

# FILM TESTIMONIAL

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As we careen towards the sixth great extinction of wildlife across the globe, we carry a strong and vital symbol in America of our societies continued madness towards wildlife—the Gray Wolf.

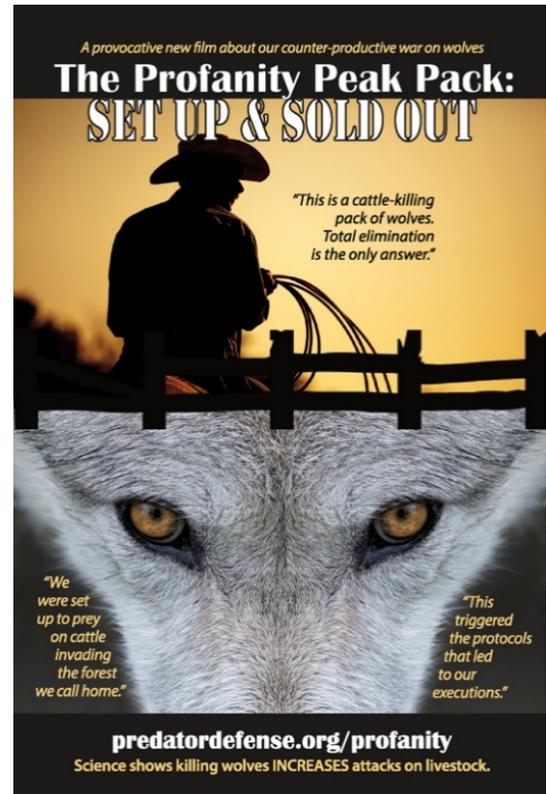
Brooks Fahy, the Executive Director of Predator Defense has with this film, broken down the green wall of silence, to expose not only the livestock industries hunger to kill wolves, but most importantly, opened the public's eyes to the real villain in this continued malpractice of our wildlife—the conservation community!

Groups such as Defenders of Wildlife, Conservation Northwest, and many other conservation groups and foundations, continue to perpetuate the myth that we can have livestock and wolves co-existing on public lands. This “have it all” mentality, is allowing a new generation of slaughter and misunderstanding of wolves in the wild to take hold. This form of conservation driven extinction and torture, must be stopped. To do so, will require the conservation community to have the courage and discipline to speak in one unified voice for wolves, while aggressively moving to Rewild our public lands from their current cow pasture status, to the true repositories for wildlife they have always been.

This new breed of professional corporate conservation continues to put profit before common sense, conformity, before science, love of wildlife and passion. If we are to save wolves, as Fahy makes clear, then we must work not only to remove livestock grazing from our public lands, but we must be vocal, determined and committed to pressuring those elected officials and perhaps most important, those conservation groups that seek to undermine the very wolves they profess to care about, and profit from.

The fate of the Profanity Peak Pack remains unclear, but their sacrifice, at the hands of the ranching industry, game commission and conservation community, must be viewed as a warning for all wildlife and for all of us that care passionately about our public lands. Justice will only come when we put wolves and all wildlife first. We do not need more wildlife management; rather we need only true human management, which puts wildlife and their survival before the welfare that the livestock industry steals from our societal trough.

Finally, as Fahy makes clear, we need love and understanding for a species that chooses to live its life wild and free. That makes our environment thrive and develop the natural balance that has been so lacking because of the imbalance livestock grazing creates. Wolves are the magic that one can feel and must treasure. In so doing, it gives all humanity the hope to break free of the confines of our material world and to step into the freedom that comes in the footprints of wildness.



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## **Film Testimonial by Stephen Capra (cont.)**

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This film is prophetic and vital, its timing crucial. Fahy's gift is to bring you along and demand honesty and love in the long-term recovery of a species that has been trapped, tortured and maligned by the ignorance of a handful that continue to control our public lands. For gray wolves to survive and prosper we must learn from this film and turn our raw emotion into action.

Wolves belong, dammit- wolves truly belong!

The Profanity Peak pack must not die in vain, their death should be the imperative for change and the pressure we exert should force the corporate conservation community to find the courage to truly fight, not simply profit, from a species that remains so misunderstood. Only then can we be a force to reckon with, only then can we have the integrity to win.

This film was created with love and the heartfelt desire to allow wolves to thrive in the West. We can never allow another Profanity Peak Pack to die, to be so cruelly slaughtered.

We must fight like never before for wolves to live and prosper freely on the public lands that define the West.

We must be the voice for real change.

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