolves and certainly do NOT allow trapping and hunting.

Let's have a wolf plan that reflects the civilized state we hope to be.

Thank you,

Ms. Helen Caswell  
4190 12th St S.E.  
Salem, OR 97302  
503-999-6714

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** lodgeoakridge@gmail.com on behalf of Oakridge Lodge <info@oakridge-lodge.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 5:51 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public Comment ~ Wolf Plan

Dear Commissioners,

We would like to see more attention given by law enforcement on illegal poaching of wolves in Oregon.

We want the commission to utilize the best science available when revising the wolf plan for Oregon.

We are opposed to hunting, trapping, and killing wolves as primary tools in the wolf management plan you will be revising.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Lynda Kamerrer & Gary Carl  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Linda Eisele <lindaeart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Management

I am writing to encourage ODFW and the Governor to establish a protection plan for wolves in Oregon. I am horrified when I read that OR has a program to protect and increase the wolf populations in OR only to pick up the paper the next day and learn that another wolf has been killed with no legal ramifications.

Oregon needs to better protect for all of its wildlife. With healthy deer and elk populations the wolves will have plenty of food and would be less likely to prey on cattle. (See the article in todays paper)

The state needs a better plan than to encourage wolf numbers only to have them killed by ranchers, hunters and poaching.

Thanks,

Linda Eisele

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org> on behalf of Teriesa McClelland <defenders@mail.defenders.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:32 AM  
**To:** Commission Chair Finley  
**Subject:** Wolves in Oregon Deserve Strong Protections

Dec 14, 2017

Commission Chair Finley

Dear Finley,

I want to express my deep disappointment in the latest, weakened version of the Oregon Wolf Plan. It appears that over the last few months, ODFW and the Commission have ignored the feedback of Oregonians who want to see continued protections for wolves. Instead, the plan makes it easier than ever for the state to justify more killing. And the Commission is making it harder for people like me to make our voices heard by preventing public testimony on the issue until January

- the same day the Commission will vote on the final plan.

While the first draft of the Oregon Wolf Plan unacceptably lowered the bar for killing wolves in response to livestock depredations, this latest version takes things a step further. I was shocked to see a new provision that gives the ODFW Director broad discretion to authorize killing wolves after two confirmed depredations, without any time or place restrictions. This is an untenable standard.

The latest draft also makes it easier to hunt wolves. It creates a special hunting permit so that local residents can do the agency's "lethal removals." It also adds a vision statement that shifts the intent of the state to one day manage wolves like cougars and black bears - a euphemism for hunting. It seems the Commission was more concerned with getting a foot in the door for hunting than it was with addressing serious threats like poaching.

In the last month, there have been at least three poaching incidents in Oregon - not including the wolf that was shot by an elk hunter in what was reported as self-defense. Yet this plan fails to meaningfully address this issue. There is no strategy to coordinate with enforcement agencies or to close loopholes in our existing wildlife laws. This sends a powerful and dangerous message about how little the state values its imperiled species.

As it's written today, the draft Oregon Wolf Plan fails wolves and the majority of Oregonians who wish to see them recover.

Sincerely,

Ms. Teriesa McClelland  
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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Paula Surmann <surmannp@live.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:20 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Conservation and Management Plan

I hear that you have extended the timeline on reviewing Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Please use this extra time to strengthen the Plan by adding provisions that align with the most recent science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians.

You have received thousands of comments submitted by the public and reports from independent scientists saying that hunting, trapping, and killing wolves is a poor way to manage wolves and reduce conflict. Many of us value wolves--a native species--over cows, an introduced species that have no business grazing on our high desert lands.

The latest version of the draft Wolf Plan mentions future hunting and trapping of wolves, and allows these methods to be used as a management tool now. Sports hunting of wolves is not acceptable.

Please ensure that policies found in the Wolf Plan make killing the absolute last resort. The state also needs to seriously address the poaching of our wildlife, especially our native carnivores who belong here.

We need to pass a Wolf Plan that is based on science, not hatred and fear. We need to protect all of our native wildlife for the health of the ecosystem and future generations.

