

Isle Royale National Park

EIS to Address the Presence of Wolves at Isle Royal National Park

Amended NOI Public Scoping Comment Period

All Correspondence Received 3/16/16 to 7/7/16

All correspondence received during the public scoping comment period is included herein.

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Correspondence: I fully support Alternative C because it provides a long-term plan of action to address, what I suspect, will be a long-term issue. Considering the concerns (accurate or not) of many outspoken U.P. of Michigan residents regarding the wolf population on the mainland, it might make the most sense to trap wolves in the U.P. and transport them to Isle Royale. This alleviates some of the concerns expressed locally and helps manage the moose population on the island. It also provides long-term stability to the ecosystem study, which has led to greater understanding of the effects of humans on the environment and the progression of disease in moose and wolves that might lead to improved treatments of similar afflictions in humans.

If, for whatever reason, Alternative C is removed as an option, I would support Alternative B, to transport wolves to the island in the short term only.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this important decision.

Correspondence ID: 2 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I feel it is a very good idea to bring wolves onto Isle Royale to help increase the wolf population. With the number of moose on there they will surely destroy the vegetation in time. I don't know if the wolves that are there would mate with wolves brought it and what would happen due to the inbreeding and health problems. I would not like to see new wolves that are healthy come on the island and kill the existing wolves because they are in such a weakened state. I was hoping to reintroduce outside wolves, hoping there is an answer. With the bad feelings towards wolves in this country I would like to see some exist on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: I feel that having wolves on the island is one of the biggest draws and most unique things about it. It increases the beauty of the island as well as adding to its wild and rugged character. Additionally, I believe that ensuring that an apex predator is present on the island is key to management. I strongly believe that wolves should be introduced to the island and that there should be wolves there for as long as it is viable for them to live there. Both alternatives b and c make a lot of sense to me, though I feel the choice between the two should be guided by the best scientific and ecological data that can be obtained.

Correspondence ID: 4 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale on several occasions and support efforts to bring more wolves to the island to protect the wolf/moose balance on the island. Though i am not a biologist, it seems likely that both wolves and moose as well as island vegetation are better off with a strong presence of wolves. MOre than that however, the presence of wolves and the islands isolation is what attracts myself and others there in the first place. Isle Royale will be a far less interesting place without wolves and since it appears that they will likely be gone without our assistance i support efforts at both increasing and strengthening their presence.

Correspondence ID: 5 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I visited Isle Royale with an educational group and visited the wolf research station where I saw the "graveyard collection" of dozens of moose skulls. I did not see a single live wolf or a moose during my visit but much evidence of moose grazing and defecation was present. I can envision great damage to the botanical varieties existing in the park if the moose herd grows without predators (WOLVES). I am a non-scientist but after carefully reading the proposals, I vote for Option C.

Correspondence ID: 6 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I feel Plan C is the most responsible approach to take. There are two species here at risk, moose are having a difficult time as it is without overgrazing the area they are in and ending up starving to death because they have no predators to control the herds. I think you should try to capture an already established pack and move them to the farthest spot away from the wolves already there.

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Correspondence: I support alternative C which means maintaining a sizable population for the next 20 years by importing wolves as necessary.

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Correspondence: After reviewing the alternatives suggested by the NPS in relation to the moose/wolf population at Isle Royale, I would suggest that Alternative C is the most reasonable method at this time.

To do nothing to intervene and/or to allow things to continue on as they are will mean an increase in the moose population to the point where they will strip or severely compromise current grazing and available vegetation. This would be similar to what happened in Yellowstone before the wolves were reintroduced. There was an overpopulation of elk- and the elk denuded vegetation in many areas because they had no natural predators to keep them moving from one area to the next- thus there was often overgrazing in one sector. Streamside vegetation became scarce, grasses were extremely overgrazed, and the whole ecosystem suffered. When wolves were reintroduced, the ecosystem underwent a drastic recovery and is now healthy once again. When an apex predator is present in an area of ungulates, they have proven to be able to keep the population in check, taking out sick, old or weakened members. This eliminates culling the herd by human means, and also makes available more vegetation that will help the moose thrive.

Correspondence ID: 9 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: After review of the alternatives I respectfully request that plan/alternative c be implemented thank you for your consideration

Correspondence ID: 10 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Last year the National Park Service (NPS) began considering a broad range of management actions as part of determining how to manage the moose and wolf populations at Isle Royale National Park for at least the next 20 years. Following public comments and additional internal deliberations, the NPS has determined that it will revise and narrow the scope of the EIS to focus on the question of whether to bring wolves to Isle Royale National Park in the near term, and if so, how to do so. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF BRINGING WOLVES TO ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK IN THE NEAR TERM.

Revised preliminary draft alternative concepts have been included in a public scoping newsletter, which is available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISROwolves>

Correspondence ID: 11 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Isle Royale remains the special place that God created because human intervention has been minimized. As a biologist, educator, and nature-lover, I respectfully urge a continued non-interventionist policy. Stand down. Allow nature to take its course. Ecosystems and organisms evolve naturally for their own betterment.

Correspondence ID: 12 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I feel that narrowing the scope of the EIS is a wise step. I support careful consideration of reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 13 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My feeling is that wolves should not be brought to Isle Royale. I would like to see the natural state of the park preserved with the interplay of wolves, moose, and vegetation unaffected by the NPS other than through routine management. The Park (area) existed long before humans landed there, and I feel the Park is a wonderful place to see how nature handles the decline of wolves, possible growth in the moose population, etc.

It is a wonderful place!

Correspondence ID: 14 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: As an engineer, a business person, a continuous improvement expert, a consultant, and equally important, an outdoor enthusiast and visitor of Isle Royale and other places and National Parks, I am in favor of taking a data-based approach to the wolf population on Isle Royale. There is a delicate balance, no doubt, on the island, and its population of predators and prey most likely needs some catalysts from time to time to keep that balance in order to keep the park a viable one for visitors to enjoy.

The only way I would recommend and support this balancing process is through Alternative D. This is the only data-based approach using sound science, statistics, and analysis of metrics to drive decisions. None of the other alternatives serve the purpose of managing the balance or offer any ongoing methods of assessing needs. Alternative A does not provide for a likely balancing process. Alternative B is a "shot in the arm" but does nothing for maintaining the balance. Alternative C's "as often as needed" doesn't sound like it has any real plan in place. Alternative D allows for letting nature take its course while being flexible enough to keep a balance based on metrics.

Correspondence ID: 15 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Vote alternative A no interaction. Lessons will be learnt about wolf role by following what happens when it has no role any more. But after ten years without wolf I suggest to abandon the special restrictions on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 16 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have commented before about the wolf situation on Isle Royale. As a long time visitor and life member, I value the island as a great place to visit, bringing a third generation of children, teaching them the importance of protecting Isle Royale and all its inhabitants. I believe Alternative C would be the best choice. I don't think culling the moose is the answer as long as predators are brought back in. Killing the wolves in the lower peninsula while letting the IR wolves disappear is not the answer. Neither is killing the moose because they are coming back in numbers. The old "balance" needs some help, as it did for the Sawtooth wolfpack out west. While we as a people are destroying many of the areas where these animals, we must make sure that they survive also. If we can cull, we can certainly restock.

Correspondence ID: 17 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: To create a balance between moose and the island environment, wolves should be introduced.

Correspondence ID: 18 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would like to see Alternative A the no action let nature take its course selection.

Correspondence ID: 19 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would be in favor of plan "A"...no intervention. Initially that was the mindset in the preceding years that I have visited the island and what I understood was that the definition of a "biosphere " was no intervention and that is what I think should be the approach.

Correspondence ID: 20 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I strongly favor Alternative C. Waiting would make restoration more difficult and costly and the additional bureaucratic costs of Alternative B are high. With man made climate change upon us it is unlikely that a one time reintroduction of wolves is all that would be necessary to safeguard the ecosystems on the Island.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Robyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 21 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think Alternative C is the best choice. My personal preference would be for Alternative B, in all honesty. I think that would comport most closely with the NPS' hands-off management policies. However, I have followed the wolf/moose study carefully for the past decade or so, and I believe that the three things which collectively doomed the prior wolf population (the distemper outbreak, wolves falling down a mine shaft and drowning, and climate-change related lack of ice bridges to permit regular migration) are human-related and remain real and distinct threats to any future wolf population. For that reason, I think the park service needs to not only replenish the current population, but remain open to future additional intervention as well.

Correspondence ID: 22 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The solution to the coming overpopulation of moose on the island is so obvious that I can not understand the delay in transplanting a viable and healthy selection of wolves to the island. Starting in 1951 I have visited the "crown jewel" of Lake Superior many times and I worry about inaction on the part of people who should be taking action instead of funding more studies.

Correspondence ID: 23 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Thank you for inviting me to comment. Isle Royale is a landmark wilderness national park like Yosemite and Yellowstone and is unique in that it is an island, accessible from the continental US. One day, I hope that my son will be able to share in the beauty of Isle Royale and the wolves that live there. It is up to us to preserve those opportunities for us and future generations.

We've learned that we already waited too long to intervene. Hindsight is 20/20, but please learn the lesson. Wildlife conservation management is just that - the active management of wildlife to maintain ecological balance. Without it, you will lose Isle Royale.

This is as much about preserving the ecology of Isle Royale as it is wolves and moose. Without the wolf to balance moose, the *entire* park is at risk.

The ecology of Isle Royale has evolved to integrate and rely on both species that migrated naturally to the island. Isolated island ecosystems are particularly fragile with limited numbers of species and few opportunities for new species introduction.

The demise of the wolf population was caused by a parvovirus from an illegally brought in dog, a completely artificial source. At that time, measures for intervention should have been fully vetted.

** Please strongly consider Alternative C **

Alternative C, to reintroduce wolves and actively oversee the population, is the best option and is most likely to succeed in preserving the wildlife of Isle Royale. This option has the potential to be the most flexible and adaptive approach and is most likely to succeed. Please also consider oversight not just for 20 years, but in perpetuity.

While Alternative B may seem most like an ice bridge migration, to walk away after a one time introduction would be irresponsible. Determining the appropriate number of wolves to release or more importantly that thrive is vital and is much harder to do with a one time release.

Alternative D was already the current course and we are now having to weigh Alternatives B and C. The stated threshold was when the wolves can no longer reproduce or remain viably sustainable.

Alternative A, "Doing nothing" would have destroyed the island and national park completely long ago.

Please consult with researchers preliminary planning and possible outcomes for both Alternatives B and C and the picture may become clearer between the two. My preference still stands as it seems the most ecologically responsible for the welfare of Isle Royals, however I see considerable support for Alternative B in the public comments and it would help to weigh that.

If climate changes do make the island less supportive of moose populations, as research show the wolf population will still find a balance. However, the moose may also adapt as many ruminants do. Ruminants are highly adaptive when it comes to changes in forage, not to mention opportunistically omnivorous. (With Alternative C, you have the opportunity to follow if climate changes will change sustainability. With Alternative B, you do not.)

With moose, we should be careful of overpopulation issues seem with similar ruminants like white tailed deer, herd behavioral changes, population gender imbalance, impact and loss of plant species from broadening of food sources, overbrowsing effects on bird population.

Lastly, the NPS is lucky that to have plenty of valuable research and researchers already at its disposal on this. Do not delay as more harm will come of inaction, then action and corrective actions.

Correspondence ID: 24 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Dear Review Board
I am in favor of option c.

People go to Isle Royal to see and hear wolves. This is my objective when I go there. Currently the moose population will go unchecked with only two wolves on the island. This will be destructive to certain ecosystems that will be overgrazed by moose. The current wolf population of two needs new blood in it in order to genetically survive. Why not take some of the wolves that are being exterminated and translocate them to Isle Royal. I realize this will be expensive, but I believe that people go to this national Park for the experience of the wolves. For this reason it is economically important to have them there. I also think it makes more sense to take a species, just delisted, and give them a second chance. To offset the cost of trans locating you could sell tranquilizer darted wolf hunts at an expensive price to the public. I have seen this practice at work in Namibia, with the rhinos that need to be translocated from their overpopulated sanctuary to another location needing rhinos. Thank you to considering my opinions most sincerely Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 25 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 11:11:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Should wolf be introduced I suggest to base the future population on only one male and one female. It has been very interesting to note the relative small effect on the very high inbreeding. Actually I suggest that the end of population was caused by other factors than inbreeding, which was unexpected, but is it reproducible?

Correspondence ID: 26 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In 1965, while in college, I led my first group of 13-15 year olds on a hiking trip from a Michigan YMCA camp to Isle Royale. Since that first trip I have returned many times with youth, friends, my children and now my grand children. I've also been a strong supporter of preserving wilderness and the importance of minimizing the impact of humans on the few precious places in the world where our species has not overrun the others. I have followed, with great interest, the ongoing scientific studies that have taken place in this unique wilderness laboratory.

At this critical point in the both the science and saga of the wolves, moose, plants and other animals of Isle Royale I believe the Park Service should treat Isle Royale as an exception and allow the introduction of wolves from outside the park to lessen the effect of inbreeding on the wolf population. I favor Alternative B.

It is apparent that inbreeding is likely to end up with the extinction of the Isle Royale wolves. This will have a destabilizing effect on Moose, other animals, and especially on the plant life of the island. A reintroduction of wolves at a later time might help. This approach, however, would lose the genetic contribution of the wolves who have been on the Island for the past 60 years. Extinction and reintroduction would also be less helpful to the ongoing research on the moose-wolf-plant-fauna relationships.

I understand and support the general rule of 'as little human intervention as possible' in wilderness areas. As with all general rules, sometimes exceptions are wise. Isle Royale is truly a unique situation. Allowing minimal introduction of outside wolves for genetic variation would not undercut the principle of non-intervention in all wilderness areas. Rather, it would be the best course toward responsible stewardship of both scientific knowledge and Isle Royale's plant and animal residents.

Correspondence ID: 27 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The alternatives A and D suggest the current state of affairs, which is perceived by the vast majority of people as typical political and power posturing, including the comments last year purporting that in so many words "we will not be rushed into any decision, but will take due process to determine what to do next." The comments in quotes here are just a summation of the condensending, arrogant attitude that was reflected in those comments, and is a typical political and power grab response from someone who actually perpetuates the common public perception. That perception is that this is not about the best interests of the ecosystem, but is more about the power positions and political panderings that occur with an incompetent government that allows dragging of feet and scared people that tend to paralyze any action, instead continuing public forums and meetings and "process" panderings that continue to delay any real benefit. Incompetence hides behind "public information gathering," as a way to justify why nothing is done.

The OBVIOUS common sense choices are B or C in the 4 alternatives, since that would allow a few wolves that are in abundance in other areas to be introduced to the island. It would be a win-win since there is talk of actually hunting wolves in other areas, with ranchers and farmers having issues.

This I know has actually already been offered by those close to the island issue, but the powers that be declined those offers to help rectify the situation.

Powers that be need to get off their high horse and realize it is a simple island ecosystem, that man intrudes every time he sets foot there anyhow, and they would look a lot better in the public eye by DOING something, rather than spitting out rhetoric and creating red tape all too typical of governmental incompetence. Rather than continuing to lose respect, the people involved might gain some respect if they took proper actual action. The public does not get convinced when comments are made that "we continue to monitor and study the problem." No one listens and goes, "oh, they are doing what they can. What great leaders!"

It is frustrating to see a National Park that is so unique being supervised by such out of touch administrators.

Correspondence ID: 28 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support Alternative D. The Park Service should let the natural process continue and if the wolves die out, they die out. There should be a trigger mechanism that would signal a time to intervene with the introduction of more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 29 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I am in support of alternative C, allowing more than one wolf introduction over an extended time period. This will allow the park service to intervene as needed over the next 20 years. Wolves have played a valuable part in the ecosystem on the island. There is already evidence of how the small number of wolves are affecting the moose population and the vegetation on the island. Based on the slow response by the NPS to even determine if introducing new wolves to the island should be done, despite the long independent study of the island wolves already in place, a one time introduction (alternative B) may not be the best alternative. If by some chance the first introduction does not work, I don't believe the NPS will take up the issue again. There is a history of a failed attempt. Years ago wolves from the Detroit Zoo were used and it did not go well. Sadly the last two wolves probably will not be around by the time the new wolves are introduced. These are living animals and no one knows for sure if one introduction would be successful. However, an island is a great place to try.

Correspondence ID: 30 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I'd vote for option A. But if the wolves become extinct on the island, a new Hunter/moose study could be initiated similar to the wolf/moose study currently in place. Another alternative if the wolves on the island become extinct would be to relocate all of the wolves in the UP to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 31 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Because the chances of wolves or other predators from the mainland crossing an ice bridge to Isle Royale seem to be decreasing over time (due to warmer temperatures), and because the large moose population, left unchecked, will destroy the plant life on the island, changing the ecosystem, I feel strongly that the NPS should reintroduce or bolster the wolf population on Isle Royale and continue to ensure a population of wolves on Isle Royale into the future. I would ask that Option C be adopted and wolves brought to the island as soon as possible.

Correspondence ID: 32 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support option. C.

Correspondence ID: 33 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The National Park Service announced it will limit a study on the future of Isle Royale National Park to the question of whether to reintroduce wolves, but not consider the moose population or island vegetation.

Please introduce wolves to Isle Royale now. The likely extinction of the remaining Isle Royale wolf pack will cause a continued increase in the moose heard and this in turn will damage island vegetation, including to the thimbleberry.

Correspondence ID: 34 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: It appears good deal of time and money is going into the IRNP wolf decision. I say, too much of each. By the end of '17, when wolves could be reintroduced...there will be none on the Island. If the goal is to have a clean genetic slate...just shoot them and get on with the repopulation. It never ceases to amaze me how complicated the Fed Gov can make a rather simple cost effective decision. It is no wonder Donal Trump is doing so well.

Correspondence ID: 35 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have taken 25 7th graders to Isle Royale the past 2 years (this May will be our 3rd). We had the opportunity to listen to Rolf & Candy Peterson give a lecture at our campsite last year about their wolf/moose study. To say the least that is the quietest my students have ever been! After reading their books and listening to them talk I believe that alternative C would be the best option for Isle Royale. Keeping the wolf population at a higher number will also keep the moose population in check. My students always get to walk through the moose "exclosure" to see how much damage they do to the plants & trees on the island and they are always shocked! I feel like if the NPS doesn't step in to keep the moose population under control that there will be no park left because of the over grazing. Overgrazing is prevented on federal land that is rented out to ranchers, why aren't they preventing it at the National Park Level????

Correspondence ID: 36 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: My understanding is there are 2, possible 3 wolves left on Isle Royale. I strongly believe wolves should be re-introduced on Isle Royale. Mainly, because many of the reasons the population has decreased is DUE to HUMANS AND HUMAN ACTIVITY. Romeo and his two companions drowned in a man-made well. The virus was brought to the island by man and dog. The three wolves that crossed the ice bridge last Spring that were hounded by aircraft and decided to leave and go back to the mainland. It was said the plane did not bother the new wolves, but these mainland wolves would not have been as accustomed to aircraft as the Isle Royale wolves are. I can't help but think being buzzed by aircraft weighed heavily in their decision to leave Isle Royale. Just to name a few...

Common sense tells me that the moose will over-take the vegetation on the island, causing erosion, etc... The natural balance that wolves maintain of the moose population needs to stay in check. The attraction wolves generate by being present on the island to the public is also important. They have naturally been there for how many years? Now that "global warming" rarely allows and ice bridge for wolves to naturally land on the island, let's do the right thing to maintain the balance and natural cycle of the way it should be and historically has been on the island. Predator and prey, left alone to live as they were intended.

Let's take this opportunity to UN-DO some of the harm caused by HUMANS on the island. This is our opportunity to make a difference and restore the moose/wolf relationship as it once was before humans intervened!!

Correspondence ID: 37 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Hi, I visited the park when I was in high school almost 20 years ago and really enjoyed the wilderness. One of the things I remember the guides telling us is the changing populations of wolves and moose. I understand there is climate change going on, but it's sad to hear the wolf population is as low as it is.

In my opinion, I think you guys should make an effort to bring back the wolf population. Instead of removing life (moose), add wolves and let them repopulate (a hope that climate treats them right). This should be done "the right way", but you have a lot of experts available to do this

Correspondence ID: 38 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I am a misplaced Michigander who lives in northern New York and I am an ordinary person who just happens to love nature. I fell in love with the wolves of Yellowstone National Park who I happened to see on a PBS Nature program a few years ago. I have since tried to follow the study of the Isle Royal wolves on facebook updates. Please introduce new healthy wolves to the island. What can it hurt? It would just be a nice thing to do. And the 2 existing wolves might appreciate the help they would get while trying to bring down a moose for some food! Thank you in advance!

Correspondence ID: 39 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Option C - Bring in as many wolves as necessary to maintain the ecological balance. Starving moose are not something I want to be faced with, which is likely in an unchecked environment.

Correspondence ID: 40 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please refer to my earlier comments. Alternative C. appears to me to be the only defensible alternative. You refer in it to best available science and professional judgement. I am familiar with both of those, and they solidly support restoration of a functional population of wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 41 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: It's time to take some action. Two and a half years to make an emergency decision is ludicrous and borders on incompetence. You should be ashamed by your foot dragging.

The problem with the wolf population is man-made so this is no longer a pristine population to study no matter what you do. Take action to maintain a predator-prey relationship that is sustainable. Introduce the necessary number of wolves to revitalize this unique, dynamic park.

Correspondence ID: 42 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Preserve the moose (the Isle Royale population is doing well, the MN/Ontario are not) - and to maintain a viable moose population you need the wolves - so put some wolves out on Isle Royale NOW!!! I think you have had plenty of advise, was it not about 90% i favor of adding wolves? - so stop diddling around and just do it!

Correspondence ID: 43 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The wolves should be protected. They are part of this country... from the begining.

Correspondence ID: 44 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The proof that wolves did not inhabit the island prior to 65 years ago is?

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Correspondence: I am against transporting wolves to the island. The island is supposed to be a wilderness area and treated as such. There is not a better place to continue the natural studies of our ecological system. Importing wolves will disrupt the natural studies so in the future and other areas we can see how things work. If wolves are transported in the designation of a wilderness area may as well be dropped and we will be messing with the natural ecological system. Too many times when humans do something they feel helpful over the long term it proves to be detrimental.

Correspondence ID: 46 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please consider bringing/introducing new/additional wolves to Isle Royale.

There are many reasons to do this.... as the top predator they would keep the escalating moose population in check. Thus if the moose population is balanced the vegetation on Isle Royale will be restored also.

As to how to bring the wolves back to Isle Royale, Rolf Peterson/Thomas Hurst who have been involved with the wolf moose study, would be excellent sources on how to achieve bringing additional wolves to Isle Royale.

Thank you considering my comments.

Sincerely, Candy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 47 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:27:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I hope that you will reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale National Park. Without them the moose will detrimentally effect the habitat. Even if you chose instead to let human predators come in and shoot them it would not keep the moose and plants as healthy. Scientists noted tremendous improvement in Yellowstone Park after the wolves came back. They improved living conditions for a number of creatures as well as plants. Please reintroduce more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 48 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:33:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs and Madams of the Park Service at Isle Royale,

I am an artist and will someday submit my information and work for the park so that I may be considered an Artist-In-Residence in the park. However, one of the reasons why I wish to do service there is because I have heard that the wolves and moose thrive there in a natural environment. It is time for all humans to re-wild our hearts and co-habitate in nature with wild animals, especially the wolves. We are not merely stewards of the wild animals, but we importantly find connection and wisdom from living in a natural world and with wild animals. If most people come from a city or town area; an area that is

cultivated for man's benefit and comfort, we have lost the connection to nature and to the wild animals who we have so much to learn from. that is why it is so important to allow wolves and other animals to thrive there in the Isle Royale area. Please allow and re-instate the wolves in that area.

ALLOW THEM to co-exist there AS THEY WILL BRING MANY, MANY PEOPLE TO THE ISLE ROYALE AND INCREASE YOUR FUNDING AS A RESULT.

Thank you very much for reading these words in favor of the wolves at Isle Royale,



Correspondence ID: 49 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:39:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I don't understand why the NPS says they do not interfere and just lets nature take it's course. Humans have hurt the ecosystem for years and if there is a chance to protect it by reintroducing wolves then do it. Especially since the wolves in the Rocky Mountain region are currently being hunted and delisted.

Put wolves back on Isle Royale. That is the only place in the U.S where they are truly safe.

A century ago it was reindeer and lynx on the island. Woodland reindeer. It would of been nice to of reintroduced them back when there was a chance as well. Don't make another mistake.

Correspondence ID: 50 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:43:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have submitted comments previously. I am in favor of a restoration of the wolves for a limited period of time (36 months). Humans have created the situation where the wild population has failed (Parvo and mine shafts) Let's give back enough to restore that needed balance.

Correspondence ID: 51 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:46:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I believe Alternative C would provide the best chance for continued wolf presence on Isle Royale. At this point in time, it has been established that wolves are beneficial to the island ecology, and interesting to national park visitors. Keeping a population of wolves on the island as long as possible therefore would seem to have no downside.

