

FILM TESTIMONIAL

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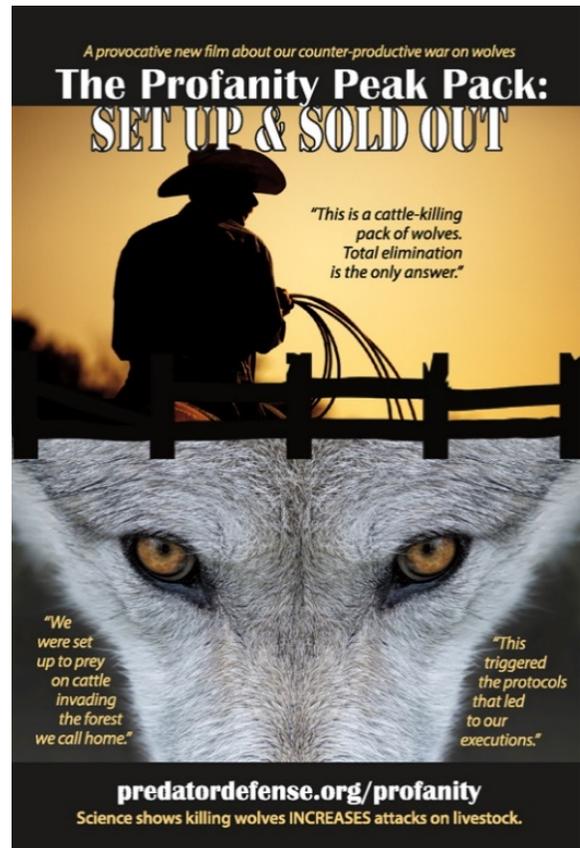
Thank you for providing me a preview of the film "The Profanity Peak Pack: Set Up and Sold Out." As a predator ecologist who has studied large predators for over 35 years, I find the information presented in the film to be highly disturbing. I have followed what has been happening to one of the most successful re-introductions of a large predator, the wolf, and have continued to be dismayed as to the direction that society, including many conservation groups, has taken regarding these wolves. I have seen the enthusiasm and hope of re-establishing ecological order across the west that the wolves offered, become perverted by lies and ignorance, often by the very organizations and agencies designated by members and citizens to protect wildlife, into another war on wolves that drove them to extinction in the first place.

I think the slaughter of the Profanity Peak Pack exemplifies the atrocities being perpetuated by these lies and ignorance. There is no doubt scientifically that large predators play essential roles in ecosystem function. Yet time after time, we find these keystone species being sacrificed indiscriminately, usually for unjustified reasons. Why should one person, the rancher in this case, have more say over what happens on public land, land owned by all of us, than the other 300 million people in the U.S. or even the 7 million citizens of Washington? Why should we run whole ecosystems for one person or one industry? It is a crime ecologically and it does not even make sense economically. The people of Washington spent more to remove the wolves than that rancher's whole calf crop was worth!

This all becomes even more appalling because it is evident that the rancher set up the wolf pack. The area the cows were set out to graze was known to be in the core territory of the pack. The rancher not only released the cattle near the wolves' den, he placed salt blocks in the area that assured the cattle stayed close by. Instead of removing the wolf pack, the government should have removed this rancher's grazing permit. He was using OUR land and should abide by OUR rules, not his. Yet I sadly realize that this is the current situation across the west where honesty and truth have been cast aside. It saddens me more to see supposed conservation groups capitulate to the rise of ignorance and add their names to its justification. These organizations should have demanded legal action against the rancher rather than legitimize his actions by condoning the removal of the pack.

It does give me hope however, to know one organization, Predator Defense, sees this whole operation for what it is, an unjustified, cruel hoax designed to placate the robber barons of our society. I am gratified to see that Predator Defense has put together this film: "The Profanity Peak Pack: Set Up and Sold Out." I endorse it and its contents 100%. I encourage everyone to see it. I hope that it becomes widely circulated and that it does indeed act as a warning call to all who appreciate the value of predators in the ecosystems that support all of us. What we are doing to the wolves in the West IS WRONG and only if enough of us stand up and say NO will it stop.

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