

Comments for EQC meeting – Helena  
Thursday, June 4, 2015

Good Morning Chairman Brendan and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rhonda Lanier, Bozeman Board member of Wolves of the Rockies. I appreciate the opportunity to share my concerns with the committee today. My concerns are poaching. In the month of May, two wolves, of which we are aware were poached.

As was reported, a dead black wolf was discovered by a hiker in Gardiner on May 10th, and a dead gray wolf was found north of the Centennial Valley in the Centennial Valley near the Ruby Long Creek Divide.

The fine for poaching these two wolves, if the person or persons are caught, is a mere \$1,000. This is, to many Montanans, as shared by our followers and supporters a mere slap on the wrist. Wolves of the Rockies have put up a \$2,000 reward in hopes of bringing the person or person responsible to justice.

It is time for Montana to really crack down on poaching of wolves and of all of our wildlife. The monetary amount needs to be increased substantially to an amount of \$10,000. Revocation of hunting licenses and possession of all fire arms needs to be suspended for at least five years, as well as a seizure of assets, in some cases seizure of vehicles would be in order.

Until Montana takes away the very things that are important to these people, nothing will change. It is obvious they have no respect for wolves or any other form of wildlife. Thank you for considering my comments and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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