Correspondence ID: 52 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:48:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C appears to be the best choice for management of the Isle Royale ecosystem. Even though the plan involves periodic introduction of addition wolves, it is leaves open the option for the plan to evolve or be amended as needed. A healthy ecosystem requires a balance of herbivores and carnivores as well as a variety of plant and insect species.

I am a master gardener in Florida. I am not a trained biologist. But I am a long-time observer of nature. The time for no intervention in Isle Royale is long past. Too few wolves will result in too many herbivores. Loss of habitat will affect insect, bird and plant species both in Isle Royale and the surrounding areas.

Correspondence ID: 53 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:49:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, please bring in some new blood for the wolves. I believe the island should be as self-sufficient as possible. Plant native fruits, nuts and berries. Clear out any invasives and bring in more wolves through live trapping. (Trap them from areas where sadistic soulless people are killing them. Like in Idaho where the dumbasses shoot them from aircraft). Let the island return to nature and monitor it to keep out invasive species. It is a treasure and if not treated as such it will be one more loss of an irreplaceable gem!

Correspondence ID: 54 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:49:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been following this issue and personally feel that option C would be best for Isle Royale. It is my hope that you will choose to keep wolves on the isle for the foreseeable future.

Correspondence ID: 55 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:50:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think wolves are very important parts of the environment. The ecosystem need large carnivores to keep the balance. Every time, when wolves came to a land, where no wolves lived before, the ecosystem healed, the vegetation had a chance to regenerative time. Without wolves you must make some costly interventions, and this not only 1 time, but permanently. What kind of choice would i prefer? B or C. The wolf population today on Isle-Royale needs some freshblood in genetics.

Correspondence ID: 56 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 14:58:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor the reestablishment of the wolves through importing them from other places. Wolves need packs to hunt moose. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 57 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:11:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support option C which calls for ongoing replenishment of the Isle Royale wolf population over a twenty year time period. Having been to Isle Royale 34 times I have come to see this park as a touchstone place. I believe that the absence of wolves will have dire consequences for the moose population. Without a predator to control moose population growth I fear that a complete over browsing of the island will result. The moose population will eventually crash with a significant die off much like the catastrophic one that occurred in the 1930's. In addition, the absence of wolves will result in much greater human intervention to cull moose and stage burns. In the long run reintroducing wolves, albeit human intervention, will allow the island to maintain its wilderness milieu far better than other options.

Correspondence ID: 58 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:18:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As an avid National Park visitor, I have witnessed wildlife in many parks and have enjoyed photographing them. I feel that the National Park system in this country is something that is exceptional. We have set aside land and preserved it not only for the future of humans, but for the future of the wildlife itself. Not just animals, but trees, flora, fauna, water, fish, birds....so many species have the chance to survive because of the efforts of the NPS and the American people. I visited Isle Royale, and while I never spotted a moose or a wolf, I found the Isle to be a fascinating location and the wolf/moose study a very intriguing part of that visit. While I admit the NPS efforts to "do nothing" has probably been good in most parks, I am very disheartened by the fact this park may be devastated by the growing moose population that have NO PLACE to go, and I cannot support the NPS on this decision. I have similar regrets about the devastation of the bark beetle in Denali. I supported the Florida panther re-introduction, and I supported the wolf re-introduction in Yellowstone. We brought these back from not only near extinction, but back to the American lands and it's people. The biggest difference I can see between this Isle and other parks is that in other parks wolf could "roam" in and moose could "roam" out. Either would be difficult to rare on the Isle. I cannot support doing nothing. I support Alternative C, Alternative B as a second choice. The NPS simply cannot allow the moose or the Isle to suffer this irreversible consequence.

Correspondence ID: 59 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:23:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 60 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:25:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Phyllis Green,
Please consider what Yellowstone has done to bring wolves back to their territory back in 1995. They are thriving and it is the natural way of prey to predator to predator, that the population is naturally managed. The ecosystem has greatly improved since they have been re-instated there. It was man's mistake and ignorance that they were killed and made extinct for so many years ago.

Please go with ALTERNATIVE C !!!!



Correspondence ID: 61 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:29:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a lifelong environmentalist and animal rights activist, attempting to speak for non-human sentient creatures
From everything I am reading wolves are an extremely important part of the health of our ecosystems. I strongly urge you to introduce them!
Thanks for taking my comment into consideration!

Correspondence ID: 62 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:29:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative C which proposes bringing wolves to Isle Royal as often as needed for a period of 20 years in order to establish and maintain a viable population of apex predators. Time is of the essence as the presence of just 2 wolves in February 2016 makes it highly unlikely that the current population will survive.

Ensuring that the influx of wolves is implemented in accordance with expert scientific guidance will enable their survival as part of a healthy and self-sustaining ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 63 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:31:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As previously stated, Isle Royale offers no ingress or egress for any land species to complete genetic transfer exchanges to insure healthy survival of their kind. It will be a continuation of the status quo, inbreeding. That is a selfish band aid meant only to appease people w/ no consideration of the animal's welfare whatsoever. That is not what conservation is about. 2nd and third generations will have no choice but to inbreed. The moose are experiencing this as we speak. To fix a problem w/ another problem doesn't make sense, it's called covering up our errors. Some sort of bridge system has to be enacted for this to work the way nature intended. Whether it's a tangible actual bridge or created man-made islands so animals can swim short distances to island hop to the mainland or supervised relocation of animals in and out doesn't matter. I would advise not to import moose at this time because of parasites, CWD, EHD, BTV, and Lymes. W/ in 3 years, the moose will all be dead. Maybe that is one solution, but we have created enough evil towards all animals as is. Protecting the ecosystem of the isle is imperative too. A bridge is the only viable answer to glean the real solution to all concerns. Anything less is only creating more future problems and continuing our malpractice of animal welfare. The LWCF is the perfect fund once legislature deletes all the tax loopholes and shelters industries have of eluding this tax. They are responsible for the melting of the ice bridge, they need to pay for it. Easy words to say, quite another in action. A bridge is a one-time payment. Continued studies and efforts are an everyday charge...salaries, time, etc., all that can only arrive at one conclusion, No answer. We have only had 50 years to figure this out, 50 years of some pretty high salaries many times over. Doing the same time over and over expecting different results is the definition of insanity. If we are to be accountable in any fashion, it's time to move in a direction of permanent solution. If you can't do to humans what is being done to animals, you are in the wrong field of employment. That is not meant as a slur to all involved, it's a general statement that includes all projects globally. We know you are underfunded and understaffed. You have to answer to bosses in DC and hear what they don't want to. Special interest groups own your bosses and you're caught in the middle. Not my intention to demean you in any way. Thank you for allowing me to share my views.

Correspondence ID: 64 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:36:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Alternative C is the best one to deal with the wolf/moose/vegetation equation on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 65 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:42:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor option C, and the wolves to be relocated should be those that would otherwise be subject to killing, either due to being labeled as dangerous to livestock, or as an alternative to state-sanctioned hunting.

Correspondence ID: 66 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:46:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider transplanting the wolves targeted for removal or slaughter to the Island. Consider doing this in association with wildlife biologists as to create the best possible outcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lauri [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 67 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:54:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do believe that is necessary to intervene and introduce new wolves to Isle Royale. Perhaps a mated pair? Then let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 68 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 15:57:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Due to the fact there has been an existing population of wolves on this island for many years, and their presence has provided a predator/prey relation with the existing moose herd, their present dwindling numbers should be supplemented as needed to grow and maintain a healthy pack.

Correspondence ID: 69 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 16:04:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are vital for the health of the moose herd, & the moose are an integral part of the island eco-system. Please introduce "fresh" Wolves to expand the population's gene pool.

Correspondence ID: 70 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 16:10:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It was very difficult to understand what changed in your new proposals. A summary of that would have been nice. I still support Alternative C since D seems to leave too much unknown or is just not well developed at this time.

Correspondence ID: 71 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 16:44:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to comment on the issue the National Park Service (NPS) is considering: whether to introduce wolves to supplement the population on Isle Royale.

My opinion is yes, wolves should be saved from the mainland where they might otherwise be killed by hunters/trappers, and relocated to Isle Royale. I like moose, too, but if the moose overrun the island, then hunters will just be brought in for them. So, better to let nature manage it.

I know that technically this is humans interfering, but if done minimally, with a small number of wolves, then it seems minimally invasive on the part of human involvement.

I agree otherwise wilderness should be left alone, so take this small step, but then step back and watch, and do not seek to actively manage the population otherwise. Thank you for the chance to comment.

Correspondence ID: 72 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 17:00:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I cringed when I saw that I could comment on how the wolves should be "managed"; the bias here is very prescient and connotes a response that it is a given that they will be "managed". I can only hope that "managing" the wolves and moose also means a "hands-off" policy as is stated in Option A. We must do nothing to upset this fragile balance; even if it means one scientist would not be able to study the wolves if and when there are no more on the island. We must remember that this is an Island ecosystem that is really not that big. The long experiment since the early 50's has proven that the area is not big enough for generation after generation of wolves to survive in this place. We must not manipulate this area to appease a scientist or the desire of visitors to hear wolves at night in their campgrounds. Yes, that is magical, but so is leaving nature alone to its own devices and letting nature take its course. It could have some very surprising solutions for the current dilemma. For example, when moose overran the area, they died and their carcasses and their impending smell brought wolves to the island for an over 60 year stint. We do not know what magical surprises there are to come just by leaving it alone. To manipulate is to bring out own biases and solutions to the fore. It doesn't offer a solution, just more "management". Yes management into oblivion. We need to stop this and listen to nature and what it is trying to tell us. A great solution that may not be our own is in the offing if we are wise to let it happen.

Correspondence ID: 73 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 17:07:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale should be turned over to the State of Michigan for all future ownership management and regulation. No wolves should be brought to the island as it is not suitable for them long term. There current inevitable decline has been used as an excuse by dubious "researchers" as an excuse to promote carbon hysteria. The moose population should be managed through hunting under the discretion of the MI DNR with voter input.

Correspondence ID: 74 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 17:22:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: WOLVES are an integral part of the ecosystem/environment. The majority of Americans and science want the natural balance of the ecosystem/environment to be restored/maintained and preserved/conserved (consistent with your mission statement). I also worship God (as most Americans do) and we have been Commanded to be Guardians. Inotherwords, whatever you have to do to have and maintain a thriving community of WOLVES IS YOUR PRIORITY. The ecosystem/environment thrives ONLY when WOLVES are present. They keep undulate herds moving (predating on the sick and old) and keep those herds thriving as well as the trees and vegetation and songbirds etc

Correspondence ID: 75 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 17:22:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With the current "management" of wolves meaning killing of wolves by state DNR agencies, and the threatening possibility of wolves being taken off the Endangered Species List Isle Royale could be a bright light at the end of the tunnel for the remaining wolves in the lower 48 states. Isle Royale is a closed system so to speak where wolves can't step beyond a boundary line, and be shot on site as has happened outside of Yellowstone National Park so many many times.

Are we interfering with the natural balance of things by reintroducing more wolves? I think not. We have caused an unnatural stoppage of wolves moving to the island by our major role in the global warming problem. We've virtually eliminated the natural ice bridges that used to occur on a regular basis giving the wolves a means of travel to Isle Royale.

In these present times of our history as human beings, the other creatures of the earth need our help from time to time. We can't have black or white guidelines to follow anymore. We need to address problems as they occur.

Bring in more wolves to the Island and if need be bring in more in the future. Help keep the balance that we so successfully screwed up.

Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 76 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 17:26:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see wolves re-introduced as in alternative C over the long term. As a biologist and someone who has long favored native plant ecosystems I believe it is vitally important that wolves are part of Isle Royale to control moose populations and keep the Isle Royale system in balance. I recently visited the island as a student to learn more about native plants in that area. After seeing the tremendous diversity and condition of the island I am convinced that wolves should and must be a part of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 77 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 17:30:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Plan C, without a doubt. Protect the wolves, protect the moose, protect the whole ecosystem. Read Aldo Leopold's "Thinking Like a Mountain" for his comment on what happens when the ecosystem is deprived of this apex predator and the GreenFire dies.

Correspondence ID: 78 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:05:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of the NPS reintroducing wolves on Isle Royale. The park is beautiful and a wonderful example of the predator/prey balance. While I usually agree that humans should not interfere with nature, I would love to see the balance restored. Human activity has already disrupted the natural cycle of events. Please consider bringing some healthy wolves to the park.

Correspondence ID: 79 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:22:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would urge you to consider and adopt Alternative C. This option will ensure the balance of wolf and moose populations as well as protect the plant and tree growth on the Island. The necessity of intervention is indicated because of the influence of man on our natural environment with global warming and the reality of ice bridges forming for natural migration of the wolves to and from the island. This action would be similar to the continued support of the wild horses on the Outer banks in North Carolina. Please reintroduce wolves and help to maintain healthy packs by reintroducing new wolves when necessary so that future generations can enjoy and learn about the environment. It will also ensure the future of a natural habitat and wildlife that may not otherwise survive in our ever-changing world. Thank you of your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 80 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:34:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The problem started when man became the managerial steward of wildlife and has shown since that little has been solved. Nature had done better before we intruded on its wisdom. We manage wildlife into submission and even into extinction by crude means of slaughter with no resolve but to start all over when the species you didn't slaughter becomes over-populated. The killing is immoral and unethical. And it is a means of allowing the blood lust of the real culprits who unbalance nature, the hunter who hunts for trophies and the jolly joy of killing. The killing is a stain on our country as killing contests feed small brained narcissism of the most or biggest kill and trophy heads are stuffed for crudely hanging on walls.

No one trusts the madness that is known as wildlife management. And for all the right reasons. This is out of control and, if a vote were taken, it would be put out of business. THIS MADNESS MUST STOP.

Correspondence ID: 81 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:40:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's evident from the research and presentations by researchers on Isle Royale that a healthy and vibrant predator/prey equilibrium is required in order for the island ecosystem to stay in balance.

The question remains if this balance occurs in terms of a human lifetime or some other cycle of nature that is still to be studied and understood. In addition the new variable of human induced climate change plays into that cycle.

Regardless, I pray some respect for both a healthy flora and fauna and an ecosystem will be attempted to the best of our ability's and knowledge at this point in time.

Yours in Scouting and Respectfully submitted,

Correspondence ID: 82 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:44:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that if there is to be a continued moose population on the island, then there should also be a continued wolf population to keep the moose in check. Otherwise, in time you will have an overpopulation of moose, leading to disease and starvation just like what the island experienced some sixty years ago. The hard part will be getting the wolves, getting them to the island, getting them to stay, and most important, getting them to socialize, (alpha male on down) and becoming pack animals in order to survive, especially the harsh winters. At this point, I don't feel that it really matters as to what led to the wolves' demise whether it was from inbreeding, the virus or something else. The wolf/moose dynamics on Isle Royale is the only one of its' kind known in the world, or that was the case, and we shouldn't allow it to simply disappear. WE SHOULD GO FOR IT!!

Correspondence ID: 83 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:47:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Only alternative A should be considered. if not all the past work and future studies of wolf - moose - ecosystem interactions absent of human interaction would me nothing and have no scientific merit. This special place should be study only as is, there is no other place around where this can be done

Correspondence ID: 84 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 18:47:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C. A continuous, as needed maintenance wolf population would ensure a strong genetic pool for generations of wolves. In turn, this would successfully restore the proper ecology to Isle Royale.

Any delay in this initiative would bring further degradation to ecosystem, flirting with possible irreversible damage.

Correspondence ID: 85 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 19:36:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been coming to Isle Royale for quite some time now. I have hiked every foot of every hiking trail on the Island- -most of them 3-4 times. I have also hiked every foot of every portage that you can reach without using a canoe or kayak. I have camped at almost every hiking campsite on the Island. I have visited all campsites- -except those which are only accessible by canoe or kayak.

In regard to the "Isle Royale Wolves EIS Public Scoping Newsletter":

I am strongly in favor of Alternative C. "The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision."

My secondary preference is Alternative B: "The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36 month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision."

I believe that these two options are the wisest and most ecologically sound options. They essentially maintain the ecosystem of the island in a way which most closely reflects the situation which has existed for the last 65 years (with the exception that wolves would be imported intentionally- -instead of it being left to chance).

Correspondence ID: 86 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 19:48:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Unfortunately Global Warming has changed the game...Please implement Alternative C. The natural ice bridges are not as frequent and diversity among the wolves is suffering.

Correspondence ID: 87 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 19:56:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: you don't have to be a rocket scientist to see that adding a few wolves will be the easiest solution

Correspondence ID: 88 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 20:01:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to implement Alternative C - bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed to maintain a population for at least 20 years. This would be a science based decision. Years of study by Peterson and others have confirmed the wolf/moose/vegetation dynamics. Listen to these scientists and bring wolves back to Isle Royale.

Warmer temperatures in the recent decades have meant that there were fewer opportunities for wolves to naturally find their way to Isle Royale over the winter ice to maintain the genetic diversity needed for a viable wolf population. I agree with the vast majority of scientists that this warming is human caused - so we humans must take steps to correct the problem this has caused for Isle Royale.

The reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone has been successful, with input from those who have studied the wolves and moose of Isle Royale, I would expect success on the Island as well.

I have been fortunate to backpack on Isle Royale four times. I hope to return again - and see the dynamic habitat in which the wolves play such a large part.

Correspondence ID: 89 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 20:03:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the NPS should go with Alternative A (No-Action Alternative). The beauty, nature and essence of Isle Royale is that it is a wilderness that has been left alone and untouched. Nature is causing the wolves to die off, let's continue to see what nature will do. Humans should not interfere.

Isle Royale and NPS has enforced rules of not introducing external forms of nature by prohibiting the use of live baits or bringing pets like dogs to the park. Changing these rules & introducing wolves is hypocritical and only seems to serve the researchers. There is no scientific evidence that the park will be over browsed, it is only a theory. There is the possibility that wolves could come over on their own and reestablish a population. That has been proven that it can happen and is fact (not theory). Let's give that a chance first.

If you change the natural world of Isle Royale and decide to introducing foreign animals to Isle Royale, then where does it stop? Elk once roamed the island, why not bring them back. What about deer? Bear?

Lastly, introducing wolves is not the only way to control over browsing. Special moose hunting seasons could be established which could raise thousand of dollars for maintaining campgrounds, docks & trails. It is an option.

Please let nature take its course on Isle Royale. Where else in the world do we get to experience a land where man isn't interfering?

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Correspondence: It seems like Alternative "C" would make the most sense. Keeping up two to three packs of wolves would keep the moose population down and save the vegetation environment from deforestation by moose. The island is big enough for two or three packs of wolves but they must not be able to survive the harsh climate. Perhaps wolves could be imported from the most severe climates like the upper Rockies. Twenty years would be a good amount of time to see if Alternative "C" would be viable and sustainable. Please consider Alternative "C" for your long term plan.

Correspondence ID: 91 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: GENTLEMEN:

WITH REFERENCE TO THE WOLF SITUATION ON ISLE ROYALE TODAY, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT YOU PUBLISHED - I WISH TO OBJECT VERY STRONGLY.

MY FIRST REACTION WAS TO REMARK THAT THE PERSONS WHO PUT IT TOGETHER KNEW NEXT TO NOTHING ABOUT WOLVES, WITNESS THE TERM "HERD" USED REPEATEDLY TO DESCRIBE A GROUP OF THEM. MY OPINION IS THAT THE ERROR DISQUALIFIES BOTH THE WRITERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE SUPERIORS. NONE OF THEM APPEAR TO KNOW MUCH ABOUT WOLVES, SO THE NOTICE SHOULD BE CANCELLED.

ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE, AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THOSE RESEARCHERS WHO LIVE ON THE ISLAND, WITH THE WOLVES, I WILL SPONSOR THE USE OF A CANOE BRIDGE, NOT UNLIKE AN ICE BRIDGE, TO TRANSFER HALF A DOZEN HEALTHY CANADIAN WOLVES TO THE ISLAND, IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THAT SHOULD HELP RESTORE BALANCE TO THE HABITAT. LIFE CAN GO ON.

I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF OTHER PERSONS ADDED SOME SUPPORT.

THANKYOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME GOOD FOR BRER WOLF.

JACK [REDACTED] - 3/16/2016

Correspondence ID: 92 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 20:46:36
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Correspondence: Bring wolves back to Isle Royale. The best thing we can do for any environment is to help restore it to its pre-human undestroyed state. This means reintroducing species hunted to extinction relatively recently, ie wolves. Everywhere this method has been tried it has worked. So do what works, bring back the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 93 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,16,2016 20:53:37
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Correspondence: I am disgusted by the all out assault on wolves at both the state and federal level. From Oregon, to Alaska to Michigan and more, all I keep reading about is wolves being killed in record numbers. They are a critical part of our ecosystem and part of our natural heritage and deserve respect and protection.

I would gladly vote for tax dollars to be spent to protect them and when necessary, pay for lost livestock. The costs may actually be less than what we are spending to destroy these amazing, social animals. We piss away millions on things much less valuable.

Correspondence ID: 94 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Aloha:

I think it great to have wolves in Isle Royale National Park.

I believe strongly for us to be good steward of the Earth by allowing other creatures; especially wolves to LIVE AND LET LIVE their natural lives as Creator have created for them.

Every species, all 30 millions are created with a "divine talent" best suited for a particular "niche" and if we follow that "natural" rule, we will be doing the right thing and best thing for the wolves and the environment.

sincerely
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 95 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 02:53:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Don't hurt the wolves. Don't even inconvenience them. You will be blessed in the afterlife.

Correspondence ID: 96 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 04:07:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: please leave our wolves alone. they are necessary to our environment. they harm no one. they have a right to live in peace and raise their little ones.

they are a beautiful living thing which are here for a purpose. no person has the right to murder any animal or person. do the right thing. nature takes care of our planet without people doing wrong things.

Correspondence ID: 97 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 04:44:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves should be brought in as needed to keep the population of moose limited so they do not destroy vegetation on the island. Human-made climate change has caused the problem of the low wolf population, so humans must provide the needed wolves to control the moose population.

Correspondence ID: 98 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 04:57:01
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Correspondence: Additional wolves need to be added to the current population on Isle Royale. The new animals could be live trapped from various locations within the U P of Michigan. DNA samples could be obtained from the new animals as well as conducting health exams. The new animals could be ear tagged and radio collared so that tracking would be much easier. Trapped animals would be adults (M/F) from each supply area so that a breeding population would be quickly established.

If it is found that the current wolf is found to have been totally eliminated from the past Winter, the new population should be established at once. If there at still resident wolves, a smaller population of new wolves should be introduced to see what happens to the resident population. The new smaller group could be tailored (M/F) to match up with the existing population to maintain the old blood lines.

Correspondence ID: 99 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 05:55:59
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Correspondence: I've lived in lake county mn. for 60 years the decline of our moose and deer herds in the last 10 years has been hard to watch. With no wolf management our moose population is doomed. Please don't destroy the last place in our area were i can take a walk and have a chance to see moose let nature be. If you need wolves to study come to Lake County Mn along hyw. 61 south slope deer yard area. If you need population control on this last great moose strong hold fly them to MN (after a year of intensive predator control). Wolves dominate northern Mn we should let moose have this one last off shore ISLE.

Correspondence ID: 100 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 06:09:28
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Correspondence: Please follow option C. More time cannot be wasted!

Correspondence ID: 101 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 06:23:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support re-introduction to the moose/wolf population on Isle Royale. The relationship between these two animals and their environment is vital to the maintenance of Isle Royale's unique biodiversity. Without these species the biosphere preserve of Isle Royale would not be as unique, diverse, and active as it can and should be.

Correspondence ID: 102 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 06:24:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I love our national parks and have been to several, including Isle Royale. I backpacked on Isle Royale and had such an amazing experience. To see moose and hear the wolves was incredible. I can't imagine wolves not being a part of the island's ecosystem. I definitely support introducing more wolves to help preserve the predator-prey relationship and the island's unique ecosystem!!

Thank you,
Sarah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 103 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 06:34:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Ms. Green,

I would speak in favor of continued wolf presence and protection on Isle Royale. One only needs to read Dr. David Mech's wolf study from Isle Royale done in the early seventies. It clearly proves the invaluable role predators play in preserving wildlife. Respectively, David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 104 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Mar,17,2016 06:48:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Much has been learned about wolves and their impacts on prey and the environment during the past 50 years of Isle Royale wolf studies. However, this grand experiment is not over, and much may be yet learned by allowing the process to end (or NOT end) by not intervening before all that can be gleaned from this natural process is complete. IF wolves disappear from Isle Royale, the option to introduce wolves still exists. IF wolves persist, a new chapter in this epic research would have unfolded. It is too early to make preemptive moves while this drama unfolds. Im opposed to reintroduction of wolves on Isle Royale at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 105 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Mar,17,2016 06:49:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider re-introduction of wolves on Isle Royale. If the moose go unchecked, the island ecosystems will be decimated from loss of vegetation and the moose will starve to death. Save our island; bring wolves back!

