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Madam Chair and Senators:

I strongly support this excellent bill by my Representative Diane Rice. The FOTNYEH lawsuit is the only way for the state to get to court in a timely and effective manner. Environmental groups with lots of money who want to control land and people are going to court to block grizzly delisting. They and others will be in court to block wolf delisting as soon as the USFWS makes their decision to delist. I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation MT native. I have been a wildlife management and research biologist, and cattle rancher here in Montana. I am currently a general outfitter and a wildlife consultant.

1. Wolves were transplanted against advice of Canadians, against will of our people and Congress and with millions of Pitman-Robertson funds rightfully belonging to states.

2. I have found that Montana wolf history was rewritten and covered up in order to bring in wolves. The wolves have been mismanaged in violation of the original scientific agreements.

3. **Wolves are harming our two billion dollar ag industry and 237 million hunting economy.** As a consultant, I have found that wolves have moved thousands of elk in winter from MT FWP Wildlife Management Areas to rangeland in recent years.

A book is coming out this month entitled WOLVES IN RUSSIA, Anxiety Through the Ages, by Will Graves and edited by Dr. Val Geist. I know these fellows and have read a draft copy. The damage by wolves in Russia is astounding. Thousands of people and hundreds of thousands of domestic animals have been killed. Decimation and disruption of wildlife populations have occurred. **Wolves spread FMD, anthrax, brucellosis, rabies and other bad diseases in Russia. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.** It will help protect our way of life, our property and property rights and the rights of the state of MT. <http://www.wolvesinrussia.com/> -- for book info. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.