Thank you,

Paula Surmann  
surmannp@live.com

*Standing Indivisible against the Trump agenda.*

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** David Bugni <dbugni@cascadeaccess.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** ODFW Commission; ODFW Commission  
**Subject:** Public comments regarding latest Wolf Management plan presented on December 8th  
**Attachments:** Wolf December comments letter to ODFW.pdf

To Whom it May Concern:

Please find attached our comments regarding the latest draft of the Wolf Management Plan as presented during the December 8th Commission meeting. Please enter these into the public record.

thank you.

David Bugni  
30265 SE Kowall Rd.  
Estacada, OR 97023

December 14, 2017

Michelle Tate, Director's Office  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

**Re: Public Comment on Review of the Draft Version of the Wolf Management Plan as Presented in the December 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Dear Ms. Tate:

My wife, Mary Ann, and I would like to officially submit these additional comments into the public record regarding the review of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan that was presented during the December 8, 2017 Commission meeting. **We fully support the sustainable recovery of wolves, a keystone species, into the totality of our state where they find suitable habitat.**

We previously wrote to you on May 4<sup>th</sup> expressing our desire for a balanced wolf management plan that allows an increase in wolf population numbers and does not weaken the current plan, but yet provides reasonable protections for those who graze domestic livestock on private lands.

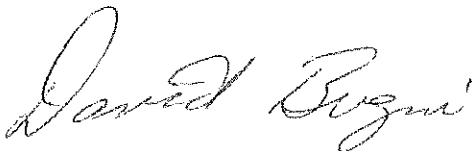
We understand that there will be a delay by the Commission on acting upon the final version of the plan until additional information is provided at the January meeting.

We expect that the additional information provided and the revised language within the latest draft of the plan that will be presented in January will include enforceable measures that do not allow for hunting and trapping of wolves and prioritizes enforceable, nonlethal conflict preventative measures. We further assume that this public policy will be driven by the most accurate and consensus-based wolf wildlife science on this subject.

Oregon has historically been a progressive leader on many public policy issues, ranging from clean energy to forest practices, among many other laudable achievements, and we trust such leadership will continue with this plan. We should not step backwards with regards to public policy on this subject.

Thank you for reading our comments and opinions on this critical issue, and we trust you will consider them in your public policy development process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Bugni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Bugni

*Mary Ann Bugni*

Mary Ann Bugni

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## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Albert J. Farmer <farmer4342@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2017 2:13 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please support the draft wolf plan (2017/2018)

I am a member of the Oregon Hunters Association (Union/Wallowa counties chapter) and I support the draft wolf plan.

Wolves have been successfully established in Eastern Oregon and are rapidly spreading across the state plus into our neighboring states of Washington and California.

The wolf population needs to be managed in a manner similar to the other large predators in Oregon (cougar, bear, and bobcat) to minimize unacceptable levels of negative interactions with other wildlife species as well as with domestic livestock. Hunting and hunters have demonstrated throughout North America that they are the most effective and reliable resource to manage wildlife under guidelines established by their respective state wildlife agencies.

The exponential increase of the wolf population as pack members split off and form new packs will result in a similar increase of negative interactions with both the livestock industry and the outdoor enthusiasts seeking to enjoy the benefits of living in our state. The cost of managing those negative interactions will strain our limited budgets and employee availability as well as detracting from competing objectives and financial resources.

I feel we are at a point in the wolf introduction efforts that still allows taking advantage of the expertise, research and rigor that was utilized in the formation of the wolf plan. As competing interests and viewpoints further coalesce and are ingrained in population segments committed to minimal compromise it will set up a "no win!" situation.

Respectfully Yours,  
Albert J. Farmer

Sent from my iPad

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Joanie Beldin <joanibldn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 15, 2017 4:41 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Public comment on Review of Wolf Management Plan

December 14, 2017

Dear Chair Finley, Director Melcher, and ODFW Commissioners:

I thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Final Draft of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. I would like to submit this comment into the public record.

I would like to speak to my concerns regarding “special permit agents”, wolf hunting to protect ungulate populations, and a general comment on the “management” of wolves.

