

Beartooth Stock Association
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Montana Senate
Local Government Committee

RE: Beartooth Stock Association Support for SB 108 as amended.

Distinguished Chairman and Members:

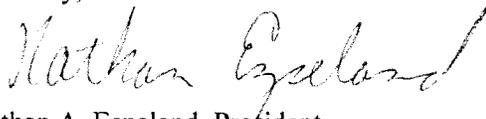
Beartooth Stock Association **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** SB 108 as amended.

With over one hundred members in Carbon and Stillwater Counties, Beartooth Stock Association members have been directly affected by the gray wolf; black bears; and grizzly bears. This bill would provide local governments, through county commissioners, the opportunity to participate in the consultation and coordination with state and federal agencies prior to state and federal policy decisions involving large predators.

Stillwater and Carbon County Commissioners work closely with the Beartooth Stock Association membership on predator and wildlife issues.

Please vote **YES** on SB 108 as amended.

Sincerely,



Nathan A. Espeland, President
Beartooth Stock Association.