



Living with Wolves

January 27, 2026

Living with Wolves
P.O. Box 896
Sun Valley, ID 83353

Dear Madam Chair Nichols, Vice Chair Zito, and members of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee,

Living with Wolves appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the proposed rules governing grizzly bear and wolf depredation, docket no. 02-0108-2501.

Through participation in the negotiated rulemaking process this past summer alongside other stakeholders, we found the discussions to be fair, productive, and collaborative. I believe that spirit is reflected in the language of this rule. HB 592 and this subsequent rule represent a meaningful step forward in supporting Idaho producers who experience the hardship of loss associated with predation, while also providing tools and resources to work proactively with producers to prevent depredation through conflict mitigation.

Large carnivores, like grizzly bears and wolves, are an important part of Idaho's landscape. At the same time, we recognize the challenges that come with working alongside them. As community members who benefit from the hard work and livelihoods of producers, we share a responsibility to work together on those challenges. Living with Wolves is committed to being part of that collaborative effort.

Living with Wolves supports the proposed rules governing grizzly bear and wolf depredation, docket no. 02-0108-2501.

Sincerely,

Megan Smith
Program Director, Living with Wolves
megan@livingwithwolves.org

museum: 580 4th St • Suite 150 • Ketchum, Idaho 83340 • phone: 208-928-4991
mailing: P.O. Box 896 • Sun Valley, Idaho 83353
email: info@livingwithwolves.org • www.livingwithwolves.org

A 501c3 NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

January 29, 2026
Attachment 2