-- ***“Special Permit Agents”*** - I’m very concerned about the proposal to train and use "Special Permit Agents". These “agents” are private/public hunters. If they are allowed to keep the wolf, then they are trophy hunters. To hide this under the euphemism of "special permit agents" is insulting to the majority of your constituents. Training the public to kill wolves not only opens the door for future hunting and trapping of wolves, but allows these methods to be used as a management tool. For the record, I oppose trapping as a killing method. Trapping is a cruel and inhumane method which should be banned from use on any wildlife species.

Anti-wolf sentiment is alive and well in Oregon, as we have witnessed by the increase in poaching this year. Training the public to kill wolves is a first step towards normalizing the killing of wolves and leads the way to future sport hunting. Because this will be a less expensive option, I'm concerned that it will be easier to err on the side of lethal take. ODFW must remain the agency responsible for any lethal take of wolves.

If “special permit agents” are used, I ask that they follow the same restrictions as “bear and cougar agents” who are not allowed to keep the carcasses.

I also oppose the use of Wildlife Services in investigations. Wildlife Services is well known as a wildlife killing agency and there is reason for distrust on their decisions.

-- ***Managing wolves to assure adequate ungulate populations*** – The phrase “significant factor” is inadequate as a guideline for determining whether wolves should be killed to “save” an ungulate population. What does “significant” mean? I fear this undefined language will lead to unjust scapegoating of wolves for a decline in ungulate populations. Across the country, there is much fear but little evidence that wolves will decimate their food source. Many factors, including weather, disease, habitat loss, overhunting by humans, and predation by other predators can attribute to lower ungulate populations. Wolves and ungulates have co-existed for thousands of years. Wolves prey for survival. They should never have to compete with humans who hunt for sport. They should also never be killed for preying on elk at human designed salt licks which are essentially baiting areas for wolves.

-- ***Managing wolves similarly to other wildlife in Oregon*** - All species of wildlife are unique and their uniqueness must be considered in how they are managed. Wildlife management should never be a one size fits all. Wolves are very social animals with strong family bonds. A healthy wolf population is a population with

an intact family unity. The impact of losing one wolf in the family – especially the adults with the knowledge and skills - can have a devastating impact on the family structure.

According to critiques from independent scientists, hunting, trapping, and killing wolves is not the way to manage this unique native species or to reduce conflict. Killing the experienced and skilled adults can lead to more depredation as inexperienced juvenile and yearling wolves remain. The wolves' high intelligence and socially advanced behaviors separate them from most other wildlife species. Their role as keystone species within the ecosystem also sets them apart. In other words, they are a unique and valuable species whose "management" must include clearly defined and enforceable requirements that will ensure their conservation today and into future generations.

With that said, I would like to see ODFW give wolves the same value for their lives as it does with other species. ODFW would rightly not consider hunting and trapping any other species whose population stood at less than a dozen breeding pairs.

ODFW has a unique opportunity to become the role model in this country for truly conserving as well as managing its wolf population. I ask that you use this delay in your decision to strengthen the Plan by incorporating provisions that more closely align with the best available science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians who - like me - value wolves and other native wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Joan Beldin

10223 N. Hudson St. Portland, Oregon 97203

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Jennifer Haynes <jennifer.a.haynes@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:06 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Do Not doom Oregon's wolves

You serve the people of Oregon. As such, you should be making decisions based on the will of Oregonians. Oregonians have made it clear that we want to protect our wolves and give them the ability to become the apex predator that our ecosystems need. Use good science in making the decision to disallow hunting and trapping by anyone except for only the most dire reasons. Having learned that you extended the timeline on the review of Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, I am writing to urge you to use this delay as an opportunity to strengthen the Plan. Please incorporate provisions that more closely align with the best available science and the values expressed by a majority of Oregonians who - like me - value wolves and other native wildlife.

As you've seen from the thousands of comments which have been submitted by the public, and critiques from independent scientists, hunting, trapping, and killing wolves is not the way to manage this unique native species or reduce conflict.

