SENATE FISH AND GAME
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Testimony for Jim Peterson Senate Bill # ~~HB 364~~ SB 344
Senate Fish & Game Committee

We are a ranching family in Garfield and McCone Counties. We had a killer wolf in our area from January to November of 2006. The wolf came into a small pasture off our barn; he killed and tore up 21 one hundred pound ewe lambs. Only 3 of those ewe lambs survived to go into the shearing pens. Our whole operation and security were thrown into a spin. The wolf may have helped himself to range lambs that we never detected.

We DO NOT want any wolf - 100% wolf or hybrid wolf - wandering around using our sheep or cattle for a good meal or a playful chewing up.

We ARE in SUPPORT of laws and Regulations that hold individuals responsible for keeping a "predator pet" under strict supervision. Register, tatoo and enforce compliance of Montana law to ensure "pet lovers" are accountable.

The wolf on our ranch was shot and determined to be of Alaskan, Canadian, Mid Western descent - a category that Caroline would not claim endangered and that the Wildlife Defenders would not honor with compensation. We are thankful that our Federal Trappers were successful in their control of this predator wolf for us.

Respectfully,

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