



## Dear Friend,

As I write this, there is still fighting in Ukraine. A peaceful resolution to the conflict seems elusive and casualties continue to rise. Our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people.

Coexistence is also in short supply here in the U.S. where the war on wolves in the northern Rockies continues. Hunters and trappers in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming are vigorously working to reduce wolf populations to the bare minimum needed to avoid triggering protections again under the Endangered Species Act. Without federal protection, there is no doubt the goal in these states would be total eradication.

While Yellowstone National Park celebrates its 150th birthday this year, its wolf population has seen [nothing but violence](#). At least 25 of Yellowstone's wolves—more than 21% of the total population-- have been lured outside of the park and killed in the last few months, [according to the National Park Service](#).

It's not just what is being done to wolves, it is *how*. Snares, baited traps, night hunting, aerial gunning, bounties, killing pups in dens, [chasing them down with snowmobiles](#)—these are just some of the heinous methods being used to kill wolves.

If wolves were people, what is happening to them would be called genocide. Wolves are not humans, of course, but they are intelligent creatures that are devoted to their families and rarely attack people. They deserve to be allowed to live their lives in peace.

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

In hopes of peaceful coexistence,

*Kevin Bixby*  
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 Prime Plug-In Hybrid car and support wildlife protections is coming later this month!

Only 500 tickets will be sold. Stay tuned for details!



## Did you Know....

...that in most states, a group of volunteers appointed by the governor sets wildlife policy?

These "commissions" oversee everything from the budget of the state wildlife agency, to the hiring of the agency director, to how many deer and wolves (and other species) can be killed and by what methods, or whether they can be killed at all.

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.

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 is not a required qualification in most states.

Given the important role these commissions play, Wildlife for All has developed a list of recommended qualifications for commission candidates to ensure that they have the expertise and understanding to fulfill their duties as trustees of the wildlife public trust, and that commissions represent the broad public interest in wildlife.

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 departments and policies.

This month's featured coalition partner is [Protect Our Wildlife Vermont](#)



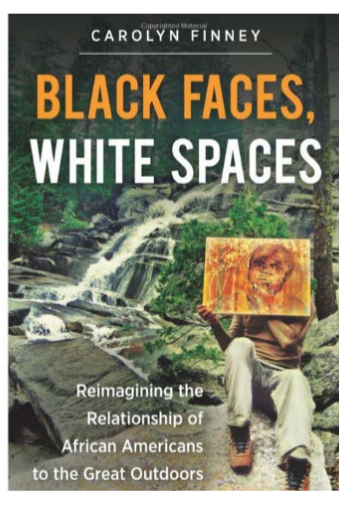
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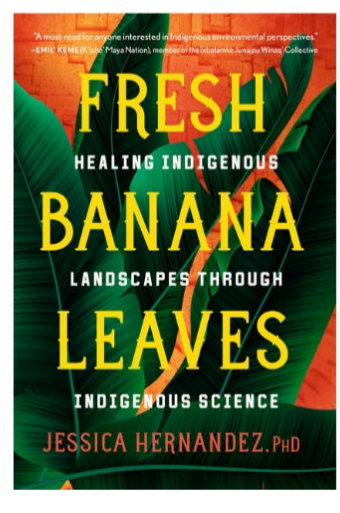
Wildlife for All executive director Kevin Bixby was recently a guest on the Ahi Va podcast, hosted by Jesse Deubel with the NM Wildlife Federation. The topic was (mainly) wildlife management in New Mexico, including current funding mechanisms and alternative funding sources (hence the title of the episode). Click on the link above to listen.



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