

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Should our public lands be laced with cyanide bombs?

OF COURSE NOT!

Thousands of pets and wild animals have already been killed by M-44s, the indiscriminate sodium cyanide devices set for predator control.

People have been poisoned.

An adult has died, 15 years after being permanent disabled by an M-44.

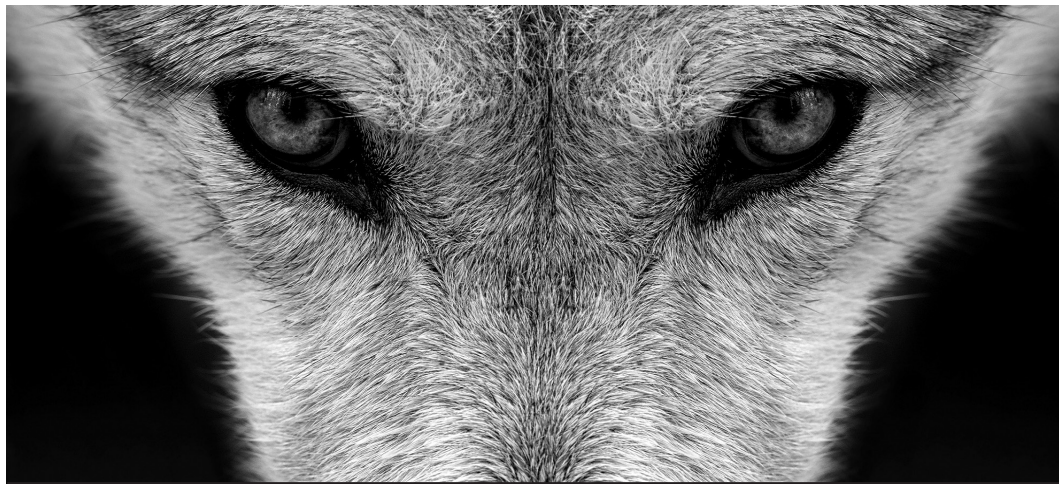
And the child below narrowly missed death thanks to wind direction.

Let's put an end to this madness.



SUPPORT CANYON'S LAW!

Canyon Mansfield, pictured above with his dog Kasey, was 14 years old when he took Kasey on a customary walk on a hill behind his home, saw what he thought was a sprinkler head, and bent down to touch it. In doing so he inadvertently triggered a cyanide bomb illegally set by a government trapper on BLM land. The orange poison cloud it emitted killed Kasey and injured Canyon. These devices must be banned.



In Times Like These, We Must Take EVERY Stand We Can.

Summer 2025

Dear Friends Old and New,

We don't know about you, but there's not a day that goes by where we aren't signing on to letters and campaigns to do what no American should ever have to do—try to save our precious and essential native predators, national parks, public lands, Endangered Species Act, the Environmental Protection Agency, and so much more. The chaos, cruelty and destruction brought on by this "administration" has no precedent. They are, of course, hell-bent on destroying everything the conservation and environmental community has fought so hard for over the decades. So if there ever was a Code Red for America, this is it. We urge you to take every stand you can, and in every arena you feel called to do so. Below is one stand for safety and sanity we hope you can help us with. It'll just take a few minutes of your time.

Support Canyon's Law to Fully Ban Cyanide Bombs on Public Lands

In an odd coincidence of timing, on June 26, 2025—right in the middle of the frenzy about the "Big Beautiful Bill" that was anything but—Canyon's Law, our bill that WILL make the world a kinder, safer, and more beautiful place, was introduced in Congress as H.R. 4180 and S. 2179. This is legislation we've long championed to ban government use of M-44s, the wildlife-killing devices commonly known as "cyanide bombs," on all federal public lands. It is common-sense, tax-saving, nonpartisan legislation that should be supported without resistance as an essential public safety measure.

We know many will say, "This bill never go anywhere in this climate," but think about it; this is only true if we don't make it move forward, together. Despite evidence that many of our elected officials don't really care about wildlife—and we know at least one didn't even care about her dog—we continue to assert that most DO care about their dogs. Most ALSO care about their kids. That means that they should care about banning M-44s.

Our great outdoors should not be laced with cyanide land mines, especially not our shared public lands. M-44s have already killed countless dogs over the years, and experts in the field say it is only a matter of time before one kills a child. That is what would have happened in the incident that inspired this bill's name, Canyon's Law. If not for a stroke of luck in the form of wind direction, it is believed Canyon (pictured at left) would have been killed.