Correspondence ID: 106 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves should be integrated/introduced to Isle Royale in order to reserve the delicate balance of the ecosystem that has been established in past years. The predator-prey relationship between the wolves and moose maintains a healthy food web and biodiversity on the island.

Correspondence ID: 107 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: "by considering a broad range of potential management actions" is not really true. I again propose we extirpate wolves and moose and reintroduce woodland caribou and lynx, which at least has a chance of being stable. That's what used to be there. Let's fix this.

Correspondence ID: 108 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring back the wolves! Isle Royalr is a special place and it's not the same without them.

Correspondence ID: 109 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As some one who donates to the NPS every year, visits backpacks every year and looks at something on the NPS or related site 5 days a week, I have to comment. Mu son and I are planning to backpack Isle Royale this summer. I have been following Isle Royale since I was a child when we had cousins who lived in Houghton and would visit every summer. I am now 53.

While I strongly favor quick action to introduce more wolves into IR, this may be sentimentality coming through. I do believe after reading the winter Study every year and following John and Rolf over the years, along with other sources, that if something is not done the ecosystem on IR will go into a death spiral.Moose population will soar, vegetation will be all consumed and you will have massive deaths of moose. Nothing you don't already know. This is not really my problem.

My problem is that the process to decide on a course of action takes SO LONG. I understand you want to get it right, but 2 1/2 years? I don't know how many people you have working on this but at 40 hours per week I think a competent person could make a complete evaluation and decision in less than 6 months. Bureaucracy!!!

What is wrong with you people?

Correspondence ID: 110 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring Wolves to the island. Plan B or C.

Correspondence ID: 111 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to consider restoring a population of wolves to Lsle Royale in an effort to restore the natural balance. This could possibly be done by relocating them from other areas. Thank-you.

Correspondence ID: 112 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I will admit that I am torn on this issue. On one hand we have the National Parks fantastic tradition of preserving nature and allowing the natural progression of things through time. On the other we have Isle Royale, which is renowned for it's wolf population (which in turn keeps the ecosystem operating smoothly on the island). Finally, on a somewhat related note, we have wolf hunts again in the state of Michigan (something I am very

much against). Part of me would like to see the NPS help protect Isle Royal AND the Michigan wolves by live-trapping some Michigan wolves and taking them to the island. Another part of me agrees with your Alternative D which sets certain thresholds before intervening.

If I may make a small adjustment to the options, I would ask anyone reading this to consider this: Due to the fact that this decision will take well over another year to be rendered, I would suggest allowing nature to run its course and let the final two or three wolves die out naturally. It could very well be that they vanish before a final decision can be made anyway. The reason for this is that if we introduce new wolves to the island and they mate with any of the current wolves, genetic issues may arise making all of this planning/effort for nothing and we're right back where we are today in another 10 years. After the current wolves are gone, monitor the moose population, vegetation, etc. for a minimum of one year. I agree with your Alternative D that thresholds must be in place that would trigger a one-time import of wolves to the island, and that these thresholds must be conservative enough that the import would be triggered sooner rather than later. Essentially what I'm attempting to do here is buy time to see if another ice bridge forms and wolves naturally migrate over so we can avoid human intervention, while giving researchers opportunities to study this ever-changing ecosystem.

Because I got wordy, let me sum up my suggestion:

1. As long as the current wolves are on the island, we do nothing.
2. Once the current wolf population has died out we wait a minimum of one year before intervening.
3. We set conservative thresholds in place that would trigger a ONE-TIME import of MICHIGAN WOLVES to the island sooner rather than later should we have data to suggest that the ecosystem is becoming unbalanced. (This is also an opportunity for studies into ecosystems when one predator is removed so I don't want to hinder those research opportunities either.)

All three of these are with the understanding that we do nothing if other wolves migrate to the island naturally. Again, I'm basically trying to buy time before we intervene.

I know this can't be an easy decision for everyone in the room, and I am confident that you'll do what you feel is best for the tradition of Isle Royale and the integrity of the National Parks Service. Good luck!

Correspondence ID: 113 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for narrowing the issue to the crux of this ecological disaster. Option C is the best approach for an enduring approach to ensure the appropriate environmental system for the wolf and moose population and the vegetation. Congratulations on your focused attention to this dire situation and action date of 2017 to import a healthy wolf group.

Correspondence ID: 114 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 07:51:53
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Correspondence: i think you should bring over 10 wolves to start and see how that goes. i think that is a good start to see how that works out. i think the usa public needs to be kept apprised constantly as to what you are doing on this island. i do not trust the nps anymore. i see too often they like to give extra work to their employees to kill animals. i am in favor of protecting and preserveing animals and not spending usa tax dollars to kill them. you need to avoid issues. and be prudent and not work just for your employees and to gouge tax dollars. this comment is for the public record.

Correspondence ID: 115 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 08:01:19
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Correspondence: I strongly support the release of wolves into Isle Royal National Park. The evidence collected by MTU research convincingly shows how the park is currently being negatively affected by human caused climate change. I believe the reduction in the population of Isle Royale wolves is most likely caused by the loss of genetic flow with the mainland due to the reduced chance of ice bridges forming. Wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone after they had been extirpated by human activities, in my mind this situation is no different. The park should mitigate the isolation caused by anthropogenic climate change by moving wolves from the mainland onto the island regularly in the form of genetic rescues until the effects of anthropogenic climate change have been reversed, or the island can no longer support wolves or moose.
Thank You

Correspondence ID: 116 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 08:07:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been observing the difficult task that you have been dealing with for the last 20 years. I have observed the beauty of Isle Royal close by sailing to the island and from a distance. That distance is not too far in on a clear day I point out to my Canadian friends that they are seeing the United States from our beach at Silver Beach in Shuniah Ont. My comment is that you have far to many experts trying to solve the wolf decline. Here is the easiest way to solve the issue. Instead of the 5 to 10 wolves that are shot on Sibley Peninsula annually by local farmers place a live bounty on then to be live captured and transported after health issue are reviewed to the Isle. Sibley is both a Provincial Park & private land. What a logical solution when some of the previous wolves may have crossed on the ice from Sibley to the Isle. Respectfully submitted. [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 117 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 08:09:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have given this a lot of thought and understand both sides of introducing wolves to Isle Royal and not introducing them and letting nature take its course. Unfortunately I am not a biologist so I don't know of all the impact of the wolves dying off and the moose populatne exploding would do to the vegetation on the island and what the long term effects this might have on the island from a scientific standpoint. From a lay persons standpoint it seems to me that if the wolves disappeared from the island the moose would eventually start dying off due to the fact that the population would explode and they would run out of food to eat on the island which would have a ripple effect on many other animals on the island that also eat the vegetation. It seems to me it would drastically ecosystem on the island forever. Is this a bad thing? I don't know for sure. Maybe yes and maybe no. From what I understand a big reason the wolves are dying off is because of inbreeding due to the lack of new wolves coming over to the island and this is causing birth defects and other problem with the wolves. So the question to me is this. If new wolves were to be introduced to the island would be the same thing be

happening in another 70 years or so? I would have to say yes it probably would. So as I think about this more as I type I think that wolves shouldn't be introduced to the island and just let nature take its course and see what happens. I know that the wolf population in the UP of Michigan is rapidly expanding and I would also assume that it would also be in Canada, although I don't now this for sure. If that is the case then maybe the wolves would eventually cross to the island from Canada when the ice bridge is formed again like they did originally. So therefore I say lets leave things they way they are and see what happens.

Correspondence ID: 118 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would prefer the NPS follow the no-action, Alternative A plan. ISRO is a wilderness park, meaning, at least in theory, that it is separate from human intervention. Of course this is not entirely possible, but in terms of managing the wildlife of the island, it should be as hands off as possible (except in cases of invasive species brought by humans-zebra mussels and the like). The wolves came to Isle Royale on their own, were not invasive, and therefore should be left alone. If they die, they die. If that leads to an overpopulation of moose and subsequent starvation and die off, so be it. If Isle Royale is to be a place where natural processes can occur outside the influence of humans, though admittedly for the enjoyment of humans, then this is the only course to follow.

Correspondence ID: 119 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 08:47:34
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Correspondence: Well as we edge into the spring of 2016 and nature reminds us of the past winter. With my limited knowledge but assume our wolves on Isle Royale are now all but gone. One report I recently heard was that 2 wolves remain. This is both sad and beyond alarming. With out the unique balance that the moose and wolves populations have had for 50 years it's obvious a disaster is now upon this habitat.

The great study and efforts of the Winter Study teams have provided obviously measured and followed nature and this special relationship between the two largest mammals on Isle Royale. It is understood that the National Park has and has always appeared to allow nature to take it's direction. I understood it and for the most part have always agreed with this approach too. However, the fact of constant climate and environmental changes and cycle events have taken place as well. As a strong believer in the human management of this planet's natural resource, I find it important to take action. Although it is too late for the last remaining wolves, it's not too late to act for the moose still remaining.

I suggest that biologist experts at multiple levels to include State of Michigan's DNR, NPS and Federal Wildlife biologist and the important college experts of the Winter Moose & Wolf Study Program be included with equal power to act swiftly and within the 2016 calendar year. My suggestion as I would assume now will be the experts, import a regulated number of Canadian and/or Northern United States wild wolves. It is a must to reestablish the unique and important population of wolves of Isle Royale. Without the predator and prey population control measure, the next major problem will be starving moose and another disaster. It seems that this lack of human involvement thus far has proven to be a mistake.

No matter if the experts decide 4-6 young, healthy and genetically sound wolves are enough is to be studied and monitored. I would hope a standard operating procedure will be in place to guide the biologists and other experts within a timeline and standard that allows this population check and balance to begin and remain.

No matter if mankind wishes to take responsibility for the failure of the wolves of Isle Royale matters not. At this time we can move forward and understand that it is indeed mankind that must witness, collect data and make decisions to add or subtract control measures as time travels on. We need to safeguard our environment and hope to leave this Island and planet for future generations to enjoy.

Thanks for hearing my humble opinion and hopes. I give thanks and appreciate what was done prior and encourage all parties and persons to save this wonderful natural environment. I know that together we can all preserve and improve our National Parks and this nations wonderful natural places for all to enjoy.

Respectfully,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

Correspondence ID: 120 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Option A - - do nothing. Do not interfere. You may not like the consequences to the moose or vegetation, but the unintended consequences of adding wolves could be much worse. Let nature manage herself. Since moose are dying off elsewhere, maybe study moving moose if the numbers get too high on the island? You'd think the gene pool issues of the wolves would eventually become an issue for the moose in a few generations. Then what? Add moose to change up that gene pool?

Correspondence ID: 121 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 09:01:23
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Correspondence: While I am dismayed that the wolf population problems do not appear to be able to resolve themselves in the short term, I am confident that if allowed- over the long term (generations?) it likely would. With man out of the picture, and time not as important, eventually through new migration of more wolves or possibly some unforeseen "solution" it would resolve.

The problem is that we (man and our impacts) are here and waiting for some indefinite period is really not an option. We will need to take some action to mitigate the fallout- be it actually in need due to previous inaction.

I believe the best- and probably environmentally, fiscally, and likely from a public relations perspective as well, - is to reinstate a viable wolf population with a gene pool that will allow them to go forward naturally for the foreseeable future while hopefully keeping the islands ecosystem in balance.

An added benefit would be to allow for a new line of study into the short term and long term impacts of the new genetics and social implications on the

island wolves.

Finally, could problem wolves from the Great Lakes Region be trapped and relocated (of course after proper health checks, vaccinations etc.) to the island on a "long term" basis - as determined by NPS biologists?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 122 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 09:12:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't see the reasoning of intervention only if it fits management authorities own little ideal of "natural" even when they admit wolves have not always been part of the ecosystem. I see of the alternatives offered plan A would be the only realistic plan. And I don't see why if they are worried about overpopulation why relocating the Moose to the mainland (where they are badly needed to boost the population) wasn't an option.

Correspondence ID: 123 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 09:29:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The many decades of heavy and biologically destructive human manipulation of Isle Royale produces an opportunity unique to large U.S. National Parks.

That is to explicitly and forthrightly make a few simple long-term management choices which can be taken advantage of through coordinated long-term research that is itself 'simple'.

The more straight forward and the more simplified that management decisions are, the more useful, insightful and impactful research can become.

The question before the National Park Service managers is whether or not to deliberately return the keystone carnivore - the gray wolf - to our nation's 'flagship' research park.

The answer needs to be YES.

Of the various purposes for which our National Parks have been created and now used, long-term research is rarely practiced. Except at Isle Royale.

Returning large mammal predators to this Lake Superior island does not make for a test-tube study, but it does provide the unique opportunity to assess fundamentals of the vegetation-herbivore-carnivore ecological dynamics.

Knowing more about that has implications to all non-urban National Parks.

Bring wolves back to Isle Royale National Park and make the choice most appropriate for being able to better understand ecological forces central functioning of biota in nearly all other National Parks.

Correspondence ID: 124 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 09:51:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I brought about 80 middle/high school students to this paradise from 1974-2005 and as a scientist saw the fluctuation of the moose/wolf population. I would agree with proposal B since I think that most closely aligns with what was done when wolves were first introduced.

Correspondence ID: 125 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 09:57:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel option C provides the most flexibility for the NPS to manage the moose/wolf populations for the longest projected period of time...20 years. I have followed this issue closely over the years as Isle Royale has always held a special place in my heart. I was there in 1999 for a brief visit but enjoyed my stay tremendously. If the moose population is not controlled, they will wreak havoc on the vegetation. The herd needs to be managed by some method for the island's Eco system to remain in balance. Best of luck in making the right decision.

Correspondence ID: 126 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 10:14:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe you should initiate plan C or at least plan B to restore the wolf population. We have a chance to do something right now before it's too late. I really don't understand why this is such a long process,by the time the study is over,there will be no wolves there. Maybe if man wasn't so destructive to the environment, global warming would not influence the climate and we would still have a wolf population. Maybe there would be more lake freeze overs and wolves would travel to the island.

Please intervene in this situation now, don't let this become one of those dragged out government decisions which wastes time and money.

Correspondence ID: 127 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 10:14:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why does it take the government so long to make a decision about anything. Even you have to realize that 2 wolves are not sustainable on on Isle Royale. Why something cannot be done quickly baffles me. I would like to see wolves re-introduced on the island. Please do something quickly before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 128 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 10:21:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see Alternative C initiated. This would serve two purposes.. control the Moose population while ensuring that Wolves have a safe environment, in light of the recent indiscriminate killing of wolves thought the Ubited States. This would maintain a natural balance of the environment for ultimate benefit of the planet.

Correspondence ID: 129 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 11:12:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS-
As an avid outdoor travler, amateur photogrpaher, volunteer for several wildlife and land conservation organizations I respectfully ask you strongly take PLAN C into consideration.

You are likely well aware of the circumstances surrounding wolf de-listing in our countyr, the pervasive trapping, snaring and "mistake" for coyote killings for wolves. Our nation needs to do a much better job of protecting and preserving the species and any opprountmy and policy that does that should be given highest priority and support.

We would have planned a vacation trip to hike the IR NPS but with two wolves left and no sense that there is a plan to maintain their numbers we chose not to.

I believe our country of predator defenders would support this plan and would give rise to greater opporunities for safe tourism around IR.

Please HELP the wolves, and give IR the chance to foster a pack while helping to maintain a reduction in grazing and destruction by moose on IR.

thank you

resepectfully, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 130 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 11:40:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If climate change prevents wolf migration from the mainland to Isle Royale, then the introduction of mainland wolves would seem to be the best way to supplement the island's wolf population. However, wolf migration to the island is a natural action, but man's trap and transfer of mainland wolves to the island is not a natural action.

If the wolves are lost at the island, then perhaps the moose could be lost or their population substantially reduced due to habitat reduction, and the habitat would be changed. That's the way things go in nature; its evolution and I don't feel that man's action should interfere with it.

Without wolf reintroduction, habitat will be the controlling factor on the moose population. Its very unlikely that the habitat will be completely destroyed. There will be habitat that could sustain a smaller moose population.

This evolutionary change could be the platform for future studies. The current wolf/moose study has likely given as much information as can be had. It seems that researchers now may be more interested in setting a study record.

Correspondence ID: 131 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 11:48:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A. No action at this time. Because this EIS scope now considers only the "near term" - I prefer no action. However, if wolves become extinct on Isle Royale, then I would consider other alternatives including possibly returning wolves to Isle Royale. However, for now, I prefer to let this chapter of the ecology of Isle Royale continue on its own. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 132 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Having visited Isle Royale several times- -I even used it as a setting for one of my [REDACTED] novels- -I urge you to implement Plan C and keep the wolf population at healthy levels for as long as necessary. I have said before that this is a manmade problem. We are the ones who've accelerated climate change so that ice bridges are unpredictable and occur so rarely that additional wolves can't make it over to the island to help with genetic diversity. What's even more troubling is that when there is a viable ice bridge, as there was in 2014, two IR Wolves made it to the mainland only to be killed by hunters.

So it seems to me that there are two issues here, and both of them our fault. We owe to the animals here to do something responsible and save this place. I am fortunate to have visited. In a way, I hope it stays as isolated as it is. Regardless, we need to practice responsible stewardship. Sitting around and doing nothing will ensure that not only the wolves disappear. The moose population will also plummet, but not before they ravage everything in sight.

Correspondence ID: 133 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 13:14:51
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Correspondence: I would like to see Option C put into place to maintain the Isle Royale ecosystem and wolf population
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 134 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 13:27:38
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Correspondence: Please introduce enough wolves so that the breeding population on Isle Royale remains viable. Wolves once lived in VA, but they were wiped out. The deer population is now way too high in parts of the state, with damage to native plant communities. Coyotes have moved it, but they do not control the deer population as well as do wolves, and coyotes also acclimatize more readily to areas of high human population. Needless to say, having a predatory pack animal in housing developments is not ideal. I wish we had wolves here in VA. You are lucky to have them in MI!

Correspondence ID: 135 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 13:35:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is my opinion that option B would be the most successful stabilizing and maintaining the island ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 136 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 13:40:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolf population,Isle Royal Mi...I think maintaining wolves wherever they have a foothold is important.You still side with ranchers in the limiting of species decimated in the past from greed and ignorance.Where wolves have been reintroduced,locals are killing them anyway Hence,if they are in a spot,maintain them as much as possible.As far as moose go,rather than kill excess maybe move to former areas where they too have been destroyed.Thank you [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 137 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 13:42:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to renew my support for maintaining a viable wolf population on Isle Royale National Park. I support Alternative C in the revised alternatives. Re-introduction of wild stock wolves to the island is clearly necessary to over come the genetic limitations of the few remaining wolves on the island. The value of the wealth of wildlife management information gleaned from research on the island from Durward Allen to Rolf Peterson, has been clearly demonstrated. I have visited the island several times and can attest to the excitement generated from merely hearing a wolf howl in such a wild and isolated environment. Don't let this truly unique resource deteriorate and disappear. Let the science speak as to the carrying capacity for wolves during the re-introduction process, but don't let in-breeding caused by random migration events, disrupt the wildlife research and recreational jewel you manage. Good luck, and thanks for letting me comment on the alternatives. - - -Jerry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 138 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 15:17:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I definitely feel that Option C, the human-assisted reintroduction of wolves to IRNP, is the best option. IRNP is a very special place and one of the things that makes it so attractive is the chance, however small, to see or hear a wolf in the wild, even if it is only a track in the mud of a trail. Wolves lend an aura and mystique to the island that no other animal can.

Also, wolves are crucial for the health of the moose population on Isle Royale. They will keep the moose herd numbers reasonable, and reduce vegetation over-browsing.

Please reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale in the near future!

Correspondence ID: 139 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 15:57:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I will start my comments about Isle Royale wolves by expressing that I support Alternative C the most. Let's watch what we are doing for 20 years and then in 20 years, let's see if we need a new plan.
I would not support alternative A.
We may already be in an Alternative D phase. If you wait too long to act in Alternative D, you may need to add more corrective actions to your plan than you have now.

We may have taken the right of humans to decide all of this away from ourselves 75 to 100 years ago when we as European humans began to interact on and with Isle Royale.

Did one of us bring a dog on the Isle a few years ago to generate a recent rapid decline in a healthy wolf population.
Are we just trying to decide to do or not do something about what we have done in the last 10 to 100 years?

One could easily assume that Alternative A is the way of nature and the intent of natural order.
But we need to keep in mind that the Moose population needs to have some type of predators to keep its population strong, healthy and in control.
It will also effect the rest of the animals, birds, vegetation, insects and fish on the Isle.

In 1931 when Isle Royale was authorized as a park by congress "to conserve a prime example of North Woods Wilderness" or on April 3, 1940, when Isle Royale became a National Park, was it the intent to keep the park as it was during those times for us to enjoy?
When I look at the quote from President Herbert Hoover, "to conserve a prime example of North Woods Wilderness" that he made March 3, 1931, it put a responsibility on the authorized party, the National Park Service, to preserve, conserve and keep in balance, as best it can in any National Park.

Alternative A says we don't want to keep Isle Royale as it was, we don't take any responsibility for our actions, it's just how nature works.
We already took action. It's too late to "take no action"

This is in no way critical of the National Park Service on Isle Royale. I have been there and they work hard to reduce as much as they can, the human impact on the Isle.

Correspondence ID: 140 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 16:25:15
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Correspondence: I feel very strongly that option C should be implemented immediately. I also feel that at the end of 10 or 15 years, the plan should be evaluated and extended beyond 20 years. We don't want to get in the position we are in ever again. We need to have a plan in place to maintain wolves on the island well before they become so inbred and absent. This plan should be complimentary to the future plan for the moose. Please never build roads on the island and never cull the moose population through hunting. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved. Isle Royale is captivating and the wolves and moose are such a tremendous part of its charm.

Correspondence ID: 141 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 17:36:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We as humans really need to get over ourselves. Wolves belong on this Island and should be restored. Are we playing God? Yes a little but we have good science and can do this the right way with a good outcome. I say put two dozen young healthy genetically diverse wolves on the island for starters. Bottom line I would say go with alterative "C". Lets get on with it. Our grandchildren will thank us. Tim

Correspondence ID: 142 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 18:03:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is of utmost importance to manage wildlife - we have stepped in for decades & changed the natural environment - so as an example, look at what has been done in the Channel Islands Nat'l Park - non-native species have been controlled - the island fox is thriving - the bald eagles are nesting. Isle Royale is similar - you need to step in to reintroduce the wolf to control damage by a moose population that is out of control.

Correspondence ID: 143 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 19:56:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I can't believe that with all this killing is still going on . Nature has a way with dealing with all aspects of its own . This being so i feel that human beings should not be taking this on and instead leave the wild to the wild . We are loosing so many species in our world because of pointless killing please let the Wolves stay breed and stop the useless cruel killing of these beautiful souls who were here long before us and deserve the right to be here now and in the future ..

Correspondence ID: 144 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 19:59:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I can't believe that with all this killing is still going on . Nature has a way with dealing with all aspects of its own . This being so i feel that human beings should not be taking this on and instead leave the wild to the wild . Sadly We are loosing so many species in our world because of pointless killing please let the Wolves stay breed and stop the useless cruel killing of these beautiful souls who were here long before us and deserve the right to be here now and in the future ..

Correspondence ID: 145 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 20:29:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 146 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,17,2016 20:52:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Here is a novel idea as to what to do with the wolves of Isle Royale. LEAVE THEM ALONE! If it is meant to be, they will repopulate the island all on their own. They will cross over from Canada on the ice if there is an abundant food source to draw them back to Isle Royale. All that is needed is hunger and sufficient ice.

Correspondence ID: 147 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 05:57:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for sharing the thorough information. I support Plan B, but have grave concerns about the timeline. I encourage you to reconsider and expedite the decision process. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 148 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 06:07:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel very ambivalent about this. I feel if you help disperse more wolves, in time, will you also hunt them down later. If this is how it would be I'd prefer you leave it alone. Another reason I'm undecided, where would these wolves come from. If you plan to capture and transport, you must take the whole pack. To do otherwise, would mean sure death for those left behind.

I don't trust man to make the right decisions when it comes to wolves. There is a deep hatred and desperation to eradicate all of them. Wolves are a necessary part of life, without them we will cease to exist in a world as it is.

Thank you
Pat [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 149 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 07:17:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is one of the biggest failures of the 21st century that a longterm scientific study of wolves and moose on Isle Royale is in peril because of a lack of swift action, or even obstruction, from the National Park Service. The MTU-led wolf moose study is a one-of-a-kind study, informing similar studies from other location around the world. The NPS is failing to recognize the ecological value of the MTU research, and are obstructing this research by imposing lengthy studies after periods of inaction.

A public comment period has already been completed, but NPS has not made those comments public and has not responded to what is, in popular opinion, favor toward introducing more wolves on the island in order to keep the study going. Please consider bringing this matter to a swift conclusion by using the comments from the first open period.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 150 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 07:19:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: From the alternatives posed, I believe the most prudent action is encompassed in "Alternative A (no action): The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out."

