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WOLF WAR DECLARED!



Wolves hammering the deer population, as elk herds have been reduced from some 16,000 down to less than 2100 in Lolo Zone of Idaho, means wolves have the necessary food for fuel to take the elk population to zero.

Lawmakers send clear message to governor to stop destruction, end threat of deadly disease

IDAHO COUNTY—Idaho’s legislators finally met in the recently ended legislative session having gotten a rather harsh wake up call from the people who said they have had it with the wolf problem, a problem that has now turned into a disaster and an emergency. Support among legislators in both houses was a solid 84% in favor of HB-343.

Representatives voted 64-5, and the state senate voted 28-7 in an overwhelming show of support for passage of an emergency wolf bill that received the governor’s signature, but not without certain disdain for the bill by Governor

“Butch” Otter who said the legislature overstepped its bounds and only the governor could make the call as to a disaster and an emergency. It took the chairman of the Senate Resources & Environment committee, Monty Pearce, a trip to the governor’s office to remind the governor of his earlier promise to sign the wolf bill, which he did sign in spite of those advisors in his office who might have held a different point of view.

Now that the responsibility is squarely in the lap of the executive branch of government, and the governor has such large sup-

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Idaho’s Fish & Game responsible for creating public safety nightmare

Pretending that IDFG is preserving, protecting, perpetuating and managing our decimated wildlife is living in a dream world that no longer exists, now compounded by risk of Idahoans contracting deadly disease

Idaho Fish & Game has almost single-handed created what some are calling the worst disaster in Idaho history.

The consensus among those that know is that the loss to Idaho and Idahoans is in the billions of dollars—not millions, but billions—when tallying the harm done to rural Idaho counties, their economies, their culture, and their customs.

Given that the last two, culture and customs, are difficult to measure in terms of dollars and cents, they say they are nonetheless valuable like life itself. To some, they see a way of life being destroyed, for no good reason other than to promote the notion that a non-native species of wolf, the Canadian Gray Wolf, as being more valuable than people. It has become a mission in life to expose the lie sold to the

American people by such environmental groups as Defenders of Wildlife, and others, that we need wolves and should embrace them.

Researchers like, George Dovel, who publishes *The Outdoorsman*, has devoted an extraordinary amount of time to exposing the fraud of Idaho Fish & Game in connection with bringing in an extreme predator into Idaho which he contends is an environmental disaster. Also, men like Will Graves

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Dr. Delane Kritsky, Parasitologist
Idaho State University

whose book, *Wolves in Russia*, tells the disaster Idaho is about to experience in full because of allowing this environmental disaster to gain a foothold here. Also, Jim Beers, former U.S. Fish and Wildlife Biologist who testified before Congress of the theft of \$45-60 million from funds, that was to go to the states, in-

stead used to circumvent Congress when it would not allocate money or approve bringing wolves into the lower 48 states.



Researcher George Dovel

But all that may very well pale in comparison to the magnitude of the public safety health hazard that now exists. With the Canadian Gray Wolf came disease—not a simple disease but a difficult to diagnose disease that may not show up for 10-20 years, cutting life short, and if caught in time requiring serious and expensive surgery—that is if one doesn’t die or become debilitated in the meantime.

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‘Experiment is over’, call for immediate removal made

Rule made by Congress still best remedy for wolf removal says wolf committee spokesman

Kooskia, Idaho—Mike Popp, spokesman for the Committee for a Safe & Wolf-Free Idaho, says Congress only allowed for wolves to be brought to Idaho under the specific rule-making of a wary Congress that specified that such wolves were to be classed “non-essential and experimental”, only.

“Today’s wolf disaster and emergency”, says Popp, “is the result of violating law, and going against Congress by those who mistakingly believed they had been given a greenlight to establish wolves unbounded by logic or sound reasoning—which situation is worsening day by day.” ■

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Researcher Dovel points out, "...primarily wolves, contaminating the landscape with billions of *E. Granulosus* eggs in their feces. These invisible eggs are ingested by grazing animals, both wild and domestic, and occasionally by humans who release clouds of the eggs into the air by kicking the scat or picking it up to see what the wolf had been eating. As with many other parasites, the eggs are very hardy and reportedly exist in extremes of weather for long periods, virtually blanketing patches of habitat where some are swallowed or inhaled."

Dr. Val Geist, a Canadian field biologist and expert on wolves, insists that it is "nothing to fool around with" referring to the Hydatid Tapeworm disease that some 62% of wolves in Idaho carry. He is concerned with recent statements that take a rather cavalier attitude about the disease.

Such is the case where Idaho Fish & Game point out that the tapeworm eggs die out, and not to worry, so long as it is hot and dry, nor to worry about the invisible eggs going airborne and infecting people who hunt or recreate where wolves have been, even close-in to where they live or even within their own yards. Such is in stark contrast to others

like Dr. Delane Kritsky of Idaho State University, a well qualified parasitologist who understands the problem and how to deal with it, says, "The only way the parasite will be eliminated from our area is the elimination of the wolf." He went on to say, "We should be asking who (the U.S. government, the Fish & Wildlife Service, the wolf advocates) will be paying for the health bills and funeral expenses for those who will ultimately become infected as a result of wolf introduction into Idaho, Montana and Wyoming?"

Trusting government these days is markedly diminished, and Idaho Fish & Game is no exception. Dave Cadwallader, Clearwater F&G supervisor at a recent Elk City community meeting on wolves insists you can. ■

