

Comments on wolf hunt legislation, from Jack Parker, Mining Engineer,
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I respectfully suggest/instruct that the Committee leave the wolf management to the wolf experts, excluding all input from non-expert politicians Casperson and Huuki - whose tactics are self-serving.

I add these comments to those already listed.

1. Wolves killed by trapping. You should have this on video. The wolf is rarely killed by trapping, except when strangled in a snare. Usually he is held in one or more leg-hold metal traps until such time as the trapper checks his traps and dispatches him/her/it with a gunshot. How can C and H, or any intelligent person, consider this to be a "sport" or a "recreation"?
2. Note too that the trapping process is NOT selective.
3. The wolves themselves are wildlife management tools. I don't see proponents of the hunt acknowledging the rather obvious fact that wolves serve to dispose selectively of sick deer and other game animals, thus limiting the spread of such diseases as "chronic wasting". That alone should justify protection.
4. Similarly the wolf is the most effective beaver predator - and the beaver population, aided and abetted by loggers, has done much damage to property and forests and streams. We could benefit from the presence of more wolves. If you do not get out in the woods very often - check Google airphotos.
5. Just keep self-serving politics out of wildlife management.

Thank you,

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