Isle Royal is an island that represents a population sink for wolves as well as a natural lab for long term study of such sink dynamics. To date all moose and wolf immigration to the island has been natural. Intervening and manipulating this natural phenomenon is counterproductive to the study of island biogeography.

The excuse that "anthropogenic" impacts (climate change) have negatively affected the potential influx on new wolves is precarious at best since much of the debate re: anthropogenic contributions to climate change continues and we have actually experienced a couple winters with iceouts recently (resulting in the emigration of one Isle Royal wolf about a year ago). Last year, Earth's northern ice cap doubled in size. Many climatologists now predict we are entering a significant cooling phase given observed declines in sunspot activity in the last several solar cycles, a primary climate driver for Earth. That will create more ice bridges in the future. This would allow for the natural experiment to continue, unimpeded by human manipulations. This is no time to ruin such an opportunity to study the phenomenon. Also, the remaining wolves are survivors of a couple bouts of Parvovirus. It is the genetic inbreeding issue that is the greatest threat to the wolf population even as moose populations have been increasing.

Deteriorating ecological conditions can mask the beneficial effects infusing new genetic material. Let's recall that the "Old Gray Guy" brought new genetic material to the island. His genes were so superior to that of native Isle Royale wolves that he quickly ended up mating with a female wolf that shared half of his genes! I suggest we not continue perpetuating an inbreeding problem that will likely resurface in time even if the translocated wolves start out very healthy.

In time, new wolves will likely re-populate the island if the ice bridge allows wolves to invade the island and influence the moose population. If any management should take place in the interim, it might best encompass the reduction of moose populations to a level below carrying capacity. Manage the moose to protect the habitat if required.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jorge [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 151 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 07:20:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please capture some of the many wolves around Crystal Falls and relocate them to Isle Royale. That would be great.

Correspondence ID: 152 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 07:30:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this decision. I've watched the dwindling population of those wolves with some dismay, so it's good to see some attention to the issue.

I think Plan C is by far the best of the options. Leaving them alone and "managing" them as is currently happening would mean the end of wolves there, and could lead to even more over-populating and over-grazing by moose and other ungulates.

I hope this plan (or plan B, which is good, but does not do quite enough to ensure an ongoing wolf presence) will be adopted, and soon.

Thank you.

Ellen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 153 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 08:05:27
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Correspondence: Option C represents the best approach to managing the wolf population on Isle Royale. It keeps a healthy wolf population, helps manage the moose population, and will preserve public interest in Isle Royale to the extent that wolves are a feature that attracts visitors. It is also the kindest approach to the wolves themselves.

Correspondence ID: 154 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative D

Correspondence ID: 155 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 08:56:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While the title of "wilderness" applies to Isle Royale, in essence the island is also subject to human intervention by the many hikers and boaters that visit each year. The public demands that national lands be accessible to the public, some argue wilderness designation or not. If the wolves die out, the moose herd is going to reach an unsustainable population fairly quickly, and before disease and starvation take their toll, the island is going to be denuded of vegetation, much to the dismay of hikers and boaters, plus the anticipated public outcry at seeing sick, emaciated moose on their deathbed.

While I value the ability to see a "natural" ecosystem in action and watch the animal/vegetation dynamics, I would argue that nothing is truly wilderness anymore, certainly not Isle Royale. Wolves are persecuted across the region, and in all likelihood wolf protection is going to be stripped. Isle Royale presents the chance for humans to preserve wolves and moose in the face of ever encroaching human impacts in the surrounding region.

I would encourage IRNP staff and administrators to take this opportunity to protect and preserve two species which are facing ever growing challenges in their home territories. Please maintain sustainable wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale so that we still have them after they are driven out or hunted down everywhere else. This is IRNP's opportunity to truly be stewards of threatened species.

Correspondence ID: 156 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 10:29:06
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Correspondence: My opinion on the wolves is take 6 wolves,,, all with tracking collars,, 1 male 2 females at Windigo,,, 1 male 2 females at lake chicken bone area. These wolves MUST come from northern Canada !Wolves from the U.P. are use to people and are NOT affraid. If you don:t act soon,,, there will to many MOOSE and they will eat themselves out of house and home,, like they did back in the late 90's. and hundreds starved. That is not right. These wolves will produce enough in 3 or 4 years to start controlling the MOOSE. Plus they clean out the sick ones.

Correspondence ID: 157 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 10:43:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe a well thought out plan that involves the intelligent reintroduction of wolves to the Isle Royale is the best option for one of our most unique National Parks. The presence and symbiotic relationship of the wolves/moose populations has been part of the parks identity as long as I can remember and I have been visiting the park for over 30 years. I have backpacked across the park during times of high moose numbers and vividly recall areas that appeared to have been so highly browsed that it seemed likely that the impact was negative and possibly long lasting. An appropriate number of wolves seems prudent to maintain a viable number of moose which the island can support. The option of no action seems irresponsible and would potentially have long lasting harmful impacts on the islands ecosystem.

A reasonable plan to reestablish the wolf population in a timely manner seems the most appropriate.

What ever your decision please measure all the impact these proposals would have on the island, it's wildlife, it's flora, and we visitors.

Correspondence ID: 158 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 11:50:04
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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,
To avoid extinction of the present population of wolves
and keep the moose population from exploding, other wolves will have to be brought to Isle Royale. This plan involves risks as you know:

The few remaining wolves attack the newcomers;
The newcomers attack the indigenous wolves;

A healthy female who can breed might be the answer, if she is not killed off by the surviving wolves.
Or maybe 6 pregnant females would "kick start" a new generation.

Correspondence ID: 159 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 11:56:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It seems like a no brainer to me. Instead of a wolf hunt in the UP, take them to Isle Royal. Help nature out for the good of all.

Thank you, Dorotha

Correspondence ID: 160 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After further investigating this issue Option C appears to be the best choice. Even though wolves were introduced their presence has provided a natural balance until genetics came into play.
The continued addition of new wolves would provide genetic diversity and a natural part of a wolf's pack life.

Correspondence ID: 161 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For Isle Royale NP Wolf Management , I prefer

Setting resource thresholds, such as a high moose population count that would initiate wolf introduction

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Setting resource thresholds, such as a high moose population count that would initiate wolf introduction

Correspondence ID: 163 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 12:35:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge the National Parks Service to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale for many reasons. How sad to see one pair of wolves and their unhealthy pup as the only wolves left in Isle Royale. It appears symptomatic of a landscape that needs to be brought back to a healthy balance. Bringing back wolves will help to reestablish that healthy eco-system. It will enable researchers and scientists to study the interaction between predator and prey in another controlled environment as they are doing in Yellowstone. Bringing wolves back will be a wonderful educational opportunity for families with their children, animal lovers and the general public to come to see and hear wolves. This would be a wonderful resource to help get visitors back to enjoy our parks. Wolves back in Isle Royale will help to teach the public about the important role they play in a healthy ecosystem, foster public acceptance and appreciation of our natural landscape. It's a vital step in enlightening the public in social tolerance and the acceptance of wolves. Thank you.
Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 164 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 13:01:02
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Correspondence: Let me introduce myself first. I grew up in Liberia, Africa as a son of a missionary where I learned a deep love of nature and animal life especially. My playmates included a pet chimpanzee. Then moved to Wisconsin for junior high school and Concord high, Elkhart, IN for high school. I am a practicing scientist with a bachelors in Biology education with a chemistry supporting area from Taylor University, Upland, IN. I have 23 years experience developing immunodiagnostic tests for plant diseases and GMO crops at [REDACTED]. I have also done some diagnostic test development for animals and humans. I even have some publications. I am now chemist and laboratory manager developing personal care products such as shampoos, lotions and conditioners at [REDACTED]. So I do have some understanding of science and a love for nature.

I personally think that the health of the overall ecosystem at Isle Royale depends on balanced populations of the predator which is wolves and the prey which are moose. Most people know what happened in Brown County and Potato Creek, IN when deer were allowed to overpopulate. It was a very sad affair. I think the studies that have been done on Isle Royale and elsewhere conclusively support the conclusion that Isle Royale is simply not large enough to support enough wolf packs with alpha male and female pairs to maintain genetic diversity. Since we have so few wilderness areas left in the United States of America it behooves us to do whatever is necessary to maintain the wilderness ecosystems that are remaining. I believe the necessity for periodic introduction of wolves from other parts of the country to maintain genetic diversity is obvious and should be initiated as soon as possible. In turn wolves from Isle Royale could be used to improve genetic diversity elsewhere. I find it hard to understand why this is even an issue. I find it hard to understand why there would even be opposition to this idea. It is simply the scientifically sound, logical and right thing to do.

Walter [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 165 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: 1. What other alternatives, alternative elements, or management tools should be considered?

There was no suggestion of using vegetation to manage the island. A prescribed burn could be used to alter vegetation, which would result in added stress on the moose. Immediately following the burn would be a good time to reintroduce wolves as they would have an abundance of weakened prey for several years, enough time for them to settle more permanently. This technique would also be the most productive for science, education and ecosystem realignment.

2. What issues should be considered when evaluating future management of moose, wolves, and vegetation at Isle Royale?

I think the habitat suitability should be evaluated. The island is almost too southern for moose who are struggling with temps, ticks and E. gran. Wolves would be well within their range, but maybe there are some issues with the size of the island for sustaining their social groups. I think that vegetation should be used as the driving force for decision making.

3. What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider given that approximately 99% of the land area of Isle Royale National Park is designated wilderness?

The management should mimic natural stochastic events, while minimizing cost (hence prescribed burning). There should be a pledge to use no pesticides, herbicides, or any other chemical that would permanently alter the ecosystems.

4. What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider in the face of a changing climate?

Change is part of nature. We need to establish our values as a society, and then strategize how to implement the kind of change we would like to be a part of. I think that we should embrace the global ecosystem and work to safeguard more than just NA land mammals. As an International Biosphere Reserve, I would like to see Isle Royale look outwards with its resources to areas that have comparable ecosystems that are endangered. I think that the Nerpa Seal from Lake Baikal and the Amur Leopard would be very well suited to the island. Having distinct populations in Lake Superior would be relatively ecologically safe, but would reduce extinction risks for these charismatic species immensely.

5. What do you like and dislike about the preliminary alternatives?

I disliked that they were intentionally divisive. The EIS process should have begun in the 1980's following the population bottleneck from Canine Parvovirus. I feel that the NPS is trying to shift attention away from the fact that it failed to act in the decision window. Now that we are passed that time, of course the options are controversial, expensive and unlikely to succeed.

Final thought: What is the deal on fishing? How can that possibly be legal in a wilderness/biosphere where no one is allowed to take anything from the island.

Correspondence ID: 166 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would suggest a 20-25 year study is probably long enough to determine the results for the research you were conducting.

Two wolves arrived last year and left. Let them go. Do not reintroduce as you are well aware of final outcome.

Perhaps allow some of the moose to escape to mainland. Helicopters have been used before. What is the point of further watching them be tortured by ticks?

It is still a beautiful island. Wanting to encourage tourism is not worth the sacrifice of wonderful wildlife.

Do NOT reintroduce wolves as its a death sentence.

Correspondence ID: 167 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 17:21:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature left undisturbed is always the best alternative for all creatures, including us. Since that has not occurred in this case, with the near extinction of wolves once again in Michigan, we are called upon to consider how to rectify the condition caused by man. We should place restraints upon hunting wolves. We should protect them from extinction. If we allow them to recover their numbers, they will cross the ice to the islands and balance nature again.

In lieu of that happening naturally, we should place wolves one time on Isle Royale and not cull moose, wolves or any other wildlife populations. Man's actions are what caused the imbalance in the first place.

Leave Nature alone and it will recover. Culling one species then leads to the so-called necessity to cull the next. If we had left wolves alone in the first place we wouldn't need to be considering what to do regarding moose populations at this moment or any other.

Correspondence ID: 168 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 17:36:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The current ecosystem will be destroyed without the wolf, repopulate the island. How to do it? I'm no expert but I keep hearing other non-experts say there is too many wolves in the UP. Perhaps you could thin that group.

Correspondence ID: 169 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 18:16:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please explain to me why you cannot put more wolves on the Isl. Royal National Park in Lake Superior, Michigan. The island has been a documented study of the successful ratio between the wolves & the moose herd, for years. Now that the wolves are disappearing because of in-breeding, the moose are in trouble ,the herd is growing,un-checked, & they are going to run out of food, very soon. The way it sounds to me, you don't give a damn, as to what is unfolding. Is it because Isle. Royal is not a money maker like Yellow Stone ? I hope i'm wrong. Respectfully yours, Frank [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 170 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,18,2016 21:16:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Mostly, I support Alt. A. If there had to be another choice, I'd support Alt. D.

Correspondence ID: 171 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,19,2016 08:18:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The study of ecological relationships in the wild has a basic premise of non-intervention by humans to prevent outside influences from altering the relationships. This also assumes that environmental conditions will progress without influence from human activities. Neither of these conditions apply to the wolf-moose relationship on Isle Royale since human influence is pervasive and has affected all organisms on the island. Tourism and the construction of facilities, mining, fishing, and introduction of diseases (particularly parvovirus) have altered the island ecosystem from what could be called wild.

Alternative C is the best choice for a management strategy. The loss of wolves on the island will have lasting effects on the moose population through an

increase in moose reproduction and survival until the food supply declines the the point where moose starvation occurs. The loss of vegetation might also affect other organisms through increased erosion and loss of habitat. Climate change has decreased the probability of ice bridge formation that would allow natural migration of wolves to the island. Introduction of wolves would broaden the gene pool and prevent major fluctuations in the moose population.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you, for keeping me in the loop, things get complicated when people are involved, as we near the 100th anniversary of the N.P.S. I'm grateful for the folks that thought of the future. Not to inflate me or the human race, but the wolves don't know it's 2016 my choice is let them be no shipping them over they will work it out. Thanks to you'all who have to make the hard decisions. Walt [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: I have enjoyed the IsRo trails since 1970. I have heard the wolves howl, seen their footprints, come upon a recent kill and for one second I even saw one on the trail between Moskey and Richie. I am so afraid that without the wolves the wonderful ecology will be destroyed. I have walked through the moose 'exclosure' at the Washington Creek/Windigo area and I can easily visualize the destruction that will result from a moose population explosion. I have seen many a moose and several that were diseased and starving. Obviously the backpackers and hikers of Isle Royale will see much more of these types of moose without the wolves to keep the herd healthy. We re-introduced wolves to Yellowstone under great controversy from the citizens around the park. We know the wolves have helped to heal the whole ecology of the area.

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Correspondence: It is time to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royal now. Man and their dogs have destroyed the balance with disease and man should correct the balance. As a camper, I have seen boaters arrive with large boats to the outlying islands and let their dogs off on the docks onto the land many times. Possibly you should ban boats from the docks that have dogs on them. Wolves keep the balance of nature with the Moose.

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Correspondence: There are larger concerns beyond the immediate status of Isle Royale as a functioning wilderness, whatever the term "wilderness" may connote, given the significant degree of human tinkering. Those concerns have to do with the understanding and acceptance of the role of keystone animals in the healthy functioning of natural ecosystems.

My view is that Isle Royale and the wolf vs. moose/ungulate dynamic should be maintained through whatever methods, which may be least restrictive, so that Isle Royale can continue as an iconic symbol of a functionally balanced ecosystem. There are great, long term threats to similar apex predators across the globe. Some of these include Amur tigers, arctic polar bear, Rocky Mountain grizzly, wolves on all continents where they are endemic, sharks in the open ocean, and so on. These examples continue to face an uphill fight for survival, especially when they are perceived to be in direct conflict with human beings. By maintaining the wolf/moose relationship on Isle Royale, it will serve to offer a real, concrete and tangible example of the historical workings of nature to people who may otherwise be focused on an "us versus them" competition model. As an island wilderness, Isle Royale is not so easily co-opted because it has limited economic value to private interests. Maintaining Isle Royale in this figurehead capacity represents a far greater value to a healthy planet than the small geographic area it represents.

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Correspondence: I like wolves and would like to see them continue to be a part of the Isle Royale ecosystem, but I would also appreciate plain speech and transparency.

Dr. John Vucetich and Dr. Rolf Peterson have consistently argued for introduction/reintroduction of wolves but rarely if ever disclose their vested interest in the process. While I respect their research greatly, the argument of "forest health" or "ecosystem health" is ridiculous. Such measures of health are invariably tied to human desires, whether it be board feet of lumber or scenic vistas. From the time that the waters receded after the last glaciation to a scant few decades ago, the ecosystem of Isle Royale has survived and in fact flourished without human help. While it is true that the forest will look different and be composed of different species in different proportions, it will not be "sick" if moose overgraze and even drive some species to local extirpation.

Yes, we like wolves, so let's just say so and leave it at that.

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Correspondence: I feel like you should somehow combine alternative B & C, with a review period after 36 months. I actually just put together a research paper on Saving the Minnesota Moose for my Current Environmental Topics class. It seems that if you would take some Wolves away from the "moose range" and relocate them to Isle Royale that would benefit the Northeastern Moose at the same time. Also, you could take the Wolves that are moving closer to the city of Duluth and killig small dogs and give them a chance to find food.

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Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to voice my support for option "C," in which wolves are brought to and managed on the island for the next 20 years.

For me, wolves were an important part of the magic that drew me to Isle Royale this summer, where I participated in the public meeting and spoke in depth with scientists. From the information I learned at that meeting and afterward, it seems necessary for the tourist interest and also ecological viability of the island to continue to bring wolves to the island. Given that there are few truly wild places left for wolves to exist, this is a great opportunity for this amazing and threatened species.

I am strongly for bringing wolves to the island, because human actions leading to global warming have decreased the frequency of ice bridge formation that would allow wolves to cross to the island naturally. In addition, I vote for continued management, because it seems irresponsible to me to simply dump one set of wolves on the island and not watch how they take. Perhaps the wrong breed or family is picked, and a different one will be needed. Also, it will be a great opportunity to have a place to relocate wolves that become a problem for farmers or ranchers in other parts of the country.

Please implement option "C" before the last wolves die out at Isle Royale. The island will be a desolate and ruined place without it's wolves.

Thank you from a concerned National Parks supporter,

Anita [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 179 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I prefer option C, to act as soon as possible and take further action based on expert recommendations (e.g. Rolf Peterson).j

I believe this option gives the best opportunity for genetic rescue, and for at least some of this lineage of island wolves to persist in the population.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Correspondence ID: 180 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have had the pleasure of visiting Isle Royale in 2014, and a big attraction for me was to learn about the wolf-moose interaction. I was appalled to learn that there are only 3 wolves left (maybe even 2 left now). In my opinion the NPS should act immediately.

I prefer plan C, which allows NPS to bring wolves as often as needed to the island for the next 20 years. This plan gives everyone the most flexibility.

There are numerous reasons why I support this plan. I have had the first hand chance to witness the devastation caused by an unchecked moose population. A balanced ecosystem is badly needed, otherwise we will be subjecting the vegetation, and eventually the moose, to a slow death. Moreover for people like me who live far away, the attraction for visiting Isle Royale is no longer there if wolves are not present. This is a huge financial incentive for plan C as well.

Correspondence ID: 181 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I like Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,20,2016 07:09:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been a lifelong advocate of the wisdom of having a viable wolf population on Isle Royale. During August of 2015 I again visited the island and am more convinced than ever that this wolf reintroduction should be done. It is quite apparent that the few wolves remaining are not enough to create a healthy self sustaining population. There seems to be a healthy enough stock of wild wolves in the upper midwest to draw upon in this reintroduction. Please, let's get it done for the good of this magnificent national park wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 183 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,20,2016 11:28:08
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Correspondence: It hard for me to know given the long age we are currently living (I think on the order of 10,000 years since the ICE age)how many times wolves and moose have co-habituated on the island. It is also impossible to turn the back time to a time when man did not influence the surface of the earth. Without our help given current climate changes wolves may never have an opportunity to again cross the ICE to inhabit the island. We are soon to begin "official" hunting (Un-offical hunting has been well documented) of wolves in the Upper Peninsula. It seems a trajedy to let both environments continue without our intervention. Moose left on the island without wolves will very soon begin a cycle of overpopulation and over-browsing followed by starvation and mass death without natural predation to control (balance) the population. I believe the majority of Michganders would gladly give up a few

wolves periodically to Isle royal when new genetic material is needed to maintain a healthy population of wolves and help balance the population of Moose. I strongly favor alternative B as listed in the newsletter. Thank you for asking and good luck with the decisions you make!!

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Correspondence: I am in favor of Option C.

Correspondence ID: 185 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,20,2016 14:12:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My first backpacking experience was on Isle Royale in 1972. Was on the island again Fall of 2014. There have been changes but still a special beauty that I treasure. Part of me thinks, just let nature take its course, but I also see a wisdom in maintaining the wolf/moose relationship. Not an easy decision but I'm leaning more towards introducing the wolves back. The studies and research done so far have been so interesting, I would like to see them be able to continue. Hopefully, what we learn from the animals will help us be better people.

Correspondence ID: 186 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe the park service should pursue Alternative C, bringing a new population of wolves to the island and managing them according to the scientists. This will achieve a balance that has been disrupted on the island, and preserve the island as a resource for future generations while still allowing it to "evolve" within managed constraints.

Correspondence ID: 187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,20,2016 16:27:14
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Correspondence: It is encouraging to see we still have the opportunity to comment on what is happening with our Wildlife problems and not just shooting them to remedy the problem with our Wildlife areas.

Correspondence ID: 188 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,20,2016 18:38:35
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Correspondence: I have been visiting the Island since the early 1990's and have made 25 trips to Isle Royale. During many of those trips on the Ranger III we listened to researchers, Park Personnel and others repeatedly state how the Park had Inter-National Biosphere Status and that we were responsible for "leaving everything as we found it", that Wilderness designation meant that it was "hands off" for any human interference in the ecology of the Island.

Since the NPS mantra for so many years has promoted a "hands off" philosophy there is no viable option for the NPS other than "A"...leave nature run its course. To "import" wolves would mean that the NPS has chosen to ignore decades of a "hands off" policy. Let the wolves die off.. let the moose population run it's course. Let the Island be what it will be naturally without the hand of man and his "I know best what mother nature needs and I can fix things" mindset.

In reading many of the previous comments from last year it is amazing how naïve so many people are regarding the actual impact of wolves on the overall moose population on the Island. In the early 90's there were a significant number of wolves on the Island and the moose population skyrocketed to well over 2000...then plunged as a result of over-browsing/starvation. The wolves certainly did not keep the population in check. Available browse has a much greater impact on the moose population than wolves and the degeneration of the genetic diversity of the moose herd likely has a continuing detrimental impact as well.

Much of the vegetation has regenerated in some of the areas we visited regularly over the past 24 years. If the moose population gets too large for the available food nature will balance the herd without the presence of wolves. Don't need the wolves to "manage" the moose, probably had little impact anyway. Wolves, even in historical times, let alone geologic time, are "new comers" to the Island, their time "came" and now it appears their time has gone. Option "A" is the only option which makes sense.

Correspondence ID: 189 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been following this Isle Royal wolf and moose study almost from the beginning. Yes I am that old.

The Doctor who was overseeing the project was always very adamant about the purpose of the study, which was....NO HUMAN intervention whatsoever.

Now through the course of this study, some think that there needs to be intervention from enhancing the gene pool of the wolf, so that "new bloodlines" can be injected into the pack so that reproduction can begin again.

First, it is "assumed" that the pack was not ALWAYS evolved from a single alpha male and female. In fact it is likely that this is exactly what happened. Of course since DNA analysis was not yet developed we can only suggest that inbreeding by pairs of wolves was NOT ALWAYS THE CASE. While icing of the water bridge to Canada may have occurred several times to this island, wolves don't tend to accept strays and would likely as not kill the intruder.

So it is entirely likely that the entire pack came from a very limited gene pool to begin with. This then seems to negate the need to introduce new stock if that is even possible.

Secondly if the Park Service does decide that introduction of new bloodlines is necessary then it seem that the same should be done with the Moose

population, perhaps introducing larger animals so that a stronger stock of animals could be developed perhaps somewhat resistant to a larger wolf stock.

And of course, if you tinker with bloodlines of both Moose and Wolves, then seems right to inject some support for changing the food sources for Moose as well. While nearly anyone who has studied fisheries and wildlife knows that increasing the food sources and availability would benefit both the studied species, and perhaps increase secondary food sources for the wolf to feed on as well, it is not very practical to do so and may well upset the balance of nature.

It is very UNLIKELY that there ever were "thousands" of moose on this tiny island, and since nobody began counting them with any accuracy for long into the wolf study, seems a bit of an exaggeration to say that moose populations could ever get that large with NO primary predation, (prior to wolves discovering the island) and that other checks and balances would fall into place to prevent moose from sticking out from behind every rock and dead fall.

Once this predator prey relationship was studied, with zero interference's from man. It was a real study....one where man did not interfere with population shifts one way or the other.

If the Park Service allows human intervention by injecting needed and "necessary" bloodlines into the Wolf AND Moose populations then this study has for all intensive purposes resulted in failure to keep the natural harmony that has occurred for nearly a hundred years and beyond. Man is now INVOLVED!