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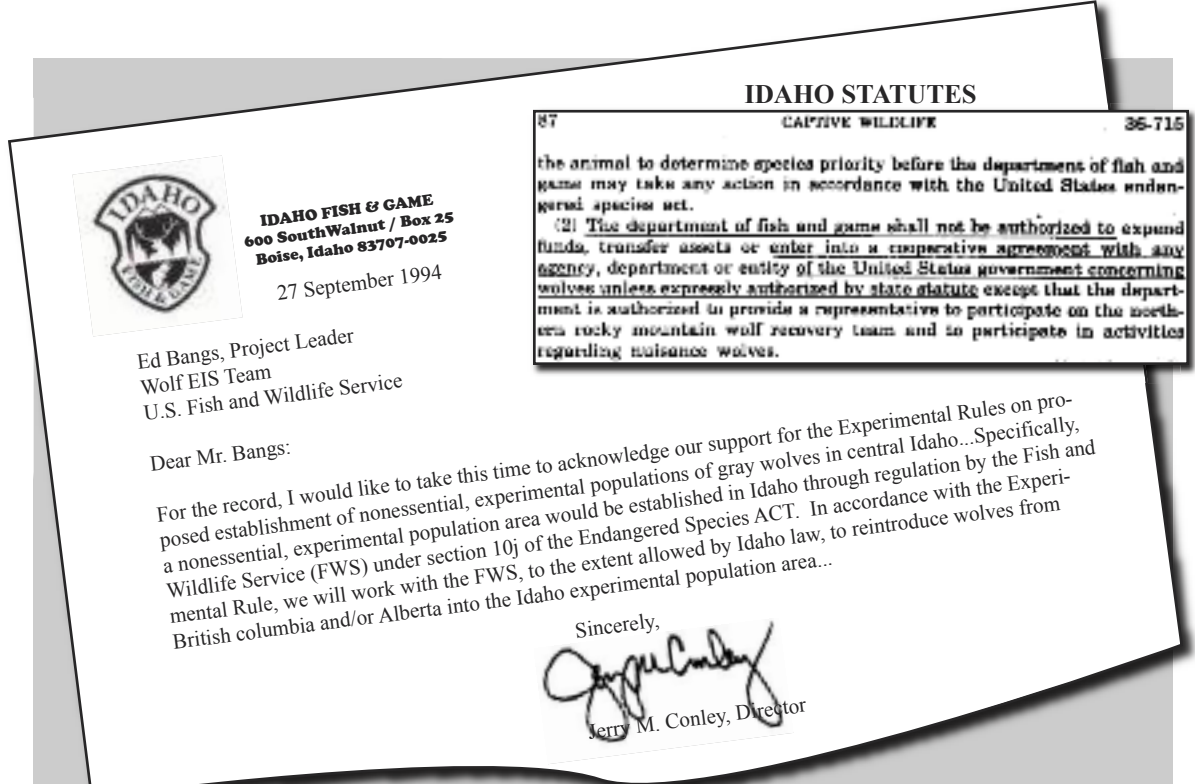
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The infamous letter of F&G Director Jerry Conley allowing the Federal Government to cross the threshold of constitutional protections that kept the Feds from coming into Idaho and telling Idaho it would now be compelled in all things related to the Canadian Gray Wolf and provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

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port of legislators, he refuses to act. That's the clear message the Committee for a Safe & Wolf-Free Idaho got in response to a letter sent to the governor thanking him for signing the wolf emergency and disaster bill, and asking him to take immediate action.

The governor's reply was short and to the point, "*The recent delisting has made emergency action unnecessary...I have no intention of using this new law to declare an emergency in the immediate future.*"

Jim Chmelik, Idaho County commissioner, where county commissioners last fall unanimously declared a disaster and emergency existing because of the Canadian Gray Wolves, had this to say about Governor Otter leaving matters

up to Idaho Fish & Game, "I'm upset because Fish & Game had no plan for dealing with the wolf disaster and emergency after all this time".

Stan Celmer, of the Committee for a Safe & Wolf-Free Idaho, had this to say, "In light of fact that Idaho County months earlier had put a call out for help, and then the legislature made a powerful statement of support to the governor to handle the wolf situation as a disaster and an emergency, Fish & Game appears not just negligent, but grossly so. In law that is equivalent to fraud where the intent appears to be Fish & Game wants wolves here, and not just a few either, as their actions tell a different story."

For Idaho County, and other

rural counties like it, the loss of valuable game for subsistence—no longer stocking the freezer as in years past—and the loss of hunting dogs, family dogs, and horses, and the cost to livestock producers can only be seen as an undue burden the likes of which have never been seen before, and more than troublesome in a worsening economy.

To Virgil Moore, the newly installed head of Idaho's Fish & Game, "Wolves are here to stay. They are part of the landscape, whether you agree how they got here, or why they got here. They are now wards of the state...and we will avoid any risk of ever getting these things back listed."

It remains to be seen who will win—people or wolves. ■

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Opinion

From the editor's desk—

Shame on the Sheriffs of Idaho!

Let's face it. Idaho sheriffs are failing to do the number one job they were hired by the people to do—"preserve the peace and protect the lives and property of the citizens" of their respective counties. We have a wolf disaster and an emergency in the rural counties and sheriffs don't seem to know what to do.

Gee, if I was hired to do a job, like build a house, and I never got around to doing the job, I think my career as a building contractor would be over in short order. Yet, in Idaho we have a whole lot of sheriffs who have sworn that they will do a job, and have ignored the very essence of what they were hired to do.

I don't know about you, but I get rather ticked-off when I don't

Sheriff Doug Giddings Idaho County



Dear Mr. or Mrs... I have taken an oath...

...to uphold the laws of Idaho, to preserve the peace and protect the lives and property of the citizens of this great state...

...help me provide better...public safety for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Doug Giddings
Sheriff, Idaho County

get what I pay for. And I certainly don't like being handed a line of tired excuses that offend my sensibilities. Sheriffs have made a lot of excuses for why they couldn't do anything about the wolf disaster here in Idaho, that somehow it was out of their hands to do anything about it. HOGWASH! And you know what that is.

No one can compel your county sheriff to sit by and watch a disaster ensue because of lawbreaking, but apparently what we have here in Idaho is a lot of sheriffs who want to collect their paychecks and stay on the "easy-street". That's a road where there are no challenges, and certainly no heroes either.

What I want to know is when are the sheriffs of these rural counties in Idaho going to start doing their job. When will that be? After the disaster? Seems our state legislators got the message in overwhelmingly passing the recent wolf disaster emergency legislation, now signed into law by the governor.

But, you see, it is not the legislators who are charged with the duty to preserve the peace and protect the lives and property of Idahoans, it is the sheriffs! The sheriffs are the "executive" in each of the counties. It is not up to the legislators and the governor of the state to do your job. Sheriffs, as hard as that may be to understand, wanting the county commissioners or the governor to pass a specific law, then, and only then, will you go out and put a stop to the wolf disaster in your county, is to say you can't read plain English, and you certainly do not understand your responsibility as a sheriff. That is why the legislature wrote county law and gave as the first duty of the sheriff the duty to "preserve the peace".

There is no argument. There is no debate. When it comes to preserving the peace, sheriffs are the highest authority—not congress, not the president, not the governor, nor the legislature of the state, not the FBI or the state patrol. The Sheriff is it.

Two sheriffs, Sheriff Richard Mack and Sheriff Printz of Montana, are sheriffs who stood up to the federal government, and said the Federal Government can't compel sheriffs to administer a federal regulatory program, and won. That was 1997. Wolves were being put into Idaho in 1995 in contravention to state law.

Sheriffs had a duty to say a big NO to this, and it is they who should shoulder the responsibility for this wolf disaster and emergency continuing unabated in many of the rural counties of Idaho. It appears they lacked the guts of a Sheriff Mack and a Sheriff

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Letters—

A nine-year old tells Governor about living with wolves

Dear Governor,

My name is Irene K. Popp. And I want to tell you about the wolfs. I do not want them in Idaho Because they are killing everything! I am even afraid to go on our propty Because I think they will eat me!! What if you had a pet and it got killed by a wolf. think about that for a second. What if it did? My friend Ashley M. her dog got a 3 or 4 inch hole in her dogs back Because a wolf. Here is a nother story. Are dog Leann had 3 puppies We gave one to are frend

Mike Shillings and he went bear hunting and he came in on the beartree. And all of his dogs were dead but that one pup we gave him named Dora. She was barly alive. He tried to get her to the vet but it was too late. here is a nother story about are dog. One day we went out bear hunting. And we did not get a bear. So we caught up all the dogs but one Viny. We looked for him all night but we could not find him. the next morning my dad found

him dead with his guts all over the ground. that is really all.