The latest iteration of the draft Wolf Plan not only opens the door for future hunting and trapping of wolves, but allows these methods to be used as a management tool now. Phrases like "special permit agents" and "management approach similar to other wildlife in Oregon" are efforts to get a foot in the door towards sport hunting. And it's unacceptable.

I encourage the Commission to ensure that any policies found in the Wolf Plan make killing an option of last resort and prioritize enforceable requirements for implementation of meaningful non-lethal preventative measures.

Oregon also needs to more seriously address the pervasive poaching problem which affects all wildlife in our state, but especially our native carnivores.

Oregonians are counting on you to pass a Wolf Plan that is scientifically defensible and reflects Oregon values of protecting native wildlife for future generations.

Thank you,

Dr. Jennifer Haynes

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Eugene, OR 97401  
949-887-6921

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Guy <emailgw@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Management

To whom it may concern at ODFW. My name is Guy Whatley, I am writing as a concerned citizen and conservationist. It has come to my attention that your department is on a path to adopt a wolf management plan that would eliminate a controlled hunting season and replace it with volunteer agents. This action would only serve to increase the land mass that wolves currently occupy and lead to established packs in every area of the state contrary to the original goal when it was decided to reintroduce wolves into our state. As an example wolves have already been spotted in Sherman and Gilliam counties by multiple individuals, outfitters and hunting guides as well as ranchers. Despite the fact that Russ Morgan ODFW wolf biologist has stated "...there will never be wolves in Gilliam or Sherman counties. " Why would Russ say this? Because when a pack gets established in one or both of these counties the big horn sheep population will be decimated and he knows this. In other words two worlds will collide and millions of dollars invested in establishing sheep herds on the John Day will be for naught. I urge you to heed the veiled warnings from your own biologist and reconsider this course of action and let a season be established on wolves in Oregon.

Guy Whatley  
360-430-3143  
Box 451 Condon, Oregon 97823  
Sent from my iPad

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Robert and Donna Green <BobDonna67@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017 9:58 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Management Plan

I am again disappointed and angered that the new wolf management plan does not include a future plan for hunting wolves. I have hunted to Northeast part of the state for many years, encountered wolves while hunting and continue to see their negative impact on deer/elk population. Hunting by the general public pays for ODFW. They need to better reflect hunting interests.

It was my understanding that when introduced the original plan said that when certain criteria were met hunting would be a part of the management plan. What happened to that original plan.

Robert Green

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Gregory Smith <gts2u@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:23 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us; JasonMiner@oregon.gov  
**Subject:** Please Support the Draft Wolf Plan(2017/18)

I am a member of OHA and respectfully request that you support the subject Draft Wolf Plan.

OHA is not proposing hunting at this time, but to have this tool available once population numbers warrant numbers reduction.

When and where needed, hunters can aid ODFW in controlled take, which will lower impact on ODFW's strained budget.

Respectfully,

Gregory T Smith  
3994 Dry Creek Rd  
Medford, Or 97504

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Glen Anderson <anderson6855@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:30 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Hunting

We hunters in Oregon have been put in quite a quandary, ODFW against our wishes has continued to push forward with a Wolf reintroduction plan. This plan appears not to have a management strategy.

Our state along with most of the Western states are seeing a significant impact on our wildlife populations. The Wolf reintroduction at it's best has been mishandled.

I believe we must put a Wolf season in place to limit the growth and try to limit the damage being done to our Wildlife.

Many off the North East Units are being managed as limited entry, the results have been pretty good.

All the money and time spent developing premium units with quality Bulls and Bucks is on the verge of wasted. These animals have brought disease and destruction to all regions across the West.

Oregon needs to do its part to protect our Wildlife and our Livestock before it's too late.

It's time to have a Wolf Hunting season!!!

Glen Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

## Roxann B Borisch

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**From:** Don Lakey <don@pbfp.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:39 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf management plan

I find it very disturbing that there is no provision for a wolf hunting season for the general public in the proposed wolf management plan. Wolves are a much bigger problem than you are willing to admit to and as a 70 year resident of Oregon and lifelong hunter I am disgusted with the way you manage our wildlife.