With the inevitable changes in climate which man has just begun to understand and acknowledge, remember ice ages have occurred several times for sure....it seems that once again, we could be injecting changes in bloodlines and forestry practices similar to a dog chasing his tail. Odds of any positive outcome are remote at best and the negatives are stronger than ever before.

Do NOT TINKER WITH BLOODLINES, CHANGES IN FORESTRY, OR any other man-made interventions. Doing so will bring the study to a close, make irrevocable modifications which will forever destroy this unique ecosystem that has evolved far longer without any influences from man. Let nature take care of itself, and for Heaven sake, learn that tinkering with an ecosystem that is ever evolving should never be done to save that very environment from ourselves. Resist the temptation to tinker... leave it alone and study it forever, and never "wish" that we had just left it alone to begin with. We have the chance to keep this place un-involved with man, and it should stay that way until and even when all inhabitants are gone by way of natural selection and the environment. Doing anything else is just criminal and a total disrespect for natural selection.

This place is extremely unique and it should be treated exactly that way forever.

If we do mess with this, then let's go all the way and re-introduce mountain lions, bears, eagles, and every other predator and prey animal available.

Then charge admission to the new zoo complete with new marina ferris wheel and cotton candy machines.

I request anonymity

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Correspondence: Off hand I can't remember when the last time a "new" wolf (wolves) came to the Island and stayed (old grey guy 1997?). If he was the last, then he didn't quite provide 20 years of vitality to the packs of Isle Royale. If he wasn't the last, then it is even worse. It seems like ice bridges will occur less and less often (though they did occur twice recently).

My preference would be for Option C, though I realize that, within the 20 period of the plan, there may not really be a need for bringing additional wolves to the island after the first group have been brought.

Correspondence ID: 191 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please help restore wolves on Isle Royale! I want my young son to have the chance to not only visit the island, but to have the chance to see wolves and how an well managed ecosystem works when all the pieces are in place.

Correspondence ID: 192 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,21,2016 08:54:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I have thought about this for several days, I really don't know what the answer is. I have many questions though. Why would you wait til only 2 wolves remain. In all truth they will probably die before any decisions are made, therefore the decision will be made for you.

I would suppose the two wolves could survive taking down calves or weak adults. If they die then the moose pop. which is already to large will get larger and they will starve also. Then you will issue culling permits, or the Park service will do it.

I am for bringing more wolves in. Why can't you trap the wolves in the U.P and bring them to Isle Royal, or trap some from out west, so new DNA line. In Montana, Wyoming, Idaho they fly over and shoot them. In the U.P. Caspersen has a real aversion to wolves. Instead of killing the wolves in the U.P. you could have relocated them to I.R.

Why is it that the animals are always the ones to suffer, if they are a problem then killing seems to be the #one solution.

Sincerely,

Nadine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 193 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think the alternative B or C is very good. That way the moose population can be kept in check by nature, even with some tweaking by people. I see this as a much better alternative than hunting or removing forest or an even more invasive response by people. Thank you for allowing me to comment. Thank you also for the care of this wonderful place.
Judy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 194 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,21,2016 09:04:58
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Correspondence: Humans have long been known to observe & not tamper with "wildlife" as they define it. We watch habitats & its inhabitants perish all the time. But we neglect to emphasize, its demise is widely brought on by what humans have done already; taken over, neglected, killed, etc. Why do we think it's so "wrong" to help? There are small ways of doing so that could make a huge difference & yet it's endlessly debated while life suffers. As humans we have the power to do good; to not watch another living being suffer & perish that we are ALL related to. It's terribly contradictory - Humans claim so honorably they, "don't want to 'tamper' with nature", but they do so every day; removing habitats, other species, trophy hunting, etc. when they see fit. Then when we have an opportunity to do something, compassionate and empathetic we have to debate on it this long? It's so hard for us to help another life, just because it isn't homo sapiens? We feel that disconnected. This shouldn't be a hard decision. Help the wolves. I feel we should have at least helped feed the few who were trying to survive long ago, so it wouldn't have had to necessarily come to this grave point. How cruel for humans to stand by until the last minute & potentially do nothing at all. I'm continuously disappointed in my species. I don't believe we were put here only to help "our own" survive. We've witnessed animal species miraculously (to us) help each other countless times in the wild. How about humans joining in as one of them; because we are!

Correspondence ID: 195 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would like to see the NPS bring new wolves to Isle Royale as soon as possible. The imbalance created by the depletion of the wolf population is man made, (the inability for the ice bridge to form letting wolves naturally populate, and the encroachment of man on local areas depleting the wolf population). Therefore man has the moral responsibility to bring wolves to the island by artificial means. I have spent many weeks on Isle Royale and it is one of the wonders of the world in my opinion. It would be a crime to see it decimated by a man made imbalance of nature. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to be heard.

Correspondence ID: 196 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of plan C

Correspondence ID: 197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a [REDACTED] former seasonal Park Ranger on the island, I have been following the situation of wolves and moose for many years. I would like to voice my strong support for a genetic rescue of the wolves on Isle Royale as soon as possible- -preferably this year.

The many disturbances which have affected the wolf population- -ranging from parvovirus being introduced by park visitors to wolves dying in abandoned mine shafts to a lack of ice cover potentially attributable to human impact on climate- -have rendered a no-action alternative unsupportable. To stand by and watch the demise of Isle Royale's wolves now would not be a matter of letting nature take its course, but would amount to a dereliction of responsibility to reduce the impact of the damage done by human presence on the Island and, indeed, potentially human impact on the climate.

We have created an environmental emergency. The appropriate course is to act as soon as possible to re-establish the balance that human intervention helped to upset on Isle Royale by giving the wolf population a boost.

--Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have been a frequent visitor to Isle Royale since 1976 and have followed the Moose-Wolf study closely for many of those years. As I watched the populations of moose and wolves fluctuate over the years, I can't help but think that if man had not introduced Parvo to the Island we might not be having this conversation. Of course, I recognize that there were many other factors leading to the decline of the wolf population.

It seems to me that Alternative C is the most appropriate response to the problem. It will address part of the man-made issue and will maintain the wolf-moose balance. One concern that I do have, however, is the term "professional judgment." Who? I would hope that the NPS would defer to those professionals who have been studying the relationships over the years.

Correspondence ID: 199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I like alternative D. It gives you a chance to determine what really happens to the moose when the wolves are gone given that they are already under pressure from the snow fleas, climate change, and the issues with their food supply. However, I also like alternative B because it gives you

the opportunity to save some wolves from being hunted on the mainland. It would be a safe haven. I prefer B over C because it will be a short period of instability for the wolves having to deal with figuring out their territory and learning about new/other wolf packs on the island. It also would let you see more quickly if the idea of bring wolves back is really viable. I have to admit, it wouldn't be the same there without seeing wolf sign, but I'll live if you choose not to bring them back anytime soon.

Correspondence ID: 200 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Dear Sir ,I believe that the reintroduction and /or restocking of wolves to Isle Royale should happen ASAP for the plain reason that mans involvement at the location as already been felt , this unbalancing of the predator/prey relationship must be fixed, at the very least bring in fresh genes to the wolf pool, the time to act is now before the Isle suffers damage from a explosion of moose and of public/gov involvement by outside special intrest groups that currently infect our political system , one only has to look at the demise of rhinos and elephants to see the fury which those that collect/hunt animals will pay to turn the Isle into a game farm.The place to collect those wolves should come from the surrounding states as what would of happened naturally had man not overpopulated the areas surrounding the Isle,There has to be someone,somewhere who can see that the vast majority of americans still want the wild in wildlife and want their children to see nature in its raw form instead of the game farms and the sterilization that the special intrest groups seem to push on the majority of average people,the trouble is those that hunt have guns and arent afraid to push their views on the average person.

Correspondence ID: 201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: If we have to many wolfs in the MI UP and have had a wolf hunt in the past (suspended for now) why shouldn't proceed with relocating several pairs to Isle Royale. I have no objection to managing the number of wolfs in the Upper Peninsula and can only see advantages in managing them on the Island as well. In both cases we are participating in trying to help maintain a balanced eco system.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 202 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I don't want to see this project end. Since it was began in 1958 we've seen the population of both species fluctuate and we continue to learn, understand, fine tune the focus and ask new questions.

Is calf recruitment decline due to climate, increased ticks, forest succession? Over-browsing from moose herd impacts the ecosystem which cannot quickly recover, and affects other wildlife which is another reason to infuse migrant wolves.

With the wolf population down to 2 inbred wolves that suffer from LSTV, bringing breeder wolves to the park to restart the population would maintain a healthier moose herd by contributing to the ecosystem and allow the study to continue. Since humans introduced the parvo virus to the island leading to a sharp decline in wolf population, human intervention to restart the population would not compromise the integrity or guidelines of the study.

Correspondence ID: 203 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: My vote would be for Alternative A. The most common sense and cost effective solution, a controlled moose hunt, has been taken off the table. A very vocal, active, and well-funded minority has seen to that. A hunt could have raised money while culling the moose herd down to an acceptable ecological level, a win-win solution that is sustainable, controlled, and repeatable. The vocal minority that doesn't recognize humans as the apex predator would be offended by this. Instead tens or hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars will be spent on introducing wolves and continuing to study them in an environment that has no parallel anywhere else on the planet. Introduced wolves could die, leave, multiple to unacceptable levels, etc., and it is not a natural process when propped up by human activities. Introduction is probably not sustainable, control is limited, and is expensive to implement. So what is the value? Two of the experts and most vocal proponents of wolf introduction, are the very people who have spent decades studying the wolves on Isle Royale. They have always been proponents of letting nature take it's course, UNTIL things have taken a turn in the "wrong" direction. Suddenly, they needed to find a reason to act. They now blame humans for the wolf decline with reasons like wolves falling into 100 year old man-made mine shafts, a canine parvo virus brought to the island by humans, and human-caused climate-change/global warming (what it is called depends on which way the thermometer goes). Regardless of what you think of their list of reasons the fact is none of those are going to suddenly change if/when wolves are introduced. While I'm not in favor of spending tax payer dollars on a study that has dubious real world value, why not consider some other predator to introduce and study? Black bears, brown bears, cougars, coyotes? I only point this out to show how ridiculous this whole thing idea. A limited moose hunt of 300-500 tags per year at 1500-2000 dollars per tag could raise 500,000 to 1,000,000 dollars every year to achieve the same ecological goal in a sustainable, controlled, repeatable manner while raising revenue.

Correspondence ID: 204 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I feel that the Isle Royale Wolves need immediate help. New wolves should have introduced two years ago, when the treat of extinction had first been known.

It is shameful that the parks department is dragging their feet, and these wolves are being allowed to die off! All too often it seems that government turns their backs on wolves. It is time that government and people realize that the fairy tales we heard as children were really fairy tales!

Wolves are essential to the balance of nature, and play an important part in America's wilderness. Every BLOOD LINE is valuable, and must be protected. There should be no discussion as to letting the last two die, before introduction of more wolves, that idea is appalling!

I believe that root of the problem, is the loss of ice bridges, due to "Global Warming", caused by man's disregard to nature, and greed. It is therefore man's

responsibility to intervene, NOW, while there are two wolves left.
We must not allow another blood line to vanish, we must do all we can, and take action today!

Correspondence ID: 205 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,22,2016 13:55:58
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Correspondence: Please bring wolves back to Isle Royale! Alternative B or C are fine. Since wolves are becoming a problem in Wisconsin, couldn't some of them be trapped and moved to the island? Wolves on Isle Royale will help keep a balance to the biosphere. It is the right thing to do!

Correspondence ID: 206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I've backpacked on the island 8 times in the last 10 years, for up to 15 days at a time. Let's allow the wolves to keep living there and culling the moose herd. The moose have had boom and bust cycles with their attendant negative effects on the vegetation. If the wolves are gone, we will have a bigger moose management problem that will be complex to deal with. The moose population is on an upswing now. The wolves are almost gone. I'm afraid that this time when the moose peak out, it may be pretty bad. Let's get some wolves in there that are proven moose killers, perhaps from Quebec, ASAP. I think Alternative C looks best to me. It's not just a question of wolves, it's a question of the top predator that is needed.

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Correspondence: Do you know why the number of wolves has been reduced to such a low level? If you do not know, how do you expect the new introduced wolves to fair any better? If you do know the plan for reintroduction must take this into account obviously. How are you going to ensure genetic diversity unless you introduce new wolves from different regions periodically? Introducing wolves seems like the way to go however it may not be the answer if there is an unforeseen factor that has been overlooked in the healthy establishment of a viable wolf population. If goes without saying the situation must be monitored continuously and flexibility as to the timetable and number of introduced new wolf population must be a part of the plan.

Good luck we wish you all the success to maintain a viable ecosystem on such an important location as Isle Royale is a great opportunity to learn as much as we can.

Correspondence ID: 208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,23,2016 10:52:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale NP a couple of times. My main motivation was to hear wolves. I didn't hear them in the park, but did later in the Boundary Waters.

I would like to suggest that Woodland Caribou and Lynx be reintroduced to the island. According to Durward Allen's book WOLVES OF MINONG, neither wolves nor moose lived on the island at the dawn of European colonization. Both woodland caribou and lynx are at risk in extirpation in the United States. Wolves are less so, and thousands of people are doing their best to ensure their survival.

I am a wilderness advocate, but nonetheless I think Isle Royale presents a unique opportunity for restore rare threatened species.

Correspondence ID: 209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,23,2016 11:13:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge the adoption of Alternative C. This is urgently needed to avoid the effects of overpopulation of moose and the effects on vegetation and other animal and plant species and then another crashing of moose population because of absence of predators. Such effects will be detrimental to visitors' expectations for a park experience. It is consistent with sensible management of the resource and follows the experience of research done on wolves and moose on the island.
It is by far the best choice.

Correspondence ID: 210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,23,2016 16:06:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for your email notice, for your latest newsletter on the revised scope of the EIS and for the opportunity to comment again.

As discussed below, I have carefully considered the various alternatives. As a result, I favor Alternative A which calls for no intervention to bring in wolves even though the current wolf population may die out.

We have visited about half of our national parks from the Everglades to Denali and from Acadia to Yosemite - but Isle Royale is still my favorite and the only one to which I have returned more than once. Since 1983, I have been to Isle Royale twelve times. Eleven of those visits were backpacking trips, arriving on the Ranger or the seaplane for an 8 or 9-day stay. My last visit was August of 2015.

I love the scenery of Isle Royale, the peace and quiet, the wildlife, the amenities for backpackers, the relaxed pace, the feeling of immersion and the other visitors. You meet the nicest people on Isle Royale! I also like that the park staff seems highly competent and especially respectful of the visitors.

I have also followed the wolf-moose study from Durward Allen to the present. I've attended Rolf and Candy Peterson's presentations several times and heard Dr Peterson on NPR repeatedly advocating for a wolf rescue. In 2013, I attended the IRNP public meeting in Chelsea, MI, in which Dr Paul Brown gave an excellent presentation on the changing nature of island ecology and its impact on wildlife policy in the park.

Because we do love Isle Royale, it's tempting to want to keep it as it is. But then I realize that it has changed considerably just in the 33 years that I have been visiting, generally changing for the better. For example, visitation has had peaks & valleys, new ranger housing was built at Daisy Farm, Rock Harbor lighthouse has been restored and a new museum added, there are more kayakers and more guided educational & recreational groups, no wake zones and wilderness zones were added, the artist in residence program was initiated, solar panels were installed, there is new emphasis on cultural resources, the lodge has been refurbished, ranger programs & backcountry presence have been reduced and the Isle Royale Natural History Association joined with the new Keweenaw National Historic Park to form IRKPA. Through all the human changes, wildlife and vegetation have also continually fluctuated in composition and abundance.

Considering the longer history of the island, of course, there have been many more changes such as copper mining, fishing, the 1936 burn, the cottage owners, the pre-park tourist industry and the formation of the national park itself. Certainly the wildlife and vegetation composition and abundance changed during that time as well.

So when I think about the path forward, I'm convinced that we should not feel the need to intervene because wolf numbers are currently down or might even die out. There is nothing sacred about the wildlife composition and abundance that happens to be present in our own memory. When I was born, there were no wolves on Isle Royale. If the wolves do die out, as you might expect within an island ecology, it will certainly impact the moose population and the vegetation. But that is not unprecedented. There have been spikes in the moose population before as well as dramatic changes in the vegetation. This too will pass. We should have policies that are designed not for my remaining lifetime but instead for my 8 month-old grandson's lifetime and beyond.

I've listened to those who advocate intervention. The researchers who have spent a lifetime studying wolves and moose certainly have a profound attachment to their subjects. They've even named the wolves! If I were in their shoes, I imagine that I would want to keep the study going too. But, that's not a policy for future generations. In fact, I question the validity of studying a managed, foreign population of wolves that would be transplanted onto the island and won't likely be able to get off. It would be an artificially-managed captive breeding program. Because Isle Royale is closed most of the year, because NPS policy protects wildlife from most human interference and because human activity is largely concentrated in Rock Harbor, Mott Island and Windigo, the wildlife is still remarkably untouched. I would hate to see that lost.

I have also followed the concerns expressed by Senator Peters and others. It seems to me that they are speaking on behalf of constituents who know Isle Royale because of the wolves and like the feeling of "wilderness" because wolves are present. If wolves die out, they likely also see loss of visitation and its resultant loss of economic activity. It's perhaps admirable that they speak up for the voting public, but I believe in this case it's misguided. If we had an opportunity to educate the public more thoroughly, they might feel otherwise and even ask Senator Peters to protect the changing island ecosystem rather than transplant wolves.

I remember the movie "The Truman Show" in which the main character grew up on the set of a reality show. Later in life, he discovers that his life had been completely scripted. I see a parallel to the question before us. Do we transplant and manage wolves so that visitors feel like they're in a wilderness? And what happens when they realize that it's a ruse? Wouldn't it be better to keep Isle Royale as unmanaged as possible and even use the story of wolves on Isle Royale as a "teachable moment"?

Likewise, I see that EO Wilson and others have argued in favor of wolf transplants as well. I certainly respect Dr Wilson and have followed his work through the years. I've heard him speak in person. I even agree that intervention to preserve the diversity of life is justified in many cases, but I don't believe that it's justified in this case. Wolves are not an endangered species, even though their presence in Isle Royale's island ecology may have run its course. And it seems a real stretch to say that transplanting wolves would save other island species from extinction.

A frequent argument for intervention is that people caused the wolf decline so people should fix it. But we can't fix the ongoing effects of climate change by transplanting wolves. Maybe the wolves would have died out without climate change; during a recent ice bridge, a resident wolf LEFT the island.

Another rationale for transplanting wolves is that they are needed to cull the moose herd. In our town, the city and county parks have contracted with sharpshooters to cull deer that are eating decorative plants in the parks and adjacent neighborhoods. Over the last 5 years, they've removed about 400 deer. I have supported the effort. Deer are not endangered. Golf courses, soccer fields and neighborhood shrubs are not national parks. Isle Royale is different. It should not be our goal there to cull the moose herd by artificial means of any kind, including transplanted predators.

I know that the majority of people think that we should "save the wolves." I think we should convince them to save the unique island ecology of Isle Royale for generations to come. Isle Royale is not a city park. It's not a zoo. It's not a place for captive breeding programs. And it shouldn't be "The Truman Show."



Correspondence ID: 211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 08:00:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of intervention on Isle Royale...to insure the ecosystem stays in check and not have the moose overpopulation and hurt the ecosystem, we need to keep the wolves on the island.

I am in favor of either of these proposals. We need to act quickly

Alternative B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Thank you for hearing my views

Joyce [REDACTED]
Concerned Michigander!!,

Correspondence ID: 212 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 09:35:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is what I would like to see happen.

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Correspondence ID: 213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 09:40:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Human encroachment extirpated wolves from Yellowstone. This is a known fact. We killed them by our hunting actions. They were re-introduced to help restore the ecosystem which had radically changed due to the loss of an apex predator.

This same situation has occurred on Isle Royale. While not exclusively a human caused extirpation, we still had a huge role in the population of wolves dropping to this all-time low of 2 animals. The introduction of the parvovirus killed a large percentage of the wolf population - 100% te fault of human encroachment. This drop in the population of wolves has condensed the gene pool to levels which it could not recover and now we're in the predicament that we're in.

We "fixed" Yellowstone to fix our mistake after decades of ignoring the issue. We can "fix" Isle Royale BEFORE it sustains ecological damage from overbrowsing and huge moose population increases.

Yes, I'd like to think Isle Royale is closed ecosystem we should not touch or interfere with, but the fact is, human encroachment has already damaged this island and reduced the wolf population. We can fix our mistakes on this island gem.

Please re-introduce wolves asap.

Correspondence ID: 214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 10:21:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative C and begin to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. It is imperative that wolves are restored. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 17:15:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C to bring wolves in as often as needed with Option B as a second choice

Correspondence ID: 216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 17:52:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

NO

Man has tried to "introduce" different species into pristine environments with catastrophic results. There are many, many places where this has occurred. Let nature take it's course. If wolves migrate to the island, so be it.

A is the ONLY option.

Correspondence ID: 217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,24,2016 18:07:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes, still they form, if not last year, the two years before that. Wolves even crossed over and they left again. And another wolf, Isabelle?, took the opportunity to leave the island after beeing half mauled to death by other wolves there.

According to David Mech, parvo didn't have any severe impact anyway and it is still questionable if humans really had anything to do with it anyway. (That story really have changed over the years.) And parvo is not 'unnatural', anyway.

And wolves never got to the island anyway untill the late 1940s. Did warming climate stop them before that?

No, leave the island alone if you want a shred of scientific credibility to the study. Artifscial reintroduction will just make the island a manmade wolfcolony of no interest to anybody.

If wolves die out there will be an excellent chance to see what will really happen. The conclusion here is not a fixed thing. In fact it will be one of the few chances to study exactly that.

So leave it alone, for the sake of science and for not looking like a bunch of one-species preservationists.

Excuse my language. My birth language is not English,

Correspondence ID: 218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,25,2016 09:46:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alt 3, wolves are an important part of Isle Royale history and should not be lost. All people should have the enjoyment of this truly special place one of our National Parks and wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,25,2016 10:22:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If I read the original article right, the wolves have only been coming to the island for the last hundred years which might have coincided with increased hunting on the mainland. Therefore, I don't see any reason to do anything but observe. The current change might be due simply to the decrease in hunting and the wolf population may be righting itself.

Correspondence ID: 220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,26,2016 08:21:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves vs moose study has been on going for many decades without the interference of man and now all of a sudden people want to intervene with nature? Maybe it is a money thing? Will the study grants dry up? Let nature take its course and we will all see the outcome!

Correspondence ID: 221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,26,2016 09:29:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Based on the 2016 revised scope of the EIS, I'd recommend Alternative C as the option for the best long-term survival of wolves, moose and island vegetation. It would allow flexibility in management based on the available science-much of it from on-going long-term research out of MTU.

Alternative A doesn't lessen the problem, Alternative D is long past being viable (the island's wolves are essentially toast already) and Alternative B might be just kicking the can down the road before island forces again raise to a critical level.

It might be found-with global warming-that neither moose nor fir nor wolf will be viable in the changing Isle Royale vegetation. Alternative C would best allow for a scale back in this eventuality.

I look forward to the next phase of the draft plan/EIS.

Correspondence ID: 222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,26,2016 18:01:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see Plan B or C implemented, depending upon which plan is supported by the Investigators of the IRNP Isle Royale Wolf/Moose study. An essential outcome is that research continue, studying the effect on populations of the animals and ecology, whichever plan is chosen. There may never be an opportunity for a study based on such important long-term data. I wish you well.

I know about this study from two visits to IRNP>

Correspondence ID: 223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,26,2016 19:55:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think Alternative C would be the best. Given the external events that contributed to the wolf population decline I think intervention is required to help undo "man made" damage.

Correspondence ID: 224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,28,2016 12:53:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C is best. There are so many unwanted wolves in this country and Canada that need a safe home, like the red wolves in North Carolina and the population of them that is available for release into the wild. Oregon's northeastern wolves that the Cattleman's Association just wants to kill. Idaho, Wisconsin don't want their wolves. So many wolves need a new home. The land at Isle Royale would benefit from a strong number of wolves. The moose population would be kept in check, again benefiting the ecosystem. Isle Royale would become a mecca for animal and outdoors enthusiasts. So take a page from Aldo Leopold, conserve, don't destroy.

Correspondence ID: 225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,28,2016 22:28:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow more wolves to be introduced to Isle Royale. It is critical for habitat & species health. Wolves are apex predators that enhance the health of the ecosystem, & the population is seriously depleted. Genetic diversity is needed right now for a healthy wolf population. Please use science, & reintroduce fresh genes into to the wolf population that is only 3 wolves. Thank you, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,28,2016 23:08:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am an advocate for Alternative C. It seems the most flexible and adaptive over the long haul. Wolves belong on Isle Royale, period.