Sinsirly,
Irene

[Kamiah, Idaho]

Editor's note: Irene's letter is transcribed from her own handwritten letter her father Mike Popp, says was written at the same time he was drafting a letter to the governor.

Thank you Citizen newspaper

I really want to thank you for your efforts with the Citizen newspaper. It is really nice to know there is a paper that has the guts to tell people the truth in what's really going on! The Citizen has proven its self to be a valuable means of bringing important news and information to the citizens they might not otherwise get. I believe the Citizen is very important and we should support what is truly an independent and free press, at a time when the truth seems so hard to come by these days.

Thanks to all of those behind making this paper happen. I look forward to each new issue, and wish it were published more frequently.

Chuck Rogers
Grangeville, Idaho

Wolves a plague on Idaho

The following is in part some of the text from testimony I gave before our state's Resources & Environment Committee by way of a third-party because I was unable to attend in person and which readers of the Citizen should be aware:

"Because of the probability that you will hear a litany of horror stories about the non-native wolf depredation that has devastated Idaho's elk herds I'd like to focus my testimony on another aspect of Canadian wolf introduction that is seldom publicly discussed, namely the co-introduction of non-native parasites and diseases that the US Fish and Wildlife Service in general, and Mr. Ed Bangs in particular, were warned about by several eminent biologists, all of whom possess impeccable credentials and whose field service and research can be counted in decades.

The bottom line is...nobody involved in the wolf introduction decision can plead ignorance to the warnings of the havoc that non-native Canadian wolves would wreak on Idaho's game herds and traditional lifestyle, since the letters documenting both those warnings and warn-

ings of disease/parasite infestation still exist. It's my humble request that the documentation accompanying this letter and supporting the above allegations be entered into the public record by this committee.

My personal concern with the introduction of non-native diseases and parasites into Idaho's ecosystem stems from the fact that I live in a beautiful and semi-remote but easily accessible part of the state that I have visited, camped, picnicked, fished, cut firewood, hiked, and hunted in since 1964, mostly without a care or worry that I or a family member could or would become part of the food chain. That's all changed and I will predict that the fantasy that "Wolves don't eat people" will sooner or later evaporate in Idaho like it long ago did everywhere else in the world that wolves and people co-exist.

But the really insidious factor in the introduction process that transcends the bounds of human decency is the failure of both the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Fish and Game Dept. to warn Northwest residents of the between 30 and 50 diseases and parasites that were co-introduced with the wolves, the Echinococcus granulosa tapeworm, or Hydatid tapeworm as it more commonly known, being potentially the most deadly one that I am personally aware of to date.

The knowledge that family, friends, uncountable numbers of visitors, and myself, have without warning been extensively exposed from about 1995 to the present to these potentially deadly parasites is tragic."

Keith Lunders
Elk River, Idaho

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Sheriff's raffle seen to exploit county's wolf disaster—schools reap windfall

Raising money on back of wolf disaster seen as indefensible political pandering for future votes

IDAHO COUNTY— In what appears at first glance to be a commendable effort to help the community as the economy gets tougher, others are saying the sheriff's office baited people on the highly emotional issue of the wolf disaster and emergency here.

"I guess I didn't read the fine print, somehow it didn't register. I thought we were buying raffle tickets to get rid of wolves" seems to be a common refrain when asked whether it was appropriate for the sheriff's office to use the wolf disaster in Idaho County to raise money and then to apply that money to help alleviate the economic woes of area schools instead of applying it to the wolf disaster.

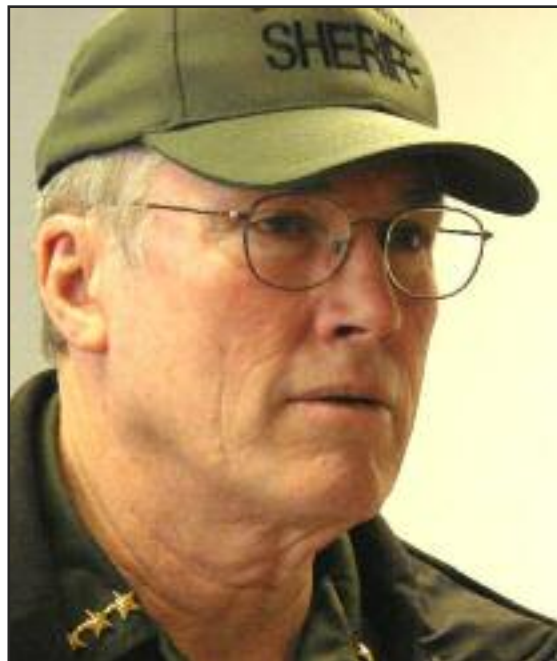
What is at the heart of the matter is a novel approach to gain enthusiasm for a community raffle in order to raise money through a special community project sponsored by the Sheriff's Office and the brainchild of Sheriff Doug Giddings and his Under Sheriff, Jim Gorges. The grand prize and centerpiece of the raffle was the "Idaho County Sheriff SSS .308 Wolf Pack", made up of a scoped .308 rifle, a short "D"-handled shovel and a custom rifle rack prominently sporting this unique title.

The Sheriff's raffle sold some 13,000 tickets and cleared nearly \$10,000. Some eight elementary and middle-schools received \$1000 each to be used for playground or classroom equipment. Sober Grad Party for five high schools got a total of \$1000, and area food banks received the balance of some \$760.

A fair amount of publicity was generated, both positive and negative, but Sheriff Giddings pointed out the publicity was good for directing attention to the wolf disaster here. Giddings responded to possible criticism that money raised was not being directed to the wolf disaster itself by saying that raising money in this way was for the benefit of the community that was suffering from a bad economy, in part, because of wolves.

Asked why money would be given mainly to schools, he said they are hurting for money.

One merchant who sold raffle tickets, who



Idaho County Sheriff Doug Giddings

wished not to be identified, stated that he nevertheless went along with selling the sheriff's raffle tickets because it was after all the sheriff's office. The merchant said, "without a doubt everyone that was buying raffle tickets were buying on emotion believing the money was being raised to help stop the wolf disaster.

