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Thank you for making it possible for input without going to a meeting. Many "eco" people believe their way is the only way and argue violently.

I submit that if YOU are going to reintroduce a major predator like wolves then you should already have in place methods of control. Open seasons that are agreed to and cannot be stopped in court by eco nuts who have money to just keep appealing decisions without any care of what is right or what the judge decided.

Eco people will tell everyone wolves won't hurt you. Bears won't hurt you. When they must know that is false. Last time I was in Alaska a jogger was taken down on a mountain jogging trail near Anchorage by a pack of 11 wolves. The game department had to helicopter hunt the pack to try to eliminate it. Yes, they did find the joggers remains in the wolves. Of all the predators wolves don't kill you before they start eating on you. What terror that poor woman jogger must have gone through before she died!

I used to bow hunt in Eastern Oregon. One of our group had to climb a tree because a group of wolves was circling him. They waited for over an hour below the tree. After that we all carried a weapon when bow hunting. We advised the Game Department that was closest to us. But, within a few years there were no elk to hunt. And the people who grazed sheep in there quit.

Or, I can tell you the story of a friend of mine who has a prosthesis and walks with a bad limp. He had a cougar following him 2 days in a row on the same trail near Mt St Helens.

I still hunt some. But, I love to hike.

Please control what you do with the wolves. They were not meant to coexist with humans. Plant them in the Angeles National Forest just north of L.A. and listen to the joggers scream!!

Thank you.