

FILM TESTIMONIAL

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This film describes events in Washington state, but the same circumstances and trajectory exist in Oregon, where I have worked since 2008 to protect our slowly growing wolf

population. This trajectory—towards exterminating entire packs to “solve” livestock predation, most contentiously on our public lands—has reached its fruition in the slaughter ongoing in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. In those states wolves are killed in their hundreds by state management agencies, hunters, trappers, and ranchers.

Wildlife conservationists in the Northwest fear this “solution” is on the menu for our states. Yet some conservation organizations have chosen to accommodate welfare ranchers and their allies in certifying the wholesale killing of wolves and extermination of packs as a viable, defensible strategy to protect ranchers' ethically untenable destructive livestock grazing on public lands.

This lethal strategy is unsupported by science, amounting to “revenge” against wolves. It will lead to wolves living as constantly persecuted populations subject to incessant aerial gunning, hunting and trapping—all to benefit a small community of ranchers adhering to the ruthless, short-sighted and selfish range practices that led to the near eradication of entire species from the Western landscape and continues to degrade public lands to this day.

I hope this excellent film can be shown widely. It forcefully, accurately and clearly describes current wolf issues and events in Washington state, and the more often I watch it the more angry I become. We should all share this anger.

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