The Committee for a Safe & Wolf-Free Idaho hand-delivered a letter to Sheriff Giddings outlining reasons the proceeds from the raffle should be applied directly to the wolf disaster and not to other indirectly related things. Mike Popp, spokesman for the committee stated, "Exploiting the wolf disaster in the county, which has been declared so by Idaho County Commissioners last fall, and now with the recent overwhelming passage of a wolf disaster emergency bill by the Idaho legislature and its signing into law by the governor, it seems clear the sheriff has another agenda which does not include working to end the wolf disaster here."

"The Committee", Popp says "is laying the groundwork and planning for holding its own raffle meant to eclipse the sheriff's recent raffle. Committee member, Jerry Cloninger, is quick to point out that the committee-sponsored "Wolf Disaster & Emergency" raffle will be promoted with a prominent statement that all proceeds go to ending the wolf disaster and to restoring the big game. We

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You be the Judge!

Sheriffs to 'preserve the peace', wolves no exception to law

Let's agree that sometimes something can be right in front of our noses and we can't see it. Apparently the duty of sheriffs in Idaho is a case-in-point. It is right there in plain sight, yet most have only a limited idea of what exactly the duty of the sheriff is.

Under Idaho law there is no question that county law regarding sheriffs is about as straightforward and plain as can be. First duty listed in the Idaho Statutes for sheriffs is, "preserve the peace". But for some reason it seems sheriffs are having a problem reconciling this clear mandate in law when it comes to the Canadian Gray Wolf in Idaho, which has been the focus of important local and state legislative action lately.

First, this past fall Idaho County commissioners declared a disaster and an emergency because of these wolves and gave notice to Idaho's governor.



Secondly, the Idaho legislature and governor signed into law HB343 declaring these wolves a disaster and an emergency just this recent legislative session.

Obviously, something is very wrong, as the vote in Idaho County for declaring an emergency was unanimous among the county's commissioners, and in the house and senate state legislators voted 86% for the wolf disaster and emergency bill, which places squarely on the governor's shoulders a mandate from the people to act to bring the wolf disaster to an end.

Somehow sheriffs in Idaho got the idea that they were powerless to do anything, and convinced themselves that they were exempt from preserving the peace when it came to the Canadian Gray Wolf. So let's look at the law ourselves, and see if "wolves" are an exception, and you be the judge of the facts and law in this case. The question is: *Have the sheriffs of the counties done their duty in pre-*

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Idaho County Commission Chairman Brandt gives testimony to senate committee on wolf disaster and emergency in county

Editor's note: Below is the text of Idaho Commissioner and chairman of the county board of commissioners, Skip Brandt—instrumental in declaring a disaster and emergency in Idaho County due to an out of control wolf population—given before the Senate Resources & Environment Committee on 4/6/11 regarding passage of a bill before the legislature declaring a wolf disaster and emergency in the state. Others giving testimony were Mike Popp, spokesman for the Committee for a Safe & Wolf-Free Idaho, Kooskia, Idaho.

Mr. Chairman:

It's great to be back among the Senate Resources Committee and I just want to come forward and say that I believe Idaho has danced the danced. I was here in 2001 when we passed House Joint Memorial 5 when we told the Feds to get these wolves out of here. Well, we know how well that did.

In 2003 I and then Sen. Boyle and Sen. Hawkins worked with the Governors office. We spent long hours down in the basement negotiating the *Wolf Management Plan* for the state of Idaho because we were told—we were promised—if we had an acceptable management plan we would be able to delist wolves in this state. We did that. It took how many years before we had the ability to take wolves and now we have a screwed up judicial system that allows federal judges to legislate from the bench.

We've had enough! Idaho County can not take anymore. With my outfitters in my county it's not a matter of them being affected anymore, they're out of business, they're done!

Last week I just got a call from some buddies snowmobiling up in the great burn area in Lolo. They're excited because they saw their first elk in two years—Yes, on the trail half eaten! We are devastated!

Last year Idaho County passed a *Wolf Disaster Declaration*. Now it's time for the state of Idaho to step up. Again, we've been at the table, we've tried to work things out. We have passed a critical point. Idaho has to take action! We can't wait any longer.

Wolves bring huge public safety challenge to Idaho says ISU prof.

Delane C. Kritsky, Professor emeritus
 Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho

Jim, I just saw your message on Echinococcus multilocularis on the Idaho Trapper's Association website. I worked (conducted research) for seven years on E. multilocularis in North Dakota during the 1970's and indeed as you state it is a very dangerous parasite to human beings. However, the species Echinococcus occurring in the wolves and ungulates in Idaho is Echinococcus granulosus, a close relative of E. multilocularis. E. granulosus is, in my opinion, more dangerous than the strain of E. multilocularis that occurs in the upper Midwest (North Dakota, Eastern Montana, South Dakota and points southeast.

The strain of E. multilocularis in the northcentral states appears to be relatively non-infective to human beings. However, E. granulosus is more dangerous because it's highly infective to man and also is a parasite of sheep and domestic dogs which much more easily brings the parasite into the homes in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming where human beings can be exposed.

Utah had a focus E. granulosus, during the 1970's and 1980's, during which time, people were dying or undergoing dangerous surgery for the parasitic cyst. The Utah focus occurred primarily in rural areas where sheep were raised. My friend and colleague, Dr. Ferron Anderson at BYU, was on a conducting search on E. granulosus in Utah and developed an educational program that primarily included the burying of sheep carcasses and de-worming of dogs, and which eventually eliminated the parasite in central Utah.

The parasite in Idaho will not be dealt with as easily (and I doubt that it can ever be eliminated as long as wolves are present) because wolves and ungulates (deer and elk) will maintain a sylvatic

(wild) cycle, which did not occur in Utah during the 70s and 80s. The elimination of the parasite from sheep and dogs, (as occurred in Utah) will not be successful as it was in Utah because the (wild) cycle will continuously provide eggs of the parasite for infection of man and his domestic stock and animals in the future. The only way the parasite will be eliminated from our area is elimination of the wolf.

By the way, you should know that I have examined coyotes, (which can carry both species of Echinococcus), and foxes from southeastern Idaho since 1974 and never found either Echinococcus multilocularis nor E. granulosus; Ferron Anderson never found the latter species in Idaho either when he examined canines in Idaho during the 70s and 80s. THAT IS E. GRANULOSUS WAS NOT IN IDAHO UNTIL THE INTRODUCTION OF THE WOLF.

Finally, I asked the Fish and Wildlife Service during one of their public meetings concerning the introduction of the wolf, (prior to wolf introduction) and was "brushed off" by their "promise" that the wolves introduced to Idaho would be "de-wormed" which everyone (and especially they) should have known that such actions are never 100% effective.

WE SHOULD BE ASKING WHO (THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, THE WOLF ADVOCATES) WILL BE PAYING FOR THE HEALTH BILLS AND FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR THOSE WHO WILL ULTIMATELY BECOME INFECTED AS A RESULT OF WOLF INTRODUCTION INTO IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING? ■

“E. Granulosus was not in Idaho until the introduction of the [Canadian Gray] wolf.”

