

Kristi,

Thanks for offering to direct my concerns about wolves in Oregon to the appropriate legislative committees.

My concerns are:

1. All wolves should be protected under state and federal law. Given that only 23 wolves are known to exist in Oregon, the success of their recovery is very much in question. I believe that wild predators play a necessary role in maintaining population balance and ecological health. The killing of wolves should neither be authorized nor condoned in Oregon.
2. Ranchers should be compensated for their wolf-related losses.
3. After a healthy sustainable wolf population has been established, these issues can be revisited.
4. Wildlife should have priority to Oregon's wilderness areas.

Thanks again for your time and consideration.

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