Thank you,

Don Lakey  
Pelican Bay Forest Prod.  
541-550-4379  
[don@pbfp.net](mailto:don@pbfp.net)



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**From:** C Wayne Cook <cwaynecook@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:02 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Hunting

*PLIASE PLEASE Don't stop the plan to hunt wolves. I have been hunting Deer and Elk in the same area in South-central Oregon for nearly 50 years. After the ban on hunting bears and especially cougars with dogs, the population of both has exploded and is really devastating the populations of deer and elk. Over the last couple of years wolves have moved in, and have already diminished the elk and especially deed numbers. I believe that if left uncontrolled, Bears and especially Cougars and Wolves will l diminish other wildlife so much that we won't be able to able to view them, much less have any opportunity to hunt them.*

*Respectfully  
C. Wayne Cook  
Tillamook OR,*

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**From:** Dave Jones <d1jones@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:59 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us; Jason.Minesr@oregon.gov  
**Subject:** Proposed updated wolf mgt. plan

I am writing to adamantly oppose the state's proposed updated wolf management plan! The plan proposes a controlled wolf take administered by special permit authorization only (Page 68, line 43). This plan is unacceptable! It must include wolf hunting by the general public.

We don't want to incur devastation of our deer and elk herds in addition to damaging and expensive predation of livestock and pets within the state!

Thus I am also writing in support of the Oregon Hunter's Association "Draft Wolf Plan (2017/18)".

Respectfully,  
David Jones, Medford, OR

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**From:** Susan Swartz <biobabe2002@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf management

I do not agree with the current plans for managing the wolf population. They are at the top of the food chain. They are devastating the elk, deer, open range cattle and sheep populations. I have seen first hand the calve, lamb, elk and fawn carcasses while I have been hunting, camping and hiking in southern Oregon. There needs to be a controlled hunt to manage these animals.

Respectfully,  
Susan Swartz

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Peggy Schmid <dpmj2511@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 7:24 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf management plan

I am writing to implore you to rethink this new Wolf management plan. Our state is going to be over run by the wolves and our deer and elk population is going to be severely damaged if you continue on the road your going. Why are our beautiful deer and elk of so much less importance to our State? The new management of wolves must include a hunting season for the public or the wolf population is going to over run us!

Peggy Schmid  
Resident of Oregon for 65 Year's

Sent from my iPad

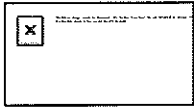
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**From:** Toby LaVigne <tobylavigne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Management

Let the public manage the wolves through hunting.

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**Guide and Outfitter**  
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**From:** Tom Nygren <tnygren@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 8:10 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Wolf Management Plan

Dear Commissioners;

I understand that your proposed wolf management plan does not allow for the use of public hunting as one of the tools to control wolf populations when necessary or desirable. I strongly urge you to reconsider, and allow hunting to be considered. There are good reasons to do so:

- Wolves do not have a natural control other than starvation and disease - these are not acceptable or desirable tools in wolf management, and they have other consequences such as severe predation on other species, and possible transmission of disease vectors to domestic canines or other species.

- Hunting can serve as a cost effective way to serve the role as a wolf predator - and would probably even result in a very desirable income source for management of wolves and other species.

- The public deserves the opportunity to participate in managing wolf populations, as they do for other species through a well-managed wildlife program.

Please reconsider, and remove the prohibition against public hunting as a management tool from the plan.

Thank you.

Tom Nygren  
19022 SW Finnigan Hill Road, Hillsboro, OR 97123  
503-628-5472

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After Weeks Of Rumors, Joanna Gaines Comes Clean [risingstarnewspaper.com](http://risingstarnewspaper.com)  
<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3141/5a3dd75bbf0e2575b2ee9st02duc>

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**From:** Troy Cummins <tecummins@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 9:44 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed wolf management plan

ODFW,

As a hunting and fishing enthusiast that spend considerable annual funds supporting your programs, I would like to encourage you to include the public hunting of our wild wolf population as part of a wolf management plan.

If your currently ineffective approach to managing cougar populations is any indication of this is likely to turn out, then those of us who advocate the sustainable management are painfully aware of what the likely outcome will be.

On our current course there will soon be no huntable populations of deer in many areas, as it is already happening where I live. Recent history has taught us how ineffective your current predator control approach is, as we all stand around and talk about rounding up some specialist to go chase down a problem predator, while the critical population densities in many areas have already been breached.

For the first time in many years I did not hunt big game this year, and I don't intend to purchase my annual Sportman's Pack in 2018 because you guys simply don't get it.

Big disappointment to watch our deer and elk disappear a little more each year. Soon there will be none left for the future of hunting in Oregon.

Concerned Past Supporter of ODFW,

Troy Cummins

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**From:** ROD ADAMS <radams@bendbroadband.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2017 8:46 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Oregon Wolf Plan changes

Commissioners;

I am in disagreement with your proposed change in the Oregon Wolf Plan to delete Public Hunting as a tool used in the control of Wolf populations and management for stable Wildlife populations. As a member of Oregon Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other Conservation organizations I think that including the Public in the equation for Wolf control and management is crucial to the State-wide Plan to be accepted and implemented as the Plan was initially laid out. Please keep to the previous agreements that have been made since the creation of the Oregon Wolf Plan and keep Public Hunting as a viable and money generating tool.

Thanks

Rod Adams

Bend, Or.

radams@bendbroadband.com

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**From:** Debi Horner <ldhorner07@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2017 6:59 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf management

The current wolf programs are unacceptable, I am in favor of a program that includes sports hunters as part of the management plan.

Lonnie Horner - Owner HORNERS BOW SHOOT

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Lloyd Fenwick <Dogman200@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 23, 2017 9:02 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Comment on purposed updated wolf management plan: Opposed to eliminating a wolf hunting season as part of the plan.

Dear Commissioners:

As I understand it, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is reviewing a proposed updated wolf management plan. Unfortunately, the plan does not include a public wolf hunting season as a method to manage our wolf populations.

To me, it is unacceptable to allow the wolf population to increase without limit. Doing so will most certainly decrease hunting opportunities. At the same time increasing the number of wolves will cause more conflicts between wolves, ranchers, and other users of our forests.

Please do not eliminate wolf hunting seasons as a tool to manage the wolf population in Oregon.

Yours truly,

Lloyd Fenwick  
1205 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Albany, Oregon  
97321

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**From:** MCALLISTER4868@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, December 25, 2017 10:40 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** I support the new wolf plan

Dear ODFW,

As an Oregonian who enjoys the outdoors in many ways; hiking, hunting, fishing, exploring new places, etc. - I support the new wolf plan to help control the number of wolves in Oregon. I have seen wolf tracks on three separate occasions in NE Oregon and see that eventually hunting will both help control numbers and instill a healthy fear of humans into an animal that I wish were not reintroduced to begin with.

I realize that you have some federal guidelines you must adhere to but as a state department that is in place to manage all wildlife for the people of Oregon I think it is important for you to keep the balance that favors the multiple use of our lands in a safe manner for your citizens and continues to allow us to recreate and live (ranching, etc) in manners that we have been blessed with. Part of the latter is to maintain wild game populations for our hunting heritage. That can only be done with sensible wolf management and the latest plan seems to be a good start.

Thank you for your time,

Mike McAllister  
503-816-8206 cell

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**From:** Jason Tyinn <Jt1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 8:17 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Please allow Wolf Hunting

Please allow a hunting season soon before all the elk and deer are gone. Thanks

Mr. Jason Tyinn  
45 Any street  
Eugene, OR 97404

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**From:** CATHY MOSS-PROCTOR <cmprondo57@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** New Wolf management plan for Oregon

To whom it my concern:

I have read the new Wolf Management plan for Oregon. This plan is unacceptable and MUST include Wolf Hunting by the general Public.