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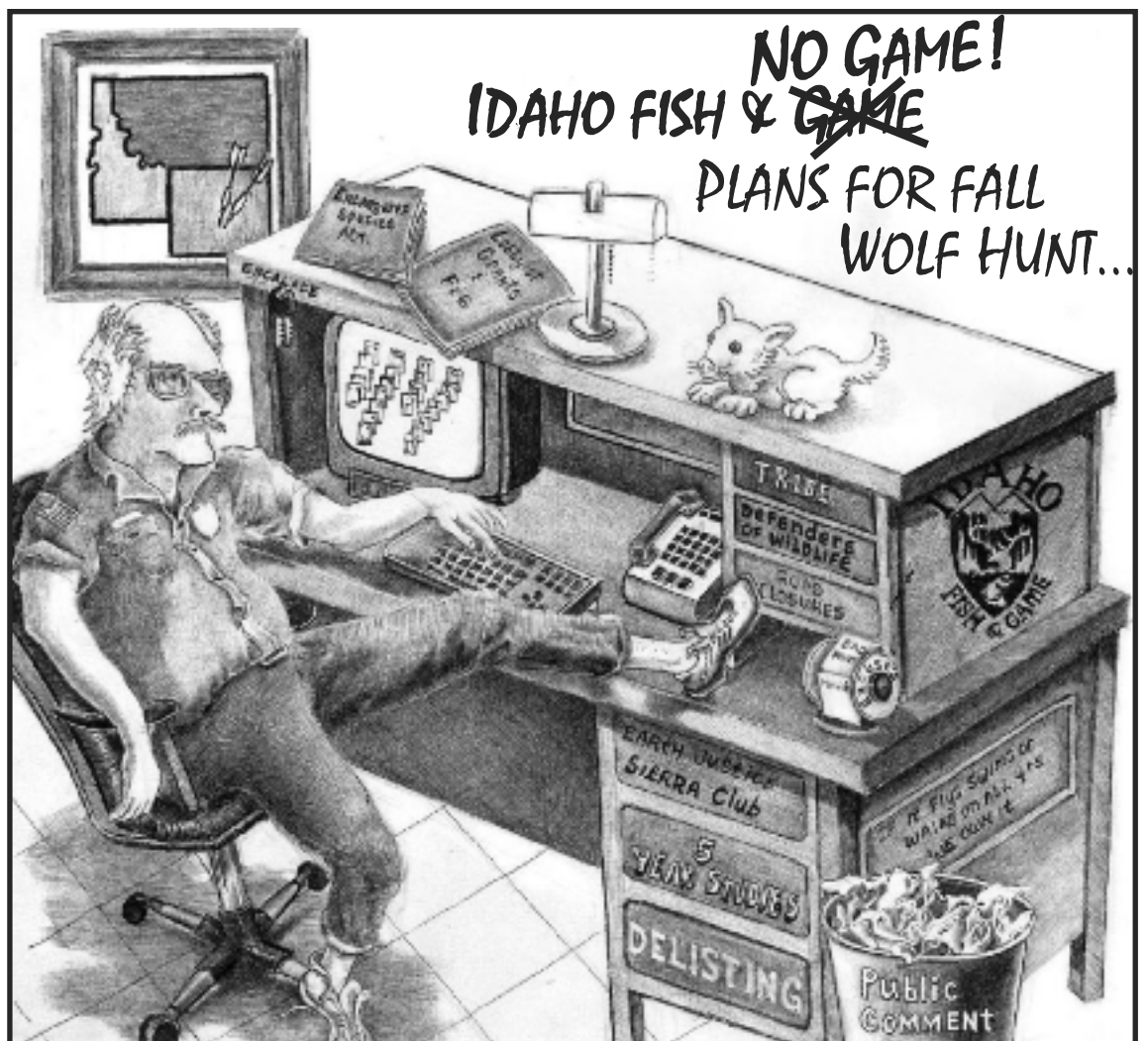
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**YOU PROMISED! Now...
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***Fish & Game, what have you done?* At the rate Wolves are killing the wildlife, we may not have much of anything left for her to see.**

Ask yourself this: Who in their right mind let's an extreme and dangerous predator loose to kill the wildlife of Idaho and create such wildlife abuse that elk and moose calves, fawns, and other wildlife don't stand a chance?

That's right, Idaho's Fish & Game opened the door to this abuse, and this disaster, and did it contrary to what the Idaho legislature said clearly it could not do—change the policy set by the legislature concerning the wildlife and the wild animals!

Even a child can understand the law, "All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is...the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall only be taken...in such a manner as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife...and provide for the citizens of this state...continued supplies of such wildlife

for hunting, fishing and trapping."

And the last statement in the Idaho law regarding the wildlife policy set by the legislature is this: "The [Fish & Game] commission is not authorized to change such [wildlife] policy but only to administer it."

It doesn't take a "rocket scientist" to see what happened. Your Idaho Fish & Game violated the clear mandate of the Idaho legislature *only to administer the wildlife policy of the state--NOT CHANGE IT!*

Who do they think they are? We expect our children, and our grandchildren to learn the rules and abide by them. We teach them that. But the Idaho Fish & Game Commission charged with the duty to "preserve, protect, and perpetuate" the wildlife of Idaho for the citizens of Idaho—including for this little girl, her family, her children, and her children's children, for generations to come—has become a rogue agency of government doing its will and not the will of the people as the people through their legislative representatives set forth.

Let's end this spectacle and this charade of a Fish & Game which *pretends* to do its job. This is not wildlife management, this is wildlife abuse, and worst of all it's abuse of the people of this state. And to top it off, Idaho Fish & Game knows that the Canadian Gray Wolf in addition is nothing short of a biological disaster when it comes to the diseases this wolf carries--some 30 or more diseases to be sure.

Enough is enough! You owe it to the children to see that they are not saddled with a problem which destroys their outdoor heritage. Why not preserve the heritage of those who are dependent on us for their future. As for us, who are well-versed in the way it should be, it is not too late. For those who may never know what it was like, it may very well boil down to the simple question: "Were there really elk and moose that lived here?"

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Federal wolves a states' rights issue for Idaho on the front burner

by Phil Hart
Idaho State Representative

Today there are many issues that confront our political institutions. We are living in interesting times. For state governments the big issues are balancing budgets and federal government encroachment. And for the state of Idaho, the face of federal government encroachment is that of a Canadian Gray Wolf.

Under the authority of the Endangered Species Act, in the mid-70's Washington D.C. bureaucrats began to contemplate the introduction of wolves into parts of the so called lower 48 states. The reason that this was even a possibility was because the original settlers of the country, who had lived with wolves, decided to get rid of them. Such people will tell you that wolves are a menace, and dangerous on top of that.

