

FILM TESTIMONIAL

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Predator Defense has taken on an important and courageous role in bringing the tragic story of the ironically named Profanity Peak Wolf Pack to the public's attention. The events surrounding this fatally flawed process and needless slaughter need to be understood so that history does not repeat itself.

With this important film, Predator Defense brings much-needed transparency to an ugly but avoidable reality, where the lack of science and ethics in state government's oversight of our at-risk wildlife have become epidemic. The precedent set by the killing of these endangered icons—despite public outcry—is being closely watched by the wildlife-management interface, potentially dooming entire populations to be wiped out based on the whim of private interests seeking to exploit public lands.

Meanwhile, the endorsement of such nefarious actions by the very groups purporting to protect wolves is all too representative of the failures of wildlife stakeholder "collaboratives," as this video aptly illuminates. When I was a researcher of large predators in remote regions of South America it was expected that corruption would predominate where local governments were akin to the Wild West. But when we see such incompetence perpetuated by senior wildlife administrators in the U.S., we should be alarmed.

As a biologist who has always advocated for compassionate conservation I am sensitive to the risk Predator Defense takes in their decision to unabashedly shed light on a broken system. My hope is that others will be inspired to action by their courage in standing up for the precious wildlife that are the natural heritage of all Americans; it will take no less in this modern era to protect them from being wiped out.

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Watch this provocative film about Washington State's unjust, unnecessary, and ongoing wolf slaughter at www.predatordefense.org/profanity.