

# FILM TESTIMONIAL

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I am writing to fully endorse your film, *"The Profanity Pack: Set Up and Sold Out."*

Before commenting further, I would like to describe the professional background and experience in which I ground the film review. I hold an MSc in Geophysics (Stanford University), PhD in Forest Ecology (Oregon State University) and a PhD in Depth Psychology (Pacifica Graduate Institute). I served ten years with the U.S.D.A as a Research Mathematician at the Pacific Northwest Research Laboratory and Rogue River National Forest, Oregon. In 1999, I was a National Science Foundation fellow at the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS), Santa Barbara, California. I am the author of numerous scientific articles and books including the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *Elephants on the Edge: What Animals Teach Us About Humanity* (Yale 2009) and *Carnivore Minds: Who These Fearsome Animals Really Are* (Yale 2017). In addition to holding multiple departmental faculty positions (Forest Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Psychology, Electrical Engineering), I regularly serve on master's and doctorate committees at several institutions and have lectured widely in the U.S. and internationally.

In my thirty years as a scientist, I have been witness to a host of ethical breaches in both government and academia. But the actions of those involved in the decision to destroy the Profanity Wolf Pack is one of the most, if not *the most*, egregious ethical violation I have ever encountered. I find it scientifically and morally untenable that four non-profit organizations whose reputations and funding are based on the claim that they support wildlife conservation and animal protection have endorsed the "removal"—or in unveiled terms, slaughter—of the Profanity Wolf Pack. Indeed, in light of neuroscience's open recognition that animals share with humans comparable brain structures and processes that govern cognition, emotions and consciousness, the decisions taken by the Humane Society of the United States, Defenders of Wildlife, Conservation Northwest, Wolf Haven International, and other members of the Wolf Advisory Group and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Service to kill the Profanity Wolf Pack is most accurately described as murder.<sup>1</sup> Even more tragically, the devastation initiated by state officials and the WAG does not stop with the dead—the trauma they have caused will cascade across generations and species.

Science compels that those responsible for the murders of the Profanity Wolf Pack be held accountable ethically and legally so that these actions cannot set precedent.

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<sup>1</sup> Philip Low et al., "The Cambridge Declaration on Consciousness," Francis Crick Memorial Conference, 2012: Consciousness in Animals; Bradshaw, G. A. *Carnivore Minds: Who These Fearsome Animals Really Are*. Yale University Press, 2017.



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