Over the objections of the Idaho Legislature, the governor of Idaho, and Idaho's congressional delegation, in 1995 the federal Fish and Wildlife Service introduced 35 Canadian Gray Wolves into central Idaho. A like number of wolves were introduced into Yellowstone Park in Wyoming, just across the Idaho border.

The plan was to protect this population of Gray Wolves such that their numbers would increase to 300 and at least 30 breeding pairs across the three-state region of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. The Idaho Legislature, with a gun to its head, agreed to this scheme in a 2002 Wolf Management Plan it ratified; while at the same time passing a resolution stating that its real desire was to remove the wolves from Idaho all together. The DC bureaucrats were going to introduce the wolves no matter what the state of Idaho wanted; and the negotiated 2002 Wolf Management Plan reflected Idaho's effort to at least have a say in the process.

Idaho is really not anti-wolf. We liked our Idaho Timberwolves. At the time of the federal wolf introduction, Idaho had about 80 Timberwolves, and they were increasing in number. The Idaho Timberwolf weighed about 85 pounds at maturity. It ran in packs of two. It survived off



Canadian Gray Wolves consume 20-24 elk per year just to sustain each wolf. Add to that the "sport kills", wanton killing just because of the nature of the beast, and elk cows and calves, not including moose and deer, is a tremendous loss—all to keep this non-native, "non-essential and experimental" wolf population in Idaho.

of small game. And they were very skittish around humans. At least two members of our House of Representatives saw these Timberwolves prior to the introduction of the Canadian Gray Wolf by the federal government. We could have managed the Idaho Timberwolf back to so-called recovery levels

The Canadian Gray Wolf was introduced as a "nonessential experimental" species as defined by the Endangered Species Act. The ESA only allows the introduction of an "experimental species" when the original native species is extinct. But the Idaho Timberwolf was not extinct; we had about 80 of them. These Timberwolves were documented by recognized experts. No

problem for the federal government, they just solved that dilemma by lying. Consequently, the introduction of the Canadian Gray Wolf into Idaho was based on fraud.

It gets worse. Under the original agreement Idaho was to have 100 wolves with 10 breeding pairs (our share of the three state total of 300 wolves with 30 breeding pairs). That goal was achieved in about 2002. Today, nine years later the Canadian Gray Wolf is still listed as "endangered". The wolf issue has been tied up in endless lawsuits promoted by the environmentalists. Demonizing the wolf opposition and litigating on the issue has proved to be a money making machine for these left of center folks. Each time the environmental advocacy groups file a pro-wolf lawsuit, they rake in the bucks and contribute to the mismanagement of the wolf introduction process.

Unlike the Idaho Timberwolf (which is now probably extinct having been either wiped out by or assimilated into the Canadian Gray Wolf population) the Canadian Gray Wolf weighs about 140 pounds at maturity. We have some close to 180 pounds running around the state at the moment. The Canadian Gray Wolf runs in packs of up to twenty wolves. For every one animal they kill to eat, these Canadian wolves kill about three more just for the fun of it. The biologists call it "sport-flex killing" or "lustful killing". The Canadian Gray Wolf is a killing machine.

For those who are willing to take an honest look at the wolf issue, the fact that wolves are a menace and are also dangerous to humans is undebatable.

There is over five hundred years of recorded history of wolf – human conflicts in Europe and Asia. Worldwide, wolf attacks continue today and occasionally humans are killed. These facts are denied by the environmentalists.

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The Canadian Gray Wolf carries Hydatid disease, it is a parasitic infestation by a tapeworm of the genus Echinococcus and it can infect pets as well as humans. Summer is a time we go into the woods looking for huckleberries, blackberries, plums, mushrooms, go fishing, hunting, gathering wood, and recreating. Any activity that will take you into an area where you could come in contact with this danger, you cannot be too careful.

These big wolves eat a lot and poop a lot, to be blunt about it. Two thirds of these wolves are known to carry the Hydatid Tapeworm disease, among some thirty or more diseases and parasites they carry.

According to Dr. Val Geist, a leading wolf expert, wherever these wolves are there are billions of live tapeworm eggs which some can live for up to three years when in moist or cold conditions. Deer and other animals, including our pet dogs, can further spread these eggs, so when we are gathering those wild fruits and berries be sure to wash those edibles with good clean water before eating in the field, and certainly wash hands thoroughly that may have unknowingly come into contact with tapeworm eggs, which are microscopic and can be on clothes, animal fur, and your pet dog you just petted.

Fortunately heat and dryness kill the eggs, but remember, any moisture or coldness can keep them alive for long periods, and plant moisture may do just that.

In the woods, do not kick or move wolf scat, or handle animals or items that may be contaminated. It may be wise to wear a paper dust mask if you think that you might be exposed to live tapeworm eggs that are airborne because of wind, 4-wheelers that are running over relatively fresh or damp wolf scat or earth. Keep your hands away from your face, and wash hands frequently, launder clothes when you get home.

Guard your children and their contact with their pets. Caution is the operative word here. Hydatid Tapeworm disease is very real and dangerous, and doesn't show up for 10,15,20 years when cysts have grown on internal organs, and killed you, or expensive and serious surgery is required. ■

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I remember Grandma would tell mom something about adding something or other to the mix if you wanted something or other to do something! What was it she said to do? I can't remember. Oh, how I wish Grams were here to help me at a time like this!



EATING FROM THE GARDEN

This year plan to eat as much as possible fresh from your garden and enjoy! We all have salads, tomato sandwiches, green onions, and radishes, but pull a few immature vegetables for stir fry, steaming or just having raw for dips. Pull overcrowded beets, green onions, bok choy and turnips, steam or use in stir fry.

When you purchase seeds, get additional to replace the ones you will be eating early, just replant when you pull the young, and you will have a continuous crop. Greens and lettuce do not need to be replanted since you will just pinch off leaves. Consider a few varieties that will be good and small for stir fry, side dishes, in salads, or raw. Vegetables like peas, Swiss chard, and beet greens give texture and flavor to meals and can be picked or cut when small.

Some seed companies now offer seeds gathered especially for sprouts. Excellent in salads and on sandwiches, and only take a few days to sprout. *Do not use garden seed you order for sprouting, since some of them may have been coated with fungicides to keep them from rotting at planting time, and sprouting seeds are somewhat cheaper.*

Also, remember your animals. If you have chickens, they love greens, and a good winter food for them is Mangles, a member of the beet family, and many livestock benefit from them.

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You will need a pot that will hold 3 or more quarts, a small tooth grater, a bar of Fels Naphtha Soap, three gallons water, bucket that will hold about 3 gallons, Washing Soda, (Arm and Hammer), and Borax, like 20 Mule Team.