Correspondence ID: 227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,29,2016 04:48:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My vote is for Alternative B. I feel that action should have been taken years ago when the wolf population was shown to be dangerously in-bred and in danger of extinction. This summer will be my 16th trip to Isle Royale and it will be the last one if there are no wolves on the island.

The moose herd will flourish with no predator on the island, and then they will die off by starvation after they eat everything on the island, this is an ugly cycle.

I realize that many would prefer that nature take its own course and people should not interfere, but we have interfered with serious consequences that bring us to this situation. I am talking about the parvo-virus that was brought to the island via human interference.

The wolves are so important to the island for many reasons that you are well aware of. Please stop studying the situation and get something done, you have enough data to make a sound decision. Thank You for allowing my input,

Suzette [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,29,2016 12:36:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see the Park Service reintroduce wolves on Isle Royale. Perhaps take from areas like (populated) Duluth Mn or if possible "lone wolves" who have been pushed out from the pack , as they might adapt easier and the original packs do not lose one who is important to their own pack survival. This is a way to study how they adapt and also to cut down on the population instead of hunting them.

Thank You,

Correspondence ID: 229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,29,2016 15:01:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves on ISRO have been a wonderful natural experiment. We've learned a great many things about wolves, prey and their environment that would not have been possible otherwise. That has been a fabulous opportunity for wildlife biologists and managers(even retired ones like myself).

Let the experiment continue. Let the wolves do whatever they will do, and let the moose, and the forest, do whatever they will do. Continue and expand the ecological research; test the predictions; and learn from what happens. The experiment isn't done because wolves may be gone. It's just entering a different phase, one that focuses on moose and forest plant community dynamics.

I understand the reluctance of some to let the wolves disappear, but if they do, let it be so. There is much to learn, and the world does not revolve around wolves.

Isle Royale, as part of the National Park System, is supposed to preserve natural ecosystem function and processes, and the opportunity to study and interpret those...not to manage wolves. If wolves are artificially maintained, for whatever reason, it will compromise the ongoing ecological experiment that is Isle Royale. I and many others will continue to learn more about moose population processes and the response of forest communities to moose population fluctuations.

If Isle Royale is going to artificially manipulate wildlife populations, you might as well turn it over to the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,29,2016 18:55:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a frequent backpacker on Isle Royale i have grown to treasure the serene nature of its ecosystem. Wolves have been part of the Isle Royale ecosystem for several generations and are a critical part of the ecosystem. Isle Royale without wolves is not Isle Royale, I support immediate reintroduction of wolves to the Isle Royale ecosystem....they help maintain the moose population, which in turn preserves the vegetation, etc. which in turn eliminates the perverse possibility of moose population control hunts. Nature was not the cause of the Wolf population crash; human assists in the way of parvovirus, open mining pits, climate change, etc. are the primary culprits. Humans should now assist in reestablishing the Wolf population on Isle Royale. Isle Royale without wolves is not Isle Royale... reintroduce wolves now.

Correspondence ID: 231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Mar,30,2016 13:45:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C

Correspondence ID: 232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 14:05:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes, please introduce new wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 15:37:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support taking action to shore up the wolf population on the island. This is a unique site, with a very particular appeal, and I think it is worth some effort to maintain it.

Correspondence ID: 234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 15:49:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Both my husband and I have been interested in Isle Royale for many years. My husband has canoed the waterways of the island when he was younger. I also am extremely interested in the future of wolves in the Great Lakes, both in the US and Canada; and especially in the Upper Peninsula. I have also have been opposed to removing wolves from endangered status.

I have read the proposed alternatives for the Isle Royale wolves with interest. My personal instinct is to not 'manage' the island or wolves in any way. They came there naturally, as did the moose, which I also love. I feel that there are few areas in the world that humans have not put our hand to, and this is one that should remain unmanaged. While I would love to see the wolf population be restored, I would rather that it be by natural means, or not at all.

I am well aware of the positive effect that wolves can have on an ecology, such as the return of the wolves to Yellowstone. But Isle Royale is a much small ecological niche. It survived without either moose or wolves, and I feel that it should continue without human intervention.

Continue to study, and let's see what happens. Nature may continue to surprise us.

With all good wishes for the future of Isle Royale,
Bonnie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 15:59:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'd like to see additional wolves introduced to Isle Royal and see their numbers maintained sufficiently to counterbalance the moose population.

Correspondence ID: 236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 16:47:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce a healthy pack of wolves onto Isle Royale. My father visited many times and always told such wonderful stories of the howling wolves on that island. It has always been my dream to travel to Isle Royale and experience the same spine tingling sounds. I was born and raised in the beautiful UP of Michigan. The forests and the animals in them are a part of me.

Correspondence ID: 237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 17:04:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have hiked the Isle 3 times and am planning another trip for August. It is the closest pristine backpacking opportunity to the Midwest. Send in the wolves! I favor options B and C.

Correspondence ID: 238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 17:38:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider bringing more wolves to Isle Royale. I've been following the population/progress for 45 years. I would like my Children and Grandchildren to continue interest in Michigans Wolf and Moose study, not to mention my own interests. The 36 months(B), is what I would choose to continue the ongoing wolf population. Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 17:44:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't let these wolves die....they are in dire straights due to humans and global warming. We owe it to them to help. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 17:53:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please use alternative B. Normally I would think we should let nature take its course, but the island is already off balance. This would also help with the vegetation and moose issues.

Correspondence ID: 241 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 17:58:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My recommendation would be to bring the two wolves on the island to the closest pack and put one in one pack and the other in another pack that way their genes would be carried on. To me the environment on the Isle is saying no to wolves.

Correspondence ID: 242 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:00:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves preserve the natural balance of nature. They are very important in our ecosystem and mankind has a moral responsibility to maintain/restore where this has been destroyed be it for greed, stupidity, negligence or blood thirst... Do the right thing by introducing new wolves and protecting them so that Nature can recover!

Correspondence ID: 243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:23:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option 'C' is the best course of action to take on Isle Royale wolves. Normally, in these types of situations, I would prefer to let nature taking it's course but, humans have greatly impacted Isle Royale wolves. The first example is humans exposed the wolves to canine parvovirus because a visitor brought his pet dog to the island. Secondly, the building up of the town Thunder Bay, ON, has caused mainland wolves to move farther away from the shores of Lake Superior which has means it would be less likely for a wolf to attempt the 15 mile trek to the Island when ice bridges form.

The next question we need to ask is, what will happen to the ecosystem of the island if we do not introduce wolves? It's no secret the moose already eat away at anything they can on the trees during the winter months as they have done great damage to the forests on Isle Royale. They've even been documented eating snow to try to consume much needed nutrients during the winter time. The moose population will start growing rapidly and then start to die because of starvation and it's very likely disease will spread as well. Then you have smaller animals such as the snowshoe hare and red squirrel who may see similar results as the largest predator on the island won't be there anymore. The red fox and the raven will also suffer as both species act as scavengers to wolf kill. The wolves are the most important factor to this ecosystem and it would suffer dramatically without wolves. We need to keep wolves here.

Lastly, we need to come up with a game plan on how to restore the wolf population. According to Rolf Peterson, the wolves that will survive the best on the Isle will be wolves who deal with moose on a regular basis. The best situation would be to bring in wolves from Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula and give both states a handful of moose in return. This would be a win-win for both the NPS and the Michigan and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. In Minnesota, they are having a serious issue with their moose population as 50% o their moose have died. Two-thirds of these deaths are from disease while the other third is thought to be from wolf predation. Minnesota would be a great candidate to trade wolves with because their wolves are used to hunting moose. Then on the Michigan side of things, they feel that the moose population in the Western UP holds about 451 wolves while the Eastern UP has about 100. They also feel the population is only growing at 2% ayear. If you transport some moose to the mainland, they may start increasing at a higher rate. Not to mention, Michigan is trying to take wolves off of the Endangered Species Act and are trying to establish a hunting season on them. Residents in the UP have complained about wolf issues and they would support this trade.

At the end of the day, humans have effected wolves on Isle Royale. We should correct our wrongdoing by reintroducing wolves to the Island from Michigan and Minnesota and in return give both states moose. My dream is to one day work this study on Isle Royale alongside Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich in studying this fascinating ecosystem. Isle Royale is a special place. People from around the world come just to experience what true wilderness is. There aren't many places in this world that has that true wilderness feel anymore. Lets keep it that way.

"Federally designated wilderness areas, these are the places we are most proud of." - John Vucetich

"The wolves were heading for shore and we only had one more opportunity to circle overhead before they reached shore. We circled and then headed for the landing spot at the other end of the lake. I craned my neck and kept watching the wolves. I thought it ironic that as the wolves reached shore, they were framed by the long shadows of tall fir trees, trees that existed now only because of previous generations of wolves that had reduced moose density in the 1970s. This scientific finding is 20 years old, but it hasnt penetrated the thinking of everyone.

Finally, the wolves disappeared in the trees and we were on approach to land. Without saying it, I thought, Thank you, wolves, for all youve taught us & Im sorry, very sorry, that it wasnt quite enough.

... Before the engine was quiet, I had dried my eyes & knowing this was the last time anyone would see wolves on Isle Royale this winter, and perhaps for a very long time to come." - Rolf Peterson

Correspondence ID: 244 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:29:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having been to Isle Royale for two different week long kayak trips I always appreciated knowing wolves were around. I only had a quick glance of a wolf one time but the thrill of knowing an encounter could occur at anytime is a priceless benefit of a wilderness adventure. Since the human race has disturbed the natural world in countless ways I feel it is justified to offer our assistance as well. Introduction of wolves at Yellowstone has been a great success, other than the open hunting allowed by the locals. So I am in favor of an option to reintroduce wolves to the Island. The sooner the better as I'm not getting any younger. One advantage over Yellowstone is that the wolves cannot leave the park easily to be trophy hunted. I leave it to the experts as to which plan of reintroduction is most beneficial. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:30:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see wolves add to Isle Royal when needed. It needs to be managed to keep the balance between wolves and moose .

Correspondence ID: 246 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:44:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need wolves in our lives because it's part of nature taking its own course. It balances everything . Bringing more wolves from places that have problems with wolves is a great idea. It can be done and has been done and very well . We meaning the lovers of wolves are concerned you are stalling . You can do it . It's a win win for all. Think of the future it's bad enough we have trophy hunters and canned hunting and sport hunting that is killing all of our wildlife because they have money and are bored. That is not hunting it's the cowards way . So please do what you have to do and make it happen Money is no object . Thankyou for doing it

Correspondence ID: 247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:46:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C of the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives. I wish it could be done sooner then the summer of 2017 so that the remaining wolves would have a greater opportunity to breed.

Correspondence ID: 248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 18:52:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think wolves need to be introduced so the wolf population continues on Isle Royal however I'll leave it to the scientist on what's the best option.

Correspondence ID: 249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 19:43:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It would be great to transport wolves who have been targeted to be put to death in other areas or states to the island and give them a chance at life!

Correspondence ID: 250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 19:58:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've loosely followed this study since my undergraduate days in Zoology many years ago. Finally in September of 2011 I made a long awaited trek to ISRO. What was my biggest draw? Simply: wolves i.e. Canis Lupus exist there. I knew I wouldn't likely see one, and I didn't. I saw lots of sign and potentially heard howls one night but it was enough of a thrill to know they were there. The existence of predators in our natural world is and should be of utmost importance. I've closely followed Winter Study in the winters since then & the decline of the existing packs. It's been heartbreaking - especially when several were discovered dead in that mine shaft. What a bad bad piece of luck that was. I fervently hoped for a disperser or two to cross the frozen bay, but instead that poor female left only to be killed on the mainland.

Anyhow, suffice it to say, the situation is dire and in my opinion, since you all are asking (thanks by the way for allowing public input)m requires dire and immediate action. Yes! Bring more over. Multiple times, widen the gene pool, increase their chances. Tamp down the rampant moose population which is destroying the flora of the island. So I'm voting for Option 3. Don't let the wheels of the federal government spin slowly this time. Listen to the science and the biologists. Restore some balance to this precious place. Otherwise we should be talking about a moose hunt.

Respectfully,
Sandie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 20:25:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would really like to see more wolves reintroduced and then protected. I think that the DNR has done a poor job of protecting the wolf. I am very disappointed with the amount of political power that the ranchers have in the west, and that has allowed for many wolves to be killed. The wolf needs to be viewed as an important part of the natural ecosystem and not a "pest". We need to be helping this animal thrive in the wilderness, and not trying to kill it.

Correspondence ID: 252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 20:26:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider returning wolves to Isle Royale. While we have unfortunately missed the opportunity to rescue the genetically adapted strain of wolves that have been living there for decades, we can still make a good, right choice and preserve the glorious boreal forests, lakes, and meadows of Isle Royale by keeping wolves, the island's only natural top predators, as part of the equation. I first visited Isle Royale in 1995 on my first ever backpacking trip. I have been caught in its spell ever since. I have returned to the park many times and have followed Rolfe Peterson's fascinating wolf-moose study in between visits. And I have watched with concern and dismay as the wolf population has dwindled toward extinction. On my first visit, rather than a t-shirt or postcard as a souvenir, I bought Rolfe's book The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale: a Broken Balance. This amazing book and Rolfe's important work (continued today by John Vucetich) explain the cyclical patterns and symbiosis in the ebb and flow of moose and wolf populations on the island. If the wolves are absent from the system, we will no longer have a balance at all. Just a system that is broken. Please give Isle Royale

ecosystems a chance to persist and not be mowed down in a sad death by a thousand molars. Please allow the next generation of backpackers to sit by the water at Moskey Basin with their ears cocked to the night sky, hopeful for the bone-chilling howl of a wolf to grace their night. (I am still waiting to hear my howl too). Please make a visionary choice to return wolves to Isle Royale to keep not only the character of wilderness, but the substance as well. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 20:31:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think it is very important for new wolves to be added to Isle Royle. The moose population will be out of control and devastating to the vegetation of the island. I think it would make more sense to add a number of wolves to the island...certainly better than people hunting and killing the wolves in the upper peninsula. Why can't those wolves be trapped and relocated to Isle Royale? If there is a damaging increase in the moose population in the next 5-10 years, then we will talking about a moose hunting season on the island.

I realize that the National Park Service has made a point of not intervening in most situations (at least in the last few decades), although the NPS will clear out non-native plant/tree species.

I hope to see plan B or C implemented. I think it is truely the best natural balance.

Correspondence ID: 254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 20:42:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves need to be put on the island and this needs to happen sooner than later. Losing the wolf population would have major impacts on the community structure of the island. Wolves are the keystone species and removing that keystone would have major impacts. Moose would overpopulate and destroy much of the vegetation on the island as well as habitat for other species would be damaged. More wolves would balance the community structure and would produce more biodiversity resulting in a more resistant and resilient ecosystem. Climate change is causing less and less ice bridges to form and for a shorter time period so its really up to us humans to reverse such actions caused by humans in order to preserve what is left of this great wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 21:24:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add additional wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 21:31:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After reading through the NPS options being considered for the wolves, I wanted to recommend that wolves be reintroduced. I think, given the serious nature of the lack of population, Option B would be the best course. A significant number that can be introduced quickly, before their absence has a more detrimental effect on the moose and vegetation. Although I am an avid wolf advocate, I realize that the Park is a unique situation and affected by many things. With the impact of Climate change, the likelihood of frozen lake access to bring an occasional genetically different wolf or two has become really unlikely. Also, warming temperatures have a direct effect on the health of moose, as we've seen their decline in other areas from tick born and other diseases. So, are the population of both predator and prey doomed on the Island? Only time will tell.

But, I think it's important not to forget the other man made reason for a huge wolf decline years ago, parvo. This begs the question of what would have happened if parvo had not killed off such a large number. The balance of moose and wolves have never behaved as expected over the years of study, swinging somewhat wildly back and forth. But I think it's worth another shot. I understand that option C could be used. But my only concern is, that if the effect of climate change eliminates the chance of an ice bridge, there will never be genetically different wolves able to cross. Then the wolves do not breed in such a way as to keep the population diverse, and we be repeating this over 20 yrs, with no possibility of letting nature take over. Then wouldn't we be effectively be creating a zoo within a National Park? One that constantly requires new genetic specimens to rejuvenate the species, or the culling of moose heards to keep them from dying or destroying the vegetation. I don't know.

My thought is to use option B. But, make it 3 packs or breeding pairs, if that's possible, and genetically different. Most importantly, do it very quickly. Then, continue the study of the balance. Can the wolf/moose survive or adapt to being practically trapped together there, their populations controlled by each other. Maybe, maybe not. I do hope that some real lessons can be learned here about the seriousness of climate change, and what we are risking for our wild places with inaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 23:12:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Since wolves can no longer regularly visit isle royale due to climate change reducing the frequency with which Lake Superior freezes over, and due to Thunder Bay, their most likely access point, being mostly unavailable due to the large human presence, I think the park service should reintroduce wolves to the island. Whether or not the population will need propping up with additional wolves can be assessed down the line, but the islands conditions will deteriorate quickly if the Moose population on the island is left unchecked.

Correspondence ID: 258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 23:26:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it would be a fantastic idea to bring wolves to the island

Correspondence ID: 259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,30,2016 23:44:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WOLVES are essential to the environment and ecosystems, they keep the animals, strong and healthy. Also a pack is very important for all things wild. [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 07:29:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need to be an integral part of the eco-system on Isle Royale. Please import them to replenish the existing pack before they disappear from the island!

Correspondence ID: 261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 07:42:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Service should proceed as soon as possible to introduce more wolves into the depleted Isle Royal population. It is the meddling of people, though inadvertent, with the climate which affected the formation of the winter ice bridge to Isle Royal which has prevented the arrival of new genetic stock to the island. At this point, remedial action to add more wolves is imperative to restore the population balance between wolves and moose, and to continue such a project for the proposed twenty years.

Correspondence ID: 262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 08:05:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support bring wolves into the island.
Either plan B or C.
The moose population is extreme and a healthy wolf population would benefit the island balance

Correspondence ID: 263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 08:26:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that this newsletter does not provide enough information about the dynamics of the park ecosystem to really allow for public to provide informed opinions on the project. Without providing the public with at least a basic understanding of how the wolves effect the moose and in turn the vegetation communities on Isle Royale, it seems ill-advised to ask for public input.

That being said, I feel that the park needs to examine how the drop in wolf numbers has effected the ecosystem thus far, to determine if adding new wolves would be helpful to maintaining the park in a healthy, diverse state, rather than waiting to see what the effects are after the wolves are gone completely. With only 2 wolves left, their impact should be fairly small at this point, and it should be fairly easy to predict what will happen to the moose and vegetation communities once they are gone. With only 2 wolves left, their odds of survival are lower than if there were a full pack, say of 5-6. Also depending on their current age, and how much they are inbred, they probably have lower lifespan as well, and are likely to die sooner rather than later. That would make the timeframe for studying the impacts of fewer/no wolves pretty narrow.

Overall, I think Alternative D is probably the best bet. Don't do anything in the immediate future, but be prepared to intervene if the ecosystem looks like its going to start to degrade. Whether or not that means reintroducing wolves, culling/moving moose, or implementing vegetation controls/burns/replanting etc...

Correspondence ID: 264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 08:26:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor plan B (short term plan) to get some action going quickly. Plan B will give time to scientists to monitor and collect data on whether it is working. It will not cause any harm (that I can see) to the existing problem or cause any imbalance to the ecosystem. If the plan does not work one can always fall back to the other plans put forward.

Correspondence ID: 265 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 08:32:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Being a student at Oregon State University and studying Natural Resource Management has given me the opportunity to research various articles and develop management plans as part of my classwork. In this case I believe that the best course of action is limited over a longer period of time. I think a certain number of wolves introduced per year over 15-20 years would allow the species to recover and become sustainable again. This will give wolfpacks time to establish territory and habitats. This would also help the entire ecosystem and control moose populations which are over abundant at this time. The right amount of wolves introduced per year is a vital part however because too little or too many will threaten the success of this plan. I think that this management strategy is the best option for this particular case.

Correspondence ID: 266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 08:33:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Depending on the size of the park and what the largest sustainable wolf population is, placing genetically diverse pairs of young wolves in the park should allow for natural mate selection and as many packs as there are pairs. it's likely not a permanently solution for an island, but with careful monitoring and steady replacement of island-born wolves with wolves selected for diversity could yield a sustainable population.

Correspondence ID: 267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 08:35:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I reviewed the policy options on the table for restoring Wolves to Isle Royale National Park, and I am in favor of "Alternative D", which calls for no immediate action, but will consider re-introducing wolves in coming years if the situation continues to decline for the Moose and vegetation on Isle Royale.

I support wilderness (in the legal definition of the word) and I support wild wolves, but I am skeptical of human intervention into these natural cycles. Please continue to closely study this situation, but reintroduce wolves only as a last resort if it becomes clear that no natural re-population is possible.

Thanks,

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Correspondence ID: 268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 09:01:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think they should definitely try again and introduce new imported wolves!

Correspondence ID: 269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 09:20:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While altering or modifying nature's course can and have resulted in unexpected results doing nothing can in fact result in greater challenges. Example where would the Bald Eagle population be today if not for the human intervention of the 70's & 80's. Deliberately permitting a natural predator free Isle Royale open that door to a potential ramped increase in the rodent and other small and medium size mammal population. I would support the introduction of 2 new mating wolf couples into the park. I would also suggest they be of an age close to puberty and well as outside the present gene pool of the population of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ontario regions. Placement of younger wolves may assist them to their new environment as well as possibly promote them to stay on the island during the heart of winter when they are able to travel to the mainland once an ice bridge forms within Lake Superior.

Correspondence ID: 270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 09:36:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank-you for allowing a comment period again this year. Once again, I oppose augmentation of wolves to Isle Royale. Please see my post here for details: [REDACTED]
I do agree, however, that the moose population should be controlled (assuming the disastrous effects of climate change do not take their toll), via darting with pzp if necessary, not hunting.
Thank-you for taking the time out for my thoughts.
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Correspondence ID: 271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 09:38:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have long been an admirer of the wolves of Isle Royale since I read David Mech's "The Wolf: The Ecology and Behavior of an Endangered Species". With their population decline it makes me concerned about the ecosystem, as has been said. Ideally it would be great to introduce many wolves over a short period of time, but wolf behavior makes this difficult. Depending on the genetic integrity of the existing wolves, I believe it may be best to let the remaining wolves die out and reintroduce more wolves the years following. In addition, the fact that it is an island, and thus a harsher environment to adapt to, will cause difficulties in reintroduction. The Sawtooth pack, created by Jim and Jamie Dutcher in the nineties, may give inspiration. Though the pack was captive and never wild, it started as two members that became a breeding pair. From there the pack grew in number and size. Introducing a small number to Isle Royale may create an easier reintroduction/adaptation process for the wolves. On the negative side, the prey animal population would grow because of the wolves being unfamiliar with the land and the habits of the prey. Having never made it to Isle Royale personally, I can't comment on direct changes or actions to the ecosystem. I hope that there will be a healthy wolf population again on the island.

Correspondence ID: 272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 09:44:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The focus on just moose and wolves on Isle Royale is very short sighted. There are other species that have a much longer history on the island that are not being discussed at all. According to NPS brochures the last caribou sighting was 1927 and the last lynx sighting was in the 1980's. Given the isolation of Isle Royale many species of plants and animals have become unique to the Island over thousands of years and deserve much more attention and study. The Moose have only been on the island a little over 100 years and are at no risk of dying out and the wolves have only been on the island since the late 40's and are not in any way unique to the island. The moose eating style does not de-vegetate areas where they feed as claimed by those favoring reintroduction of wolves. In most cases the moose don't kill the plants they feed on. The moose browsing habits cause the plants to put out new shoots creating more food for the moose. New wolves can be reintroduced at any time without any damage to the Island whether it is 5 years from now or never. The lack of wolves on the Isle Royale would present an opportunity to compare moose population fluctuations without a predator to the data

collected over the last 50 years. There is no need for wolves to be present to eat moose that have died of old age. Birds and small mammals are sufficient for that task. I used road killed white tail deer to feed birds this last winter and in less than a week an entire deer would be consumed.

Correspondence ID: 273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 12:09:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce new wolves onto Isle Royale. Wolves are a natural part of the ecosystem. They bring balance to nature

Correspondence ID: 274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 12:23:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that wolves should be re-introduced to Isle Royale in some capacity. If left unchecked, the surplus moose population will inevitably change the ecosystem and natural balance of plants and animals on the Island.

Correspondence ID: 275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 12:46:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,
For bring back the wolves to Isle Royale I believe as a citizen that it should be done. The whole entire ecosystem of Isle Royale will benefit from it. Bringing in wolves will help with the moose populations and cause them to change their patterns of where to go as to avoid being caught. This could help revive possible vegetation in the those areas. That's why it should take some consideration where on Isle Royale to first release them. A spot with a high moose population in a low baby alder tree area so that the moose are unable to eat the baby alders allowing them to grow. With the trees growing again it could bring back birds to live on the island and further change the ecosystem to like it may have been in the past when wolves were there. A course of action that could be taken is introducing wolves to Isle Royale and by the shore near Isle Royale. The wolves used to come to Isle Royale through the ice bridge made during winters to mate and travel back and forth from the island. Introducing them to both sides could help with the population by having them intermingle during winters and keep the population at a constant rate of increase or a constant population on the island. Getting the wolves to know there's an ice bridge during winter and making them cross it is another story. Somehow they would have to learn that's what they have to do to keep their population up.
In the end the wolves should be placed onto the island because humans have effected it so much that we are a possible cause of their downfall. A person bringing a dog, which is not allowed, to the island and wolves killing and eating it resulting in them getting sick and dying caused the wolves in the past to lose some of their population. Humans should feel responsible and not let nature take its course but find some way of correcting our downfalls. It takes time to allow for populations to change but in the end it could be worth it to see how the Isle Royale will be in the distant future.

Correspondence ID: 276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 17:49:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves are being decimated everywhere, even on government land. Please keep some wolves alive by bringing them to the island. I like alternative C. This way you can monitor when and if more wolves are needed over a period of time.

Correspondence ID: 277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 18:19:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves in to provide genetic diversity in the Isle Royale population as often as is necessary

Correspondence ID: 278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,31,2016 19:15:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I love Isle Royale. I worked there for several summers in the early 80s. I met my wife there. I've taken my children there. The wolves are an important part of IsRo, its environment, and its charm. It saddens me that the wolves have dwindled to such low numbers. I think that option "C" - bringing in new wolves over the course of an extended period to help ensure as much genetic diversity - is the best approach. Please.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,01,2016 13:09:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am very pleased that the National Park Service is considering options other than simply letting nature take its course. I have visited the Island every year since 1987, bring many others, including my sons and grandson, with me. The absence of wolves would have a devastating effect on the island, with increases in the moose population and the long term effects on vegetation. I believe option c would best serve the purpose of maintaining the delicate balance that has existed for so many decades, and has contributed to a most beautiful place. My hope is that the National Park Service will do whatever is necessary to preserve Isle Royale as I and many others have know it.

Correspondence ID: 280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,01,2016 15:11:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe in the one time introduction of wolves to gain another few decades of study. Possibly a few ice bridges could form again and allow some genetic diversity to come to the island from the mainland. It would be just a shame to do nothing and allow the moose population to explode and decimate the island ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,01,2016 20:10:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've heard about this action being up for debate, and yes I want there to be more wolves in Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 08:43:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce more wolves back, alternative C is the way to go. Isle Royale will never be the same if you don't do something soon. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 08:52:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not know which method of introducing more wolves to Isle Royale I would recommend. But I strongly urge the NPS to bring more wolves to the island. They add to the mystique of the island for visitors. And - - more important - - I believe they will keep the moose population from destroying the vegetation.

I've been to Isle Royale three times - - twice in the early '90s with my sons when they were Scouts, and once last spring as a guest of one of the cabin owners. I will return in June. On each trip, I have longed to see, or even hear, wolves. If I do not encounter wolves this spring, I hope I will sometime in the future.

Thanks.

Patrick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 11:07:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for plan C. Introduce more wolves as needed over several years. The moose will destroy the vegetation if allowed to over run the island. Wolves are what make this place special. We can learn from the study of wolves

Correspondence ID: 285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 12:35:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am all for introducing new animals to Isle Royale. I love going there & hearing their voices; plus they are necessary for the ecosystem to maintain its' balance. So, I thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to give our opinions!

Correspondence ID: 286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 13:02:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Humans had a huge role in the current situation with the declining/unsustainable population of wolves on Isle Royale. We introduced a virus that lead to the loss of many, and, because the formation of an ice bridge is much less likely (with human caused rising temperatures) and the area it might form in is now heavily populated, natural repopulation is much less likely. The ecosystem of Isle Royale is precious, and without wolves would become very different - overpopulation of moose resulting in a less healthy population, and overbrowsing of vegetation. I feel very very strongly that we should right the wrong that we caused. I am not certain scientifically which alternative would be best - B, C, or D, but would definitely favor reintroduction. I at this point would favor Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 13:57:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: YES. YES. YES on bringing more Grey wolves to Isle Royal. It is imperative that the population of wolves on Isle Royal NOT be allowed to be lost.

Correspondence ID: 288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 16:27:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Royal Isles don't appear to be a safe place for wolves to thrive. Too much risk involved in attempts to populate the area. Risks for the wolves that is. Instead, work in ecosystems where the wolves have naturally thrived and expand their habitats to ensure they can live well.

Correspondence ID: 289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 16:43:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Introduce more wolves there. Don't let the study die. We need wolves.

Correspondence ID: 290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,02,2016 20:08:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't think it would hurt to introduce more wolves to the Island over a period of years, then let nature take it's course. If they stay and thrive, okay. if they leave or die off then we tried.

Not much different than opening or closing hunting and fishing seasons, setting limits, etc. as we try to manage these populations.

There really isn't many true wilderness places any more as mankind has expanded everywhere. The human presence on the island might be a factor in the wolves decline.

Correspondence ID: 291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,02,2016 20:52:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am very excited to hear the NPS has reached an official planning stage on this critical issue. If the NPS decides to intervene which I fully support I think they should be prepared to introduce more wolves over a period to protect the genetic diversity.

Large predators are in decline across North America and it is important to support them in habitats that have proven successful for them in the past.

It is also important for people in North America to show that we support are large predators if we can't live around and protect large carnivores we can't expect people in Asia and Africa to.

Thank you for reading my comments I hope this project continues positively.

Correspondence ID: 292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,03,2016 05:31:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a retired Biology teacher and for years taught a segment on the ecology of Isle Royal. As time went on, those teachings followed the decline of the wolf population on the island.

I believe a group of wolves should be introduced to the island NOW. In Spring. I believe it is Option B. There will be plenty of food available to lessen competition, a group will have a greater chance to survive if for no other reason than starting with a larger number of wolves allows for survival of SOME. Kind of like an old Social Studies teacher in the '70's who used to proclaim China would be the first to wage Nuclear war because there were so many Chinese that some would be bound to survive. Crude, but you get the idea.

The genetics of the wolves have to be improved, the moose population has to be controlled. If humans are responsible for the limited ice over the last 30 years, then humans can intervene to alter this situation too.

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Correspondence: I agree with Plan C, introducing new wolves to the island, and immediately, so that this population can again thrive with the genetic diversity they need to have a sustaining population.

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Correspondence: What is the main objective of re introduction of wolves? What more information do you feel is needed concerning this wolf/moose interaction that has been studied now for over 50 years on the island? Who is going to fund the additional research, management and support if wolves are reintroduced as the National Parks System is facing big money issues far more important than this one? Is there a cost benefit value above what is currently already documented? These are some of my concerns that play a big part of the decision making process. Yes, keeping the world intact is important but, what about the other species that were on the island and are now gone, do we do anything to bring their existence back on the island?

Wolves are a very controversial animal today in parts of MI, WY and MT concerning their interaction with the elk (*Cervus canadensis*), live stock and people. As far as their interaction with the moose on Isle Royal the last 70 this has been well researched I feel and documented to broaden man's knowledge concerning this interaction on an island ecosystem. If the National Park feels the moose and wolves are a necessity on the island and a reason for the parks existence and a large reason for visitors to visit the island this is one reason for reintroduction though most visitors never see a moose and visually seeing a wolf is never occurrence. If we leave this interaction die out the moose will be plentiful for a time and then be reduce naturally to numbers lower than today because the carrying capacity of the island has been exceeded and their food supply diminished. Who knows the moose may go the way of the present/past wolf populations.

I believe the real world today would miss but, understand if the wolf die out naturally. If we introduce wolves on the island in a manner to enable their genetic pool to be reintegrated this would be another man's heavy hand manipulating the process and this ecosystem. The island had animals and plants that were once placed on the island that are no longer on the island that had been place in this ecosystem naturally as the wolf was and the visitors of the past years who came an left over the ice bridges.

I believe if you the Isle Royale National Park can answer my opening questions and have the consensus of the "experts", public and visitors.....Go For It, otherwise know that mother nature has a reason for everything.

Correspondence ID: 295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why not have a Moose hunt lottery as we can't hunt in Minnesota now. This would bring money from licenses and provide hunting opportunity and wonderful meat for participants. Instead of more wolves which along with too many deer is why moose are disappearing on mainland.

Correspondence ID: 296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,03,2016 19:34:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature isn't the reason - - or at least not the full reason - - Isle Royale's wolf population is so precarious. A manmade mine shaft robbed the island's wolf population of desperately needed genetic diversity. So this is not simply a case of natural forces playing themselves out. It's more akin to a situation where animals were hunted to near extinction. When that happens, we do not hesitate to restore depleted populations. And that's what we should do with the wolves of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,03,2016 19:42:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe wolves should be reintroduced to Isle Royale National Park to bring balance back to the ecosystem, diversify the genetic population and maintain the parks heritage. Furthermore, I believe the timeline should be sped up and action should be taken before the remaining population dies off.

There is ample evidence available that proves wolves restore balance to an ecosystem and maintain a natural order in the environment.

Also, it has been stated that the current population is 3 (or less) wolves and at least one seems to suffer ill effects from inbreeding (presumably from not enough population to have healthy offspring).

With 3 or less wolves action needs to be taken as soon as possible. The summer or fall of 2017 is simply too long to wait. Especially since the natural recovery of the wolf population is "unlikely".

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,03,2016 20:00:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Due to the need to protect the ecosystem for the continued enjoyment (wilderness experience) of the public, please implement Alternative C right away.

Please start providing more communication related to this project. For the public to feel a part of the process, and for us to have confidence that something is being done, you need to keep us informed.

Correspondence ID: 299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,03,2016 21:47:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Human intervention in the wilderness should be avoided when possible. That stated, human intervention has already changed the landscape on Isle Royale going back a century and more. The changes cannot be parsed out as good or bad, only that they happened and without further invention, the Isle itself maybe altered in such a way as "wilderness" will not be an apt description of the environs. The moose and beaver need a predator for things to be in balance, and studying that balance may take a bit more time, but the Isle does not have much time to spare and the moose will continue to double their population every several years with no check on the population. The vegetation will be stripped bare and cause yet another catastrophe. Please consider the "natural" state of the Isle as you ponder whether to reintroduce wolves. Nothing is ever certain, and that is particularly true when dealing with nature, but the major changes that will occur without wolves is likely to be far greater than the damage done without them. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,03,2016 22:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Reintroduce more grey wolves to Isle Royale. We support a sustainable population of wolves there.

Correspondence ID: 301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 04:34:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NPS: I strongly encourage you to accept and implement Alternative C for Isle Royale's wolf population recovery plan. I also ask you to implement this program before 2017.

Respectfully,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 04:54:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: OPTION C IS THE LOGICALLY CHOICE AND PROVIDES THE GREATEST FLEXABILY IN SUSTAINING THE ECOSYSTEM OF FAUNA, WOLVES AND MOOSE.

Correspondence ID: 303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 05:10:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 06:00:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

1)Your proposal :

Alternative A (No-Action Alternative) The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.

My comment :

Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. I disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

2)Your proposal :

Alternative B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

My comment :

This option is very short sighted. There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

3) Your proposal :

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

My comment :

I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

4) Your proposal :

Alternative D The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C).

My comment :

This option is essentially the same as Alternative A "no action" except there would be some exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Correspondence ID: 305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 06:11:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: bring some wolves over to keep the populations in check. I am always for saving wolves and keeping population in check naturally. I am not in favor of ever allowing the evil gov't to kill wildlife. That is never necessary.

Correspondence ID: 306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 06:22:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In the name of Human decency please help The Wolf population survive In the name of history do this and for many years to come that We as people care for our Nation's creatures. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 06:40:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Of the suggestions I've read about, I would recommend the following:

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

I would support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Thank you for your humane help.

Correspondence ID: 308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 06:51:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The formation of ice bridges to the island in recent winters has changed the complexion of the wolf introduction question. With resident wolves electing to leave and visiting wolves electing not to stay, it appears that a natural process is underway. At a point when it was assumed that man induced global warming was preventing the natural process to occur by ice bridges not being able to form, then man was interfering with the natural process.

As much as we like immediate decision and action, at this point I don't think we have a choice but to let the natural process continue until a habitat threshold is reached (Alternative D). The focus now should be on distributing information on what the threshold parameters regarding moose and forage are and the values of the parameters. Fortunately we have adequate data from the moose - forage studies to reasonably predict far enough in advance when levels of both indicate that the moose are headed for a peak, vegetative devastation and eco system collapse.

The way the wolves are behaving today, who's to say that the wolf introduction(s) won't also decide that ISRO is not for them and leave on the next ice bridge? What would that mean to the 'one-time event' option? How many 'as needed events' are we willing to fund until we find a pack that likes the island enough to stay?

Correspondence ID: 309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 07:18:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in support of re-introducing wolves to Isle Royale in order to restore the natural balance between moose and moose. Thank-you.

Correspondence ID: 310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 07:22:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We would like to write in support of the NPS helping to Isle Royale wolf population by introducing other wolves. This will add much needed genetic diversity to the existing population and help to support the ecological diversity on Isle Royale. We also feel that it is important that future generations have the opportunity to hear the howl of wolves on Isle Royale and with no human or livestock conflict I feel the public will strongly support this move.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 07:45:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important to the Isle Royale ecosystem. Listen to science and reintroduce wolves.

Correspondence ID: 312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:07:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We saw the FREEP film series Predator/Prey and One Island - 50 Lakes yesterday at the Detroit Film Theater in the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

It would be best to bring Isle Royale back to where it was before humans were on the island, with lynx and coyotes and other wildlife species.

As the question/answer session indicated, bringing white-tailed deer to the island would introduce disease that would adversely affect the moose population.

The wolves killed off the coyotes, and lynx hunt snow-shoed hares, so to bring back the lynx you would also have to bring back the prey.

I can sense the dilemma - what condition do you bring the island back to? Option C offers the best solution: re-introduce and sustain an apex predator - the wolves - to control the moose population to levels that the vegetation on the island can maintain.

Correspondence ID: 313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:08:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: (C) Bring wolves in ASAP and use best science to keep a balance of moose and wolf.

Correspondence ID: 314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:08:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please reintroduce new wolves to Isle Royale. Humans have murdered them all. It's revolting and I humane. Wolves are needed for our ecosystem!

Correspondence ID: 315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:12:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: my nonna and I agree that the park services should bring more wolves to Isle Royale to restart the population as soon as possible. If we wait until the proposed fall of 2017, it may be too late. We are in favor of a balanced ecosystem...and this is a prime example of when it is appropriate for human beings to step in!
Thank you,
Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:14:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring back the wolf population back to Isle Royale. They are so loved and missed in this area. It's a majestic location but without the sounds of the wolves howling, it is a dead place. Let them thrive and help protect their endangered species!!! Please.

Correspondence ID: 317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:16:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Isle Royale Wolf Management Plan. I strongly support alternative C. I believe we need to bring in as many wolves as possible over a very long period of time to ensure genetic diversity and continues wolf presence on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:33:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Alternative A (No-Action Alternative) The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.
NWC: Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. We disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Alternative B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon

as possible following a signed record of decision.

NWC: This option is very short sighted. There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.
NWC: We support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Alternative D The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C).

NWC: This option is essentially the same as Alternative A "no action" except there would be some exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Correspondence ID: 319 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:43:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt plan C to insure the best biological diversity of wolves reintroduced to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:44:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a taxpayer with some ecological training who spent a week on Isle Royale as a teenager, I see all this planning discussion about the Isle Royale wolves to be a waste of taxpayer dollars. Enough dithering. Catch some wolves somewhere else and release them on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 08:45:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We believe that the best option in maintaining a healthy ecosystem where wolves play a strong predator role is to support a strong and healthy population of wolves. Ongoing!

This has been scientifically proven where there is little bias that wolves improve the entire ecosystem. We support this option on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 09:00:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a very important part of our eco-system. As human beings it is our moral job to save and protect them and their environment. History has shown us that if we don't they will become EXTINCT just as so many other animals have. We will always have to use our "voice" to stand up and speak up for them. As there will always be hunters and poachers that will want to hunt them and kill them to the point of extinction. Many people do not want to co-exist with them or do not feel they have to share our public lands with them. Many people feel they have a right to kill them or they do not have a value to their life. When in fact, they are sentinel beings just like our pet dogs and their children. As a Nation we are judged by how we treat our animals. We have to make sure we protect these wolves for their survival into the future! In order to do that you would want an pair. An alpha male and female to start with. Wolves are pack animals. They are a family. They depend on each other for their survival.

Correspondence ID: 323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 09:05:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly encourage you to introduce more wolves into the area. It seems clear that when the area used to have 50 wolves and now only 2 left, it is time to reintroduce the top predator to keep a balanced and healthy ecosystem.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 09:45:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C: The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Humans have interfered with nature's processes for so long, that in cases like this, we must continue to do so. Isle Royale is a famous place, and it deserves to have it's beauty maintained.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 09:49:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that alternative C proposed by the National Park Service is the right one for Isle Royale, and it's Wolves and Moose.

Correspondence ID: 326 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 10:09:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The ecosystem of Isle Royle has been studied extensively for many years. We all read about the balance of nature between the wolves, moose, and the entire island.

I am not a wolf expert, but I do realize that without the wolves, the entire Isle royle island is at risk. Talkto the experts and restore the wolves to the island as soon as possible, before more damage is done!

Correspondence ID: 327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 10:18:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I agree with the Alternative C Plan to have "the NPS bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision."

Correspondence ID: 328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 10:44:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The wolves and moose of Isle Royale have been the subject of ongoing research for more than fifty years and is the longest continuous study of any predator-prey system in the world. Over the years, moose and wolf populations fluctuated but were always entwined and the moose-wolf-vegetation food web is tightly coupled.

The NPS has narrowed the scope of the EIS to the four alternatives below. My comments for each alternative follows:

Alternative A (No-Action Alternative) The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.

My comment: Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. We disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Alternative B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

My comment: This option is very short sighted. There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

My comment: We support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Alternative D The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C).

My comment: This option is essentially the same as Alternative A "no action" except there would be some exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Correspondence ID: 329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 10:57:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to speak for the elk hunters, fishermen & other wildlife tourists. Oregon is a haven; an economy of nature lovers who struggle against the interests of the cattle industry & it's devastating impact on the environment. It has been scientifically proven over & over; that wolves are EXTREMELY ESSENTIAL to rivers & spawning beds, as well as healthy elk numbers, (simply the entire forest eco-systen is dependent on apex predators). & in the case of wolves; killing the wrong pack members can often cause chaos within the pack, with no one to lead the young, they turn to easy prey. Understanding the symbiotic nature of wolves & bears to the forest ecosystem is important in making the decisions currently being made in Oregon & across the nation as well. While other western states have unwisely chosen to kill wolves to boost elk numbers, those same states will experience a tourist reession as elk become scarce (without the wolves to cull the sick & wounded- disease spreads rapidly throughout the herds). Many tourist related businesses will go bankrupt. There have been studies of this consequence to tourist economies that are simple to google-so why is it even an issue? It is the same with our beautiful & endangered wild salmon; wolves help the forest by keeping the grazing animals off stream banks where they tend to gather, eroding the banks by eating all the vegetation. The water in the tributaries becomes murky & hot, killing young salmon who would otherwise return in a few years. (Cattle are the worst destroyers of streams & waterways, by the way- - but it seems to me that the "cattle money" creates an unfair balance of interests when it comes to conservation of our forests & wild lands.) Please consider the many scientific studies on this issue & do not allow politics to influence this important choice as our ecosystem is on the verge of collapsing from climate change- -OUR FOREST, the forest of our grandchildren- needs all the balance we can give it. Thank you for listening.

Correspondence ID: 330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 10:58:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Your Alternative A will likely result in continued increase of the moose population to the point where vegetation will be severely impacted and eventually will result in starvation of large numbers of moose. Not a good result. The Wilderness Act may seem to require Alternative A's way of thinking, but people have always had an impact on Isle Royale, and rigidly hewing to the "untrammled" idea of human impact in this case, leading to severe damage to this wilderness, would make a travesty of the Act's purpose. Alternative B is better, but limiting the addition of wolves to a one-time event would be likely to lead to a recurrence of the problem we now see. Alternative D looks to have too long a waiting period for introducing new wolves. Alternative C looks to be the most logical means of fixing the problem that now exists. And the addition of new wolves should be done as soon as possible so that the serious problem of moose population increase can begin to be reversed. Waiting until 2017 to make a decision holds the danger of allowing the moose population to increase beyond the point where wolves can have enough impact to make a difference. Therefore, I believe that Alternative C should be implemented ASAP.

Correspondence ID: 331 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 11:00:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It saddens me that the NPS would opt for the lesser expense which amounts to a band aid and temporary solution. The only available long term working solution is to construct a bridge from the mainland of Minnesota. This will continue to be an issue forever and is not in the best interests of the animal nor science. To arbitrarily arrest free world wolves from an ecosystem they are an essential component of already, upset that proven balance, and sentence them to a slow death on a secluded island is hardly an attribute to wise and humane action on our part. I will concede if NPS deals w/ USDA's Wildlife Service agency in so far as instead of gunning down "problem" wolves, they dart and relocate those animals. Face it, an exiled island is in all definitions a prison w/ no ingress or egress available. This way, at least some wolves will live that are slated to be killed. There has been over 400 wolves killed in the last year alone by WLS. The truth of Isle Royale in regards to human interests is strictly to appease human desires and not the wolf. It costs taxpayers about \$5,000 per wolf killed by WLS. How much to dart and relocate? The 5 grand will be paid anyway, so any added expense is all NPS is looking at. That program I will endorse and support. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 332 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 11:12:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring the population of wolves back to where it should be on Isle Royale. Wolves are a necessity in the environment and we have driven them to the brink of extinction. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 11:17:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having read your four alternative ways to deal with the wolves of Isle Royale, I support your Alternative C as it allows for maximum flexibility. I don't believe that the few wolves left on the island will be able to keep the moose population in check.

More Moose/Fewer Wolves = loss of vegetation and loss of moose.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Pam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 11:48:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think they should follow alternative c for the best results.

Correspondence ID: 335 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Genetic rescue (adding a small number of new wolves to the remnant population in an attempt to save the genetics of the original wolves) would have:
Preserved in the island's gene pool the DNA of the historic wolf population, including perhaps, genetically encoded knowledge gained from adapting to its closed ecosystem.
Most closely mimicked the "natural" processes that brought new wolves to the island from mainland sources, over ice bridges that are becoming less common in a warming climate.
Lead to new scientific knowledge about genetic-rescue techniques and results.
Been the fastest way to restore a predator population to a level of health that can exert effective control over a prey population, which now has been lost on Isle Royale for the past few years and at least a few years to come.
BUT THE TIME FOR GENETIC RESCUE HAS PASSED.

For genetic rescue to have worked, NPS needed to initiate actions years ago.

Correspondence ID: 336 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I cannot tell you how important this is to us! mom and dad came from the Iron Range, so we have watched Isle Royale closely for over 60 years. so infrequently anymore do we have any control over important matters; however, in this instance, we DO have control over how we handle such a crucial situation. we need, in perpetuity as we see it, to manage the wolves, so that we can save both the plant ecosystem, as well as the animal ecosystem. we must think big picture about those who come after us. we have so few wolves left to cope with the ongoing war against them, that this island ecosystem is crucial to save, with both wolves, moose, and plant growth. we have the money to wage wars; we have the ability to preserve the balance of life on this small island in lake superior.

please, think rationally. restore the balance, then preserve it in perpetuity.

thank you.

georgia and wayne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence:

Alternative C plan makes the most sense, and is critically needed so that wolves can re-inhabit Isle Royale and restore the much needed balance between prey and predator. With only two wolves left on the island, it is crucial that human intervention is not only needed, but necessary. We have had many lessons in the past in other areas of the country, of wiping out wolves, exterminating them, or letting their numbers dwindle dangerously low, as in this case, and then realizing after they are gone, that this species had been a necessary and critical cog to restoring the predator/prey balance. When they are extinct from the area, the process of bringing them back and restoring them, is difficult and arduous. Please don't let the wolves of Isle of Royale become extinct; the situation requires an immediate resolution, not one which is years away.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 338 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.04.2016 12:07:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C is the most intelligent option. Wolves need to be reintroduced to Isle Royale as soon as possible. Through careful scientific analysis and recommendations, the population of wolves should be managed over the next 20 years.

Correspondence ID: 339 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.04.2016 12:11:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom this may concern. We need wolves more then they need us. They and other wildlife were here first. The wildlife are not invading our land we are invading theirs. if their is a problem with wildlife/wolves you move them to a spot like Isle Royale. Don't act like it's never been done. it has and you and everyone else knows about it. It's like signing a piece of paper. Please stop stalling and trying to make your best deal. Just do it . Leave the wild alive and free. And do good and think of the great things that will happen. it is better to give then received. But in this case you will get your rewards. Nature has always taken it's own course. I guarantee it. So please think about your loved ones and our wildlife and just do it. it's a win win for all. More wolves less politics.

Correspondence ID: 340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.04.2016 12:15:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

Thank you for allowing Minnesota residents and the general public an opportunity to comment on your newly announced four alternate plans for helping the ecosystem and wolves of Isle Royale in Minnesota.

I am a land owner in northern [REDACTED] County, and my permanent residence is in [REDACTED] Minnesota. While staying on my property in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] county, I think I heard a wolf walking on my wood porch in the middle of the night. The animal had clawed paws, and it was heavy. It was too heavy to be a coyote, and it was too agile and quick to be a bear. I wish I could have seen the wolf, but I knew if I got up and made a noise, it would be gone before I could see it.

I read a lot of published articles about science and nature, and I think I have a better-than-average understanding of how a local ecosystem works. My favorite short film/video was of the effect that reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone National Park had after they were gone for many years. The changes to the ecosystem were incredible, and hard to believe. If we did not see it for ourselves first-hand, we may never have understood the dramatic effect a single keystone species can have on an ecosystem.

Science tells us today that we need to rescue the wolves on Isle Royale. If we don't, the moose population will explode and all vegetation on the island will be wiped out. All young trees will be killed, and the forests will no longer regenerate. The moose will then experience disease, and eventually die off. Who knows what other problems we will start to see if there is a prolonged absence of wolves on this island. Doing nothing is not an option. We've already tried the "do nothing" option, and it didn't work. I believe you call this "Alternative A." Alternative A will not work.

Likewise, "Alternative D" is no good. Alternative D is just like the do-nothing Alternative A, except that it adds measurable metrics to the study. If one of the metrics is "number of wolves left on the island," the time for measurement is past. It is now time for action. Alternative D will not work.

Alternative B is my second choice. Alternative B seems to say, "we'll give it a half-hearted attempt to make things right." This problem did not happen from a single event; it happened over a long time. I am not sure what happened to the wolves on Isle Royale; it sure would be nice to know why and how each of them died. I have read articles about local people shooting one of the wolves that tried to emigrate off the island in the winter. This suggests to me that wolves attempting to immigrate to the island may have met a similar fate. Alternative B will not work for several reasons. The first is "sometime in the next 36 month period." We need to initiate action now. The second reason Alternative B will not work is that it is a one-time effort. When the one-time effort fails or is met with unsatisfactory results, how long will it take the NPS to get a second plan and effort under way? Another 20 years? No, Alternative B will not work.

Alternative C is my choice. We need immediate action, and the plan needs to span 20 years. The plan needs to give the NPS the ability to try something, try something else, and try again a 3rd time if the first two efforts didn't work. Please go get a few Grey Wolves from two distinctly different areas to ensure genetic diversity. Please do everything you can to integrate the genetics of the two remaining wolves into the new Isle Royale wolf population. Please take action immediately.

Alternative C is my choice; it is the only choice. Please get to work on this right away. It will be a sad day and national embarrassment if the last two wolves on that island die before you can muster the will to take action.

Thank you for your time and consideration. All the best,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 13:44:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please implement Alternative C in order to best restore the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 342 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 14:20:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It has been proven time and time again when wolves are present there's a healthy balance to the ecosystem. The best example is in Yellowstone where the reintroduction of wolves have improved the increased diversity to all living things. Please continue to have the wolves of Isle Royale National Park live in peace!

Correspondence ID: 343 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 14:26:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: 1)Your proposal :
Alternative A (No-Action Alternative) The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.

My comment :
Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. I disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

2)Your proposal :
Alternative B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon Brandi 1 as possible following a signed record of decision.

My comment :
This option is very short sighted. There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

3) Your proposal :
Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next

20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

My comment :

I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

4) Your proposal :

Alternative D The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C).

My comment :

This option is essentially the same as Alternative A "no action" except there would be some exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Correspondence ID: 344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 14:31:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves need to be there to control the moose population. Just as they need to be in the UP.

Correspondence ID: 345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 16:15:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.
At this critical point in the ecosystem of Isle Royale, I feel this is what needs to be done.
Thanks,
Mitzi [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 346 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 17:09:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: What do these Isle Royale items all have in common Parvovirus, camping, boating, hiking, hotel, mining, fishing, houses and kayaking? Answer: Man
How can we be that ignorant to think man has not already affected Isle Royale? We've had our finger in it for 100 years ... And now we're going to walk away and let "nature take it's course". REALLY ... What nature book are you reading. Let's fix what we started and get more Wolves on the island!!

Correspondence ID: 347 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 18:21:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It seems very logical to reintroduce wolves now, continue to add to the gene pool and manage the balance. We have the knowledge and resources. Please protect this balance. It is too late to let nature take its course, and we know that doesn't work once man has altered the environment. Wolves are being hunted everywhere, please protect them at Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 348 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 18:58:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 349 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,04,2016 19:32:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe there is still good reason to consider a small amount of genetic rescue within this population of wolves. Though there are only two wolves left on Isle Royal...6 and 8 year old wolves may still produce a litter or two and if a few wolves were brought in soon and adapted prior to the 2017 breeding season... there is still a chance some litters could potentially be produced. I believe the population would have to be monitored over the long term but a gradual introduction of a few wolves and long term management with new wolves as needed could still retain some of the original populations genetic make up, albeit small! Please opt to recover these wolves ASAP! A good example is the Mexican wolves with only 7 founding wolves. If 7 can be used to try for subspecies recovery, then two are still worthy of genetic rescue.

Correspondence ID: 350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.04.2016 19:53:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

We support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 351 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.05.2016 05:30:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I do not live near there I feel that wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem. They keep other populations in check and healthy as they will take the weak and old leaving herds, pack, etc. strong. I saw a documentary a while ago that cited numerous far reaching effects of having wolves and I wish I could remember them all but they extend to many animals and nature. Wolves are very family oriented and have complex social structures. They are not evil as portrayed by fairy tales and hunters and ranchers. They are in fact peaceful animals and I can honestly say that if I lived in a place where there were wolves I would feel lucky. They have been demonized and hunted cruelly and unscrupulously. Wolves should be a part of our world and be respected and not feared. In the long run it is humans who are far more dangerous than wolves.

Correspondence ID: 352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.05.2016 06:32:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are needed to keep the system equal. Too much of one thing will deplete the way they live. Look into a desert. Created when too much of the living is used up. No Meat eaters, then the plant eater will suck the ground up try = a desert.

Correspondence ID: 353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.05.2016 06:34:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe many factors have combined to put the wolf population at extreme risk on Isle Royale and it would be very detrimental if they died off entirely. It is likely that the moose population would rise quickly destroying vegetation and possibly leading to mass starvation. It seems much more humane to introduce some new wolves to the island to bring the mammal population back to equilibrium.

I hope there can be a decision made to keep this wonderful place a hospitable place for many animals and visitors.

Thank you for your review and your mission to allow citizens to experience these great natural places. We took our children to many national parks where they became Junior Rangers and then joined the Coast Guard to help protect our oceans and citizens. They continue to be avid supporters of natural areas and the rights of all inhabitants of the world.

Correspondence ID: 354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.05.2016 07:29:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I agree with the gradual introduction of a small number of wolves to introduce diversity into the population.

Correspondence ID: 355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.05.2016 09:06:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Act before its too late.

Correspondence ID: 356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.05.2016 10:46:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C from the National Wolf Watchers Coalition says in brief that wolves should be returned to Isle Royale so that the moose population can be balanced. So when the wolves are brought back this situation should be monitored to see the effects for many years.

We know that without wolves on Isle Royale the moose will continue to over graze by eating 50 pounds of trees and foliage a day. We saw the Yellowstone (YS) Reintroduction and know how wolves will heal the ecosystem by keeping the moose population in check. If moose continue to over graze the area their species will be affected and may starve to death. The wolves will take the sick, elderly and diseased animals out of the herd; the herd will produce healthy off-spring. This is well documented. Just as we monitor populations of mammals in YS we must do the same with this wolf population.

Please consider the effects of ecotourism from people wanting to see wolves in the wild. YS receives about 35 million dollars per year from folks coming to view wolves! This will happen there. In most states where wolves are present 75-80% of comments from polls and voter data consistently show people want wolves in the wild!

Before wolves were in YS much of Dr. Mech's research was done on Isle Royale.

Please consider my comments.

Thank You,

MaryAnn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 11:20:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A: Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. I disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Alternative B: This option is very short sighted. In my opinion there must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

Alternative C: I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Alternative D: I think this option is essentially the same as Alternative A "no action" except there would be some exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 12:02:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I highly support maintaining a population of wolves on Isle Royale. Wolves provide a very valuable check on moose populations, which if left to themselves overpopulate the island and devastating the tree and components of that ecosystem. Decades of research has shown that a balanced system on the island is made possible by the presence of wolves.

Please support the re-populating of Isle Royale with wolves in the very near future, otherwise the moose population will grow quickly and overshoot the capacity of the island to support them.

Thank you for your work on this issue and consideration of the long term health of the island.

Sincerely,

Daniel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 14:03:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C.

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

This option would allow for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 14:29:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider restoring the wolf population to Isle Royale for the next 20 years. After that, a reevaluation can be done to gauge the success of the reintroduction and the current status of the wolf and moose populations, as well as the health of the boreal forest. I was fortunate last January to attend a weekend workshop of the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education where the keynote speaker was George Desort, photographer and filmmaker, and view his film on the ongoing wolf research on the island. Through the presentation, it became clear that the wolves serve a vital purpose in regulating the moose population on the island. Without the benefit of predators, the moose steadily overgraze the fir trees on the island and cause widespread changes to the ecosystem. The populations of multiple other bird and mammal species depend on a regulated moose population. Without the top predator, the ecosystem balance collapses.

The collapse of the wolf population was caused by a changing climate, which is, at least in part, caused by human action. As humans are part of the problem, humans must be part of the solution. Letting "nature take its course" is only valid when nature is at the helm and the main factor driving the change. Nature is not acting alone in this - we are part of the equation.

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope you will take action and work to restore the wolf population to Isle Royale for the next 20 years.

Correspondence ID: 361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 18:39:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support reinstating wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 19:17:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring wolves to the Island so they keep the moose population down

Add like 5 males and 5 females

Correspondence ID: 363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 19:48:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves of Isle Royale are not native but the loss of wolves there down to two members has resulted in a booming population of moose and has created havoc with the genetics of these wolves. As what happened in Yellowstone, re-introduction of wolves has created a healthy ecosystem from green grasses, aspen trees, beaver, birds, and numerous other flora and fauna. Elk decimated Yellowstone's ecosystem and the moose will do the same on Isle Royale. Large predators are necessary in the circle of life. Please re-introduce wolves to Isle Royale.
NPS should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,05,2016 22:22:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please listen to the scientists, biologists, and wolf researchers. Look at the Yellowstone experience. Seek balance in nature, not one sided political agendas. Save the wolves! Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 05:55:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for option C. I believe this will be the best alternative.

Correspondence ID: 366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:02:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been following the wolf issue since my last visit to IR in the year 2000. It appears that the only option is to add wolves to not only keep the moose population under control but to add to the gene pool. While I am not privy to all the scientific data on the issue, common sense would say that without the wolf predation, the moose would soon decimate the vegetation and disease would probably effect their numbers.

Correspondence ID: 367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:05:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please pursue Plan C. Immediate action needs to be taken. It saddens me to think that in 20 years this survey might be finished. Please don't delay. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:08:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'll keep this short and to the point. Man made causes have put the wolves on IR into the situation they are in now (0-2 animals remain). The hands off/wilderness argument cannot be used here. All "wilderness" areas have some kind of man made impact. The cost of not doing anything at IR (in regards to the wolf population) is to create another huge problem with moose populations destroying vegetation on the island. It's not without precedent that the NPS has stepped in in the past. I would encourage the NPS re-introduce new wolves to IR as soon as possible.

Correspondence ID: 369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:27:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative B with Alternative C an acceptable substitute.
Not bringing wolves to Isle Royale will be detrimental to the moose and vegetation of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:28:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

As a repeat visitor to Isle Royale, and after reviewing the proposed action plans regarding the wolf population, I believe that the NPS should take immediate action to maintain the presence of wolves on the Island. Based on the current state, I assume that a "one-time event" (option B) will eventually re-open this topic at a future date, therefore it is my recommendation to focus on options C & D which are sustainable plans for the long term.

I look forward to hearing your decision and to hearing the howls in the night during my future visits to Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Greg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:29:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that if Isle Royale is going to be called a true wilderness park, then man should not take any action such as import wolves to the island. It seems that when nature has taken a turn that some people don't like and would blame on man, we should now step in and attempt to reverse it. I say let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:35:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: USE ALTERNATIVE C. And always follow the science in doing so

Look what the wolves have done for the whole ecosystem in Yellowstone

Correspondence ID: 373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:35:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C is the best option. We can't deny man's influence historically on this island and its inhabitants. We have affected the wolf/moose population for years and to stop now would be catastrophic. Pit mines and bringing domestic pets on the island are actions that adversely affected the wolf population and brought us to this threshold.

Correspondence ID: 374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 06:42:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for option C. I think keeping a wolf population there is a great learning/research opportunity, best for controlling the moose population, and preserving the vegetation from being over browsed by the moose. Also the recreational opportunity to possibly see or hear a wolf pack is priceless. The thrill that one might see a wolf or even wolf track is an opportunity that meshes well with the other benefits of wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:01:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider "option C" on your plans for Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:03:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To National Park Service, Isle Royal National Park, US Department of Interior

First, thank you for making the effort to do the additional more focused EIS. I am a frequent Isle Royal visitor and [REDACTED]. Isle Royal is a special place to me personally and is an important part of our sustainable recreation tourism based economy in Cook County. I've watched the populations of moose and wolves change over the years on Isle Royal along with the resulting change in the island vegetation. I also understand the need to protect the last vestiges of wilderness in the United State. However I think it's not accurate to say we can just leave the wolf and moose populations to themselves and say we are not having a hand in their numbers. The reality is that through climate change, visitation and other human factors we ARE affecting their populations. Protecting wilderness and the animals in it I believe sometimes requires stewardship and not just hands off. In the case of Isle Royal wolves should be reintroduced to recreate a sustainable population. I am not a wildlife biologist so I don't feel qualified to prescribe the details of that reintroduction but strongly believe that it needs to occur.

Again thank you for your attention to this crucial issue and for your public service.

Frank [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:04:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support maintaining a sustainable number of wolves on Isle Royale. Please select Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: My husband and I visited Isle Royale in 2014 on a kayak/hiking tour. This national park is a truly unique place and the relationship between the wolves and moose is one of the reasons why. Now there are only two wolves remaining and the moose population will increase without a predator. I am in favor of Alternative C. Species have been relocated in other national parks. I would like the moose/wolf study to continue. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:16:22
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Correspondence: I support recommendation C (bringing wolves to the island as often as is needed to support the ecosystem). Predators are an essential part of the entire system, and this is a relatively simple action to maintain a healthy balance.

Correspondence ID: 380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:21:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The NPS should bring more wolves to Isle Royal to manage the moose population. The freezing of the lakes is not happening and the normal method for wolves to get there is limited.

Correspondence ID: 381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:23:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider Alternative D. It seems like a good idea to take the possible extinction of the wolf population (and possible rebounding) as an opportunity for research before bringing more wolves back onto the island.

Correspondence ID: 382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:27:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative D.

Correspondence ID: 383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:29:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Having spent a day at the Wolf/Moose study site on Isle Royal in 2012 and following the study's research, I wish to add my voice to continue maintaining the study and increasing the wolf population using Plan C.

Correspondence ID: 384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:33:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would favor Plan B, which is the one time only introduction of wolves to Isle Royale and monitoring of the process. Depending on the success of the project, the plan could be revised to increase the introduction of the wolves over 20 years, but this should not be decided until studied further.
Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:33:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C is the best alternative: The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Option B is the next best alternative: B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36 month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

If parovirus is still present in the two remaining wolves (or other communicable diseases) removing them should be considered.

Correspondence ID: 386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:40:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We believe C is the best option for all concerned. We have visited Isle Royale and are devoted to its future success. Thank you.
Barbara and Jeffrey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:42:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see the implementation of Alternative C, with the goal of maintaining a healthy wolf to moose ratio. Much information has been gained from the long term "hands off" study. I think it's safe to say that as much as we may try to let nature take its course and observe, man has a major impact intended or not. We have the results of inaction in front of us, hopefully we can give stewardship a chance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:46:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please you must adopt and implement Option C! The entire ecosystem is at risk and not to intervene means overgrazing, over population by the Moose with no natural Apex predator, and eventually a lack of forage for the Moose population to sustain themselves.

Vegetation recovery would take more than a decade (looking at Yellowstone) to recover once wolves were reintroduced, but would take less time to be destroyed by an unculled Moose population. Losing the apex predator also impacts other species and that should be considered.

Please adopt and execute Option C immediately! Save the wholeness of our national parks and allow future generations to learn from Isle Royale. Don't let decades of study go for naught.

Thank you for being good stewards of our park system and truly listening to public opinion.

Sincerely,
Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:50:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please proceed with Alternative C.

I have sailed to Isle Royale twice. As a scientist I can already see over grazing from an increased population of moose. Waiting for a die off is not in the publics, or the moose best interest.

Man caused the decline in wolf population with the introduction of Parvovirus.

Man should intervene.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:51:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see option C implemented. To keep the vegetation from being destroyed, wolves are needed to prey on the old and the sick.

I think it is important (as in C) to start the process promptly and then continue it for a time to be sure the desired result is achieved.

Correspondence ID: 391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:56:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle royale needs wolves to function, and the people like them there, so please reintroduce them.

Correspondence ID: 392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 07:56:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My first impression is to maintain a natural system with no human interference (i.e., no human-aided introduction of wolves). However, knowing that approx. 30 yrs earlier humans already had an indirect affect on the island wolf population (canine parvovirus), I fully support the introduction of "new wolves" to the island in a carefully guided effort (e.g., Alternative C). To say let nature take its course without human impact is not a plausible argument as humans already interfered when wolf numbers and potential genetic viability were reduced via the parvovirus. I suspect a minimum of 10-12 wolves would be required to re-establish a functioning predator-prey ecosystem. In light of a changing climate, a natural re-colonization of wolves on the island via an ice bridge appears bleak. If "new wolves" were introduced to the island the question of where the wolves would come from will be asked - I suspect the best solution would be to take wolves from an existing wolf-moose ecosystem. Wolves already adapted to preying on moose (e.g., northwest Ontario) would likely transition smoother vs. wolves from a wolf-deer ecosystem (e.g., Upper Peninsula).

Correspondence ID: 393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:02:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My preference would be either B or C. I realize that this is not strictly hands off wilderness policy, but wolves seem to be a part of the "Isle Royale Experience" since it has become a park.

However, along these lines, my understanding is that a fire a couple of years ago was actively suppressed. I'm a [REDACTED] and not an ecologist, but it seems to me that fire is an important part in the balance of natural systems.

Sincerely,

Terry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:05:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I prefer alternative C as it aligns with the life of the plan. I also support alternative B as a second choice. The precedent has been set and the benefits demonstrated in the case of wolf reintroductions at Yellowstone NP. This course of action is also appropriate for Isle Royale NP. As well it

supports the continuation of the winter study of the wolves of Isle Royale. Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in.
Michele

Correspondence ID: 395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:17:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is my firm belief that the Isle Royale wolf population should be actively managed to ensure a balanced predator prey ratio. I also believe that the wolves on the island have developed their own set of behaviors, creating an Isle Royale Wolf if you will. Keeping some of that genetic history while introducing outside wolves will allow the wolves the best chance of success with the least amount of outside interference required.
INTRODUCE OUTSIDE WOLVES BEFORE WE LOSE THEM ALTOGETHER!

Correspondence ID: 396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:24:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would request that the national park service follow plan c of the revised plans submitted to the public. thanks for consideration joe

Correspondence ID: 397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:27:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think we need to follow Rolf Peterson's advice and manage the island's inhabitants by reintroducing wolves to the island, and maintaining a plan of new genetic introductions on a regular schedule. He is the most knowledgeable of anyone on wolves, and the island, and he should be involved. Without this the island will be transformed into a site of death and disease, where no one benefits.

I understand that given this properties status, we are incented to keep a hands-off approach, but given the situation, this is not the best path to follow. We need to maintain this island as a balanced ecosystem for future generations to enjoy and study.

Thank you for reading my statement.

Dave [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:31:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: At this point in time, I feel that Alternative "A" would be the best option. You have years of data on the wolf-moose-vegetation ecosystem without human intervention. Why would you want to artificially change this unique ecosystem and manipulate natural selection? This is the perfect time to study the Island ecosystem without the presence of wolves or with few wolves, whatever the future holds naturally.

From the list of Alternatives, it seems as though there is a high priority to reestablish the wolves. I suggest keeping human emotion out of science.

Correspondence ID: 399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 08:43:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Only bringing in Wolves to sustain an appropriately sized pack to balance out the ecosystem naturally is an option
No intervention with moose or vegetation by humans should be allowed in this pristine wilderness that needs to be kept absolutely in its untouched natural state. The caretakers of the island should be replaced as having been there and witnessed little regard for wildlife on thier part

Correspondence ID: 400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 09:20:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the predator/prey ratio is out of balance and the increased moose population can only have a negative impact on a limited food resource. Plan D is the best approach for a successful solution to this problem. It allows all aspects of this island issue to move back toward a healthy resolution.

Thank you,

Joe [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 09:23:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been a visitor to Isle Royale. I am close friends with two biologists who do research on the Island in the summers [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I have followed the wolf study on line for years and read local newspaper articles on line as well as books on the wolves of Isle Royale. I believe that the wolves of Isle Royale present a special case in regards to wilderness. I strongly favor bringing additional adult wolves to the island to restore the health of the wolf packs and provide a predator for the moose population.

Correspondence ID: 402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 09:38:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that "alternative C" is the best choice at this time. However, I will not give any personal views on how that should be done, because there are many very qualified people already involved in this to implement the project.

Correspondence ID: 403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 09:38:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel strongly that option C should be implemented asap. Keeping balance in the Isle Royale ecosystem between moose, plant and wolf population. Global warming may or may not allow wolves to travel on ice over Lake Superior to populate island. There fore it is responsibility of NPS to contribute to population of wolves on the island. Thank you for allowing us to contribute to this study.
Laurie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 09:44:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Given the seeming effects of global warming on the ongoing lack of ice bridges in Lake Superior, immediate action seems to be warranted in any case, in order to save the ecology of the island from the ravages of the moose(over-browsing, extinction of vegetation, etc.). In this spirit, I would recommend Alt. D, with aggressive movement to Alts. B or C, should the declining wolf population warrant such a move.

Correspondence ID: 405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 10:05:43
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Correspondence: I think looking at the example at Yellowstone with the introduction of wolves, the health of the flora and fauna on Isle Royale will flourish.

Without a top predator, the moose population will decline, as will the vegetation.

I think Alternative C, bringing wolves to Isle Royale as needed over the next 20 years sounds like a plan that would work.

Correspondence ID: 406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 10:11:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

I believe it is imperative that wolves be returned and manage to keep the Isle Royale ecosystem in balance.

Correspondence ID: 407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 10:42:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alt C looks best to me. I've been to IRNP 7 or 8 times and I wont' be coming if there are no wolves. Seeing their tracks and sometimes hearing their howls and once seeing them is one of the main reasons I come. There are some good Mich Tech scientists that could help determine how man wolves would be ideal. They have been studying them a long time and are recognized world experts in what they do.

Correspondence ID: 408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 10:43:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The planet is dying. Old school management plans are no longer valid. We are in a triage mode where all we can do is to try and mitigate the negative effects of mankind's influence.

Introduce wolves now and whenever needed to maintain the balance of the wolf-moose populations and to provide for all the other creatures that exist because of it.

The most important management plan from now on it is to save as much as we can.

Correspondence ID: 409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 10:44:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like C with B being my second choice

Correspondence ID: 410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:02:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I recommend Alternative B, but omit "one time", it is completely arbitrary to limit Alternative B to "one time" - that should be determined by data on how the wolves are faring (adaptive management).

Alternative C would also work, but replace "Maintain populations of moose and wolves" with "Maintain a wolf population";there is no need to maintain moose as long as wolves are in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment
Angela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:07:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale National Park and have never seen a wolf there, but I have heard them howl both day and night. It is such a thrill, just to hear them. Yes, the presence of wolves profoundly effects the ecosystem of IRNP, but I believe hearing the howl of the wolf adds immensely to the Isle Royale experience and should be a large part of NPS consideration. Therefore, I recommend Alternative C. (The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves for the next 20 years.)

Correspondence ID: 412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:38:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: stop sending me these ridiculous emails, as i've told you several times. I'm not interested in your islay of mouse!

Correspondence ID: 413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:44:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As an outdoor professional who has spent quite a bit of time [REDACTED] [REDACTED] trips at Isle Royale National Park, I am in favor of ALTERNATIVE C, as it gives the most flexibility in establishing a genetically diverse population of wolves at Isle Royale and gives the the NPS the most latitude in managing the Park in a scientific manner.

Correspondence ID: 414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:46:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor Alternative B reintroduce wolