Dear Friend,

As I write this, there is still fighting in Ukraine. A peaceful resolution to the conflict requires wisdom and compassion to continue to flow. Our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people.

Conservation is a job that requires us all, not just those on the runway in the Northern Rockies. Hunters and trappers in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming are vowing to reduce wolf populations to the bare minimum needed to avoid triggering a state of emergency. And by what methods, or whether they can be killed at all.

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While Yellowstone National Park celebrates its 150th birthday this year, its wolf population has seen steady growth since 2021. As of late 2021, the population of the park's wolves (more than 210 of the species) was at an all-time high. According to the Park Service, it's not just what is being done to wolves. In fact, certain, well-identified, right-to-left hunting seasons, when some wolves are killed, have been designated under the Endangered Species Act. The members of these commissions wield a lot of power, yet remarkably, in many states they are not required to have any particular expertise in wildlife conservation. And they tend to be men (mostly) with a certain set of values not held by most people.

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Our research shows that, of the more than 400 commission seats in all 50 states, at least two-thirds and probably more are occupied by hunters, anglers or trappers, even though that in most states, a group of volunteers appointed by the governor sets wildlife policy. Wolves are not functions, of course, for that is where they are designed to serve the interests of people. They deserve to be allowed to be who they are.

What is happening to wolves is another example of the importance of Wildlife for All. Campaigns to reform state wildlife management to be more ecologically-focused, democratic and compassionate.

In hope of peaceful coexistence.

Kevin Dudley
Executive Director, Wildlife for All

It’s back - Our annual Prius raffle starts later this month!

Your chance to win a brand new 2022 Prius Plug-In Hybrid car and support wildlife protections is coming later this month! Only 500 tickets will be sold. Stay tuned for details!

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Given the importance of these commissions, why does Wildlife for All have developed a list of recommended qualifications for commission candidates to ensure that they have the expertise and understanding to serve the interests of the public?

You can read it on our website here.

Our Coalition

Wildlife for All is the organizing body for a nationwide coalition of partnering and supporting organizations working together to reform state wildlife management to be more ecologically-focused, democratic and compassionate.

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This month’s featured coalition partner is Protect Our Wildlife Coalition.

Listen: Selling Cupcakes for Conservation

Wildlife for All executive director Kevin Dudley was recently a guest on the Ahi Va podcast, hosted by Jesse Deubel with the NM Wildlife Federation. The topic was (mainly) wildlife management in New Mexico, including current funding mechanisms and alternative funding sources.

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