- 2 gallons water
- 1/3 bar Fels Naphtha Soap, grated
- 1/2 cup Washing Soda, NOT baking soda
- 1/2 cup Borax

Put 3 quarts of water into pan and while heating, grate 1/3 of a bar of Fels Naphtha Soap into heating water. Stir while heating until bar is completely melted, don't turn your back on the pot at this stage, it could boil over. Add Washing Soda and Borax and mix well. Bring mixture just to a boil, stir occasionally, remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.

Pour remaining water into large bucket, pour soap mixture into bucket and stir until well mixed. Allow to sit overnight and stir occasionally and pour into container, I use one gallon tubs.

Use 1 cup for regular load. If you have a grease or dirt that need special attention, rub into spot. So far, I have not had a problem with it damaging fabric, but you might want to try a small area first. Treat spot or stain and wash a usual. If you need bleach, use Oxygen Bleach, (like Oxy Clean). It is less harmful to fabric and colors. Let soaking work in your favor. Allow washer to start, wash for a couple of minutes and then allow to set to let the detergent and oxygen bleach, if used, work it's magic.

This detergent does NOT produce suds, and has a most peculiar look in the bucket, because it forms a gelatinous mass, that has a clear liquid mixture with it, but this is normal. Keep it Simple, do not add additional washing soda or borax, it does not make the detergent better, you just waste money. *Your wash should be clean, unscented, relatively germ free and cheap!*



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tions, which harms the ranching and farming communities, is only a secondary problem. The most significant problem is a more latent one, yet more dangerous. It is that of communicable diseases carried by the wolves. Given what wolves do for a living, it is easy to understand that they could be carriers of disease. And these diseases can be contracted by humans, pets, livestock and other big game animals.

A recent study revealed that 63 percent of all wolves examined in Idaho were carriers of the hydatid disease caused by tapeworms. These tapeworms end up in the feces of wolves and can be spread to humans by direct contact with a wolf or by becoming airborne when the feces dries. The hydatid disease will develop cysts in humans, and when those cysts attack the organs it can be fatal. Once infected, it can take up to twenty years for the disease to develop.

Any Idahoan who hikes in the woods, has wolves frequent their property, or who hunts wolves and handles the carcass could get the disease. And this is just one disease of dozens that the wolves in Idaho carry. These diseases could also be spread to domestic dogs who then spread the disease to humans.

In 2002, the Idaho Legislature agreed to manage a population of one hundred wolves. We now have somewhere between 800 to 2,000 wolves. The wolf population is out of control. And experts predict unacceptable consequences to the people of Idaho and their livestock, pets and the big game resources of the state. As the Canadian Gray Wolf consumes itself out of its natural food sources, it will turn to those areas inhabited by people for something to eat. There are already areas of Idaho where the big game numbers are so diminished that the big game herds are now in what is called a "predator pit", a condition where the number of animals left in a herd are not enough to sustain that herd given the depredation rate unless there is aggressive human management.

Today, wolves are increasingly visiting areas occupied by humans. They have been seen numerous times within the city limits of small towns. Wolf kills have been found as close as three miles from the Statehouse located in Boise. The experts say that wolves are becoming habituated to the rural and urban fringe areas of Idaho. When this occurs, the experts tell us to expect the worst.

Idaho has an emergency. And according to the Idaho Constitution, the first and foremost duty of the state government is found at article I, section 1, "All men... have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protect-

Johnson, 425 U.S. 238, 247 (1976).

When the states met in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft the Constitution, they met as individual sovereign states, each of whom possessed all the power of any sovereign government on planet Earth. In the process of drafting the Constitution, they

tively, or to the people."

The police power of the sovereign has been retained by the states, and in no way has it been shared with the federal government. And when lives, peoples' safety and the protection of property are at risk, our state government has a duty to exercise its police power and protect Idahoans and their property.

Historically, when both state and federal courts have had to rule on the state's exercise of its police power and that state's authority to declare an emergency, they have handled the issue with kid gloves. The United States Supreme Court said:

"We deal, in other words, with what traditionally has been known as the police power. An attempt to define its reach or trace its outer limits is fruitless, for each case must turn on its own facts. The definition is essentially the product of legislative determinations addressed to the purposes of government, purposes neither abstractly nor historically capable of complete definition." *Berman v. Parker*, 348 U.S. 26, 31(1954).

How can you define an emergency? You can't define it, and the courts know it. There are an infinite number of possibilities of what can constitute an emergency. This gives state governments wide latitude to address an emergency when they find themselves in such a condition.

Worldwide, there are several hundred thousand gray wolves. From a global perspective, the gray wolf is not threatened. Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Canadian Gray Wolf has been categorized as "nonessential - experimental." This is the lowest category in terms of importance that can be given to a species by the ESA. In any balancing analysis that might be made judicially, something that is "nonessential" is not going to trump the necessity to protect the life and safety of American Citizens.

This being the case, any declaration of



Wolf packs take on a whole new meaning as the Canadian Grey Wolf population density and reproductive rate of 6-8 pups per litter begin to climb exponentially making it impossible to manage an extreme predator in the roughest terrain outside of Alaska. Some say there may be as many as 3000 wolves in Idaho.

ing property, pursuing happiness and securing safety." Both the legislative and executive branches of state government are empowered to declare an emergency.

For some of those who live in rural Idaho today, all of those rights referred to in article I, section 1 of Idaho's state Constitution are now at risk, or have already been completely taken away. Those who have wolves frequent their neighborhoods have lost the quiet enjoyment of their property and are physically at risk. Idaho has an emergency, and we need to reduce the number of wolves in Idaho.

"The promotion of safety of persons and property is unquestionably at the core of the State's police power..." *Kelley v.*

delegated portions of their sovereignty to the federal government through the express language of the Constitution. And just to make it clear as to what the limits of that delegated power was, they included the Bill of Rights the Tenth Amendment of which states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the state, are reserved to the states respec-

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an emergency by the Idaho state government would end up in state court if judicially challenged. It is the state courts that have subject matter jurisdiction over the exercise of a state's police power, and the protection of persons and property. Federally, the subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts is defined at 28 USC 1331 and 1332, and the exercise of a state's police powers is not found there.

"An emergency declaration on the part of a state to protect the life, safety and property of its citizens is simply outside of the subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts." So said Dane vonBreichenruchardt, president of the U.S. Bill of Rights Foundation.

Mr. vonBreichenruchardt was the architect and legal mind behind the successful District of Columbia v Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) gun rights case where the United States Supreme Court affirmed our individual right to keep and bear arms. He was also a significant contributor to House Bill 343, Idaho's Wolf Emergency Declaration legislation passed overwhelmingly by the Idaho Legislature in the closing days of its 2011 session.

