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I am confused as to why these wolves were introduced after so many trouble free years without them. I have heard it is part of the governments way to eliminate the ability for a person to survive in the wild via wild game. I have heard that it is a peta thing. I could go on and on but the bottom line is there is absolutely no need for these animals to be here they are a waste of a natural resource and now they are consuming too much time from our wild life officials as well as taxpayers money. I have seen our moose population in my area go from plenty to rarely seeing one. Our whitetail herd has plummeted the numbers are just not coming up. For example in my area we have two bucks one spike and one three point compared to years in the past where there have often times been 13-17 bucks in my small hunting area out the hunters hwy where I live.

Why is it that we the people who support fish and game are not being heard we are the sportsman who pay the bill, we know what's needed and what's not needed this is our heritage and passion I guarantee we care more than any other person or entity. It has seemed to slip past the simple minds of our officials that if the wildlife goes away so does the need to manage, so goes wildlife officials hence there will be nothing to protect. ITS TIME TO LOSE THE WOLVS AND REDUCE THE COUGARS.