The bottom line is M-44s can never be used safely. They are indiscriminate killers of nontarget wildlife, including endangered species, and no warning sign can stop wildlife, a family dog, or a young child from triggering one of these devices. They must be banned. Learn more and take action to support Canyon's Law at predatordefense.org/m44s.htm.



BIG WOLF WIN!

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Great Wolf News: Court Rules Wolves Wrongly Denied ESA Protections

On Aug. 5, 2025, a federal district court in Missoula delivered an incredible win for wolf protections and for science. They ruled that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) violated the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when it determined in 2024 that gray wolves in the western U.S. do not warrant federal protections. This means the USFWS finding that gray wolves in the West do not qualify for ESA listing is vacated and the agency must make a new decision consistent with the ESA and best available science. It could ultimately bring an end to the killing spree in the Northern Rockies (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, eastern Washington/Oregon), areas Congress took off the ESA in 2011.

This lawsuit was filed by the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC) in January 2025, and we joined as co-plaintiffs along with nine other conservation groups. Our suit rightly claimed that the government was wrong to deny our past petitions to list a western U.S. distinct population segment (DPS) of gray wolves under the ESA or, alternately, to relist the northern Rocky Mountain as a Distinct Population Segment. The court's decision made clear that USFWS had wrongly decided that the roughly 2,700 gray wolves in the western U.S.—which represents an effective population of around 243 in terms of genetic diversity—are not threatened by small population size, limited connectivity, high levels of human-caused mortality, a significant amount of lost historic range, and other cumulative threats. The court also found USFWS arbitrarily relied on state commitments to stop killing wolves at certain thresholds without considering what would happen if they were breached, failed to account for unlawful take, and relied on inadequate state and federal regulatory mechanisms.

Even though this win doesn't immediately change things and we expect it will be appealed, the implications are huge. At a time where wolves' numbers are being driven down to near extinction levels, this decision is a vital lifeline. It makes it much harder for the bad actors to succeed with their plans—actions like H.R. 845, introduced in January by Rep. Lauren Boebert to strip ESA protections from gray wolves across the lower 48, handing management authority over to states, to whom management means killing. A prime example of state management run amok is Montana's recently announced plan to allow hunters and trappers to ramp up to a 500-wolf quota for next season, which could bring their population down to as low as 200, according to emerging research. This month's ruling for science should squash these plans. It makes us feel vindicated in our long stand against the cruel and counter-productive slaughter, but the fight to protect wolves continues.

Encouraging Self-Care and Community Connection to Bolster Resilience

We hope you are finding strategies for resilience during our shared political nightmare. We acknowledge that it is truly exhausting and encourage self-care and community connection at every possible juncture. They are essential tools to enable us to push back to stop the cruelty and destruction and push ahead to better days. As always, we take comfort in knowing that, while we are in the fight of our lives, we are in it together. We thank you for being with us on this journey.

For all that is wild and free,

Brooks Fahy, Executive Director

Please Help Us Protect People, Pets and Wildlife.



Speak out for Canyon's Law at predatordefense.org.

From Outrage to Action:
Proof That Our Voices Matter

Grand Jury For Cody Roberts Over Wolf Torture A Rare Route In Wyoming

A grand jury is being convened for Cody Roberts, the Daniel, Wyoming, man who ran down a wolf, taped its mouth shut and showed it off before killing it in 2024, according to a Wyofile report. Convening a grand jury is rare in Wyoming, but not unheard of.



We were thrilled to see this headline in the *Cowboy State Daily* on July 31, 2025. It is evidence that our collective action CAN produce results. Many of you were part of this. Thank you! Here's from our friends on the ground at Wyoming Untapped:

"Justice may finally be catching up with cruelty. In a rare and powerful move, a grand jury has been convened in Sublette County to weigh felony charges against Cody Roberts for the now infamous wolf torture case that shook Wyoming and the nation. This is not just legal procedure, it is a moment of reckoning. Grand juries are almost never used in Wyoming. Most cases move forward through preliminary hearings, but in this situation the stakes were too high, the evidence too disturbing and the public pressure too strong to ignore.

"A grand jury allows prosecutors to dig deeper. Witnesses can be compelled to testify under oath, the process remains confidential and the truth can be pursued without outside interference. This rarely used legal tool is being called into action now because what happened was not only cruel, it was unacceptable and people refused to let it be swept aside.

"This step did not happen in a vacuum. It happened because thousands of voices refused to stay silent. It happened because people demanded better from our laws, our institutions and our leaders."

Learn more about the Cody Roberts case at predatordefense.org/wyoming.

Help us stand STRONG.

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