Anyone who might wish to challenge the exercise of Idaho's police power used to protect Idahoans from the out of control number of Canadian Gray

Wolves will have to exhaust their state administrative remedies before they go to court as required by section 3, paragraph 2 of HB343. In doing so, they will need to comply with Idaho's Administrative Procedures Act and prove that (a) Canadian Gray Wolves are not a carrier of any disease that threatens humans, livestock or other big game animals, (b) there is no potential for human – wolf conflicts, nor (c) livestock – wolf conflicts, (d) the presence of Canadian Gray Wolves does not diminish property values (which would be a constitutional "taking" since these are governmentally introduced wolves) or (e) that the number of big game animals is not significantly impacted by the presence of the Canadian Gray Wolf.

These are federal wolves, as it was the federal government who introduced them into Idaho over our objections. They told the state of Idaho that the wolves would be considered recovered when we had a total of 100 wolves in Idaho. Now we have between 800 and 2,000 wolves and the situation is out of control.

Idaho's wolf emergency is a state issue. And in this situation, the state of Idaho has both a duty and the authority to protect its people and their property. House Bill 343 lays out the facts, the ar-

gument and the authority to do so. And the governor can devise a process, outlined in an executive order that is dignified and methodical in confronting this emergency. Now is the time for Idaho to exercise its sovereign power, expressly retained by states as evidenced by the Tenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. ■

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...serving the peace within their counties, or have they been derelict?

Idaho Code, 31-2202, "The sheriff shall perform the following: (1) Preserve the peace. (3) Prevent and suppress...breaches of the peace... (5) Command the aid of as many inhabitants of the county he may think necessary in the execution of these duties."

Only one word, the word "peace" needs definition in this law, as everything else is abundantly clear in its meaning. "Peace", as used here as it relates to "keeping the peace" or "preserving the peace" is simply keeping things *untroubled, tranquil, content*. Webster's defines it as a state of tranquillity or quiet: as a state of security or order within a community provided for by law or custom.

In relation to wolves today, it is not difficult to see the "dumping" of an "experimental non-essential" wolf here has interfered with the good order, tranquility,

and security of the people of Idaho County, and any other rural county that is faced with the wolf disaster and emergency as the various legislatures are calling it.

Had sheriffs preserved the peace in the rural counties as Idaho law called for perhaps no disaster and emergency would be upon the people, with the economic losses sustained because of these wolves, the public safety risks facing the people because some 62% of the wolves here have the dangerous to humans and other animals Hydatid Tape Worm disease, the killing of livestock, working dogs and pets, and the menacing of the people and especially the danger to children who can no longer enjoy playing outside at grandma's house.

For those who think the Endangered Species Act was mandatory on the states, think again. Supreme Court Justice Anton Scalia wrote the opinion for the majority in the Sheriff Richard Mack case regarding the Feds telling states they had to comply with a particular law: "...Congress cannot compel the states to enact or enforce a federal regulatory program...The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers, or [its] political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program..."

Your sheriff cannot be told what to do by the Federal Government, period! The state cannot be forced or compelled to enforce a federal regulatory program, period!

Idaho Fish & Game violated state law by giving a "green light" to the Feds and environmentalist to dump wolves here. It was the duty of the sheriff's to

say, "Not in my county!", and they didn't, and they continue to fail in their primary duty to "preserve the peace", as we are witnessing the sad results of not protecting the people from a wolf plague amounting to a disaster of historic proportions, impacting mostly the rural counties that can withstand the disaster the least.

You be the judge! ■

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will be giving away significant prizes and believe the response will be overwhelming.

There is an important question for some who question the fact that giving money primarily to schools insures an important and large segment of voters will respond accordingly when election time rolls around. Sheriff Giddings is a member of the Republican Central Committee.

There are those who see this whole raffle as a savvy political move which won't be forgotten by voters come November 2012. However, others look at the wave of anti-wolf sentiment out there now with passage of legislation that has caused de-listing wolves from the Endangered Species Act, the recent passage of HB 343 signed by the governor in the last days of this last session of the Idaho Legislature, and the fact that in Idaho County a wolf disaster and emergency was declared.

"Idaho county is 'wolf central'," says Popp, "and a lot of folks are going to look back and say what did the sheriff do to lead in the fight to get rid of the wolves? He held a wolf disaster raffle, and then gave the money to the schools instead of helping to reduce or stop the wolf disaster emergency in the county and at least try to protect the people and their property. That's what he didn't do and should have." ■

Shame on sheriffs—cont'd from pg. 3

Printz. Too, bad! The destruction of magnificent game herds, the loss of jobs resulting from this loss, the destruction of livestock, animals, and pets, and worst of all the interference with the culture and customs of the people and how they previously used their property and accessed and used the public lands.

No more. You can't even trust that children will be safe visiting their grandmother's house. But worst of all is the invasion and contamination due to the insidiousness of the wolf tapeworm disease that makes it unsafe to be anywhere near where wolves have been, or to pick berries or mushrooms, because these deadly tapeworm eggs can be spread in numerous ways, and airborne is a critical way the disease can be gotten--whatever way, it doesn't show up for years, and then only after it has progressed to cysts within the body containing multitudes of the tapeworm larvae. It is not a nice disease.

Idaho is now infested with wolves that 62% test positive for the Hydatid Tapeworm Disease.

So, now that Sheriff Giddings along with some 43 other county

sheriffs in Idaho are sending out solicitations for donations to the Idaho Sheriffs' Association—to the tune of some 100,000 pieces to be sent out by a commercial fund raising company—I am wondering just what the Idaho Sheriffs' Association intends to do with all that money they raise, when it appears the Canadian Gray Wolf disaster and emergency does not even show up on the association radar screen, and seems it never has.

Is the association going to teach the sheriffs how to do what the legislature years ago set down as the first duty of county sheriffs?

I think the people are getting tired of the same old thing. When you send in your \$20 to become an associate member of the Idaho Sheriffs' Association, you might also want to send off a check to the Committee for a Safe & Wolf-Free Idaho, as this organization is committed to ending this wolf disaster, which perhaps history will recount as Idaho's worst disaster when the far-reaching cost and damage done is finally added up. ■

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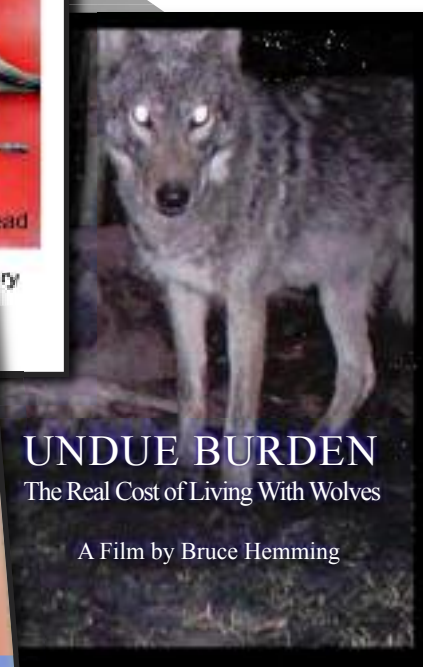
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