Cathy Proctor

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** cj victor <cjv978@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 5:54 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf hunting

**This wolf management plan is unacceptable and must include wolf hunting by the general public.  
They are totally out of control in northeast Oregon and people will take matters into their own hands.  
Stop the lies about the real numbers!!**

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**From:** Pat Tierney <p.tierney@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf hunting

Gentlemen,

You must be of the total liberal type of people and not understanding real life. I am a hunter in this state and pay a lot of money to hunt deer, elk, cougar, birds and all else that we have to offer in Oregon. It is simple economics that the wolf is a PROBLEM. From the first day I saw a helicopter being rented for weeks to monitor them with my tag money. Use the income generated from wolves to manage wolves please. I have never seen mis-management of this proportions anywhere. At least let those that pay your wages hunt them. This state is nearly broke and you guys are pouring money down a rat hole. I will send a duplicate of this email to my representative.

Sincerely,

Pat

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**From:** Bob Staples <bob@bluemountainadventures.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** proposed wolf plan

**To whom it may concern,**

**I have read the new proposed wolf plan. This idea of NOT allowing the public to hunt this animal to help manage it, is UNACCEPTABLE! Currently, ODFW is using "agents" to hunt, kill cougars to help keep them to a managed controlled number (which is still too many cougars for a healthy balanced system).**

**I oppose this new wolf plan. Take a look at Idaho...hunting them alone will NOT slow down the growth curve that much. It definitely wont eliminate or threaten their existence.**

**Further more, Since US Fish and Wildlife & US Forest service puts so much stock into the Starkey Experimental Forest Scientific Study, Why not put a pack of 10 wolves in there and see what they do to the ungulates! According to all of my research, that is a big enough of an area to sustain a pack of wolves. Have a collar on EVERY wolf in that 40 square mile study area. If one gets outside the fence, if would be tracked down and either killed or captured and returned to the study.**

**I support allowing the public to hunt wolves in Oregon to help manage their population. I do NOT support this current wolf plan, as it currently stands.**

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**Bob Staples**  
**Blue Mountain Adventures LLC**  
**La Grande, Oregon 97850**  
**(541) 910-1162**  
[www.bluemountainadventures.com](http://www.bluemountainadventures.com)

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**From:** Jabrila <jabrila@wintergreenfarm.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 11:22 AM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** Wolf Plan

Dear Commissioners,

I write you today with great concern over the proposed Wolf Plan. There is an opportunity now with the delay of the final plan to respond to the majority of Oregonians who oppose hunting and trapping wolves. Oregonians care about the recovery of wolves. There are alternatives to killing wolves, non-lethal deterrence and range riding. Oregon ranchers use public lands and with that should come the responsibility of taking care of the environment. It would be a huge step backwards to our state and to our ecosystem to no longer have wolves. This has happened before as you know and the recovery of the wolf is something Oregonians care deeply about. With the hunting, trapping and poaching of wolves we will once again lose. We must keep our environment and ecosystems intact and flourishing for the health of our planet and for our future generations.

Thank you for your time,  
Jabrila Via ,  
89846 Poodle Creek Rd.  
Noti, Oregon 97461  
Sent from my iP

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**From:** Darwin Hemmingson <darwinhemmingson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 31, 2017 6:39 PM  
**To:** odfw.commission@state.or.us  
**Subject:** wolf bear and cougar management

i find the states management off these predators to be willfully inadequate .i have hunted in this state all my life and never once has i occurred to me that we need to have these predators competing for the game animals we hunt. the irresponsible position that the odfw has taken to mange these animals to be unacceptable. i believe that we should go back to having the use of dogs to hunt bear and cougars and wolves, now that they are allowed in the state. Look to Idaho for how to deal with these varmits. the money that comes from hunting license and tags should not be used to support this endeavor, in any way. i have no desire to support habitat for animals that compete for the game that i hunt. we don't need them. hunters used to support guides to hunt bear and cougars ,now tax dollars re used to pay fed trappers to take out problem animals. that is stupid. the impact on the deer and elk herds will take decades to repair . i drought i will live long enough to see the herds recover. i will vote against anyone who doesn't want to support our heritage of hunting in oregon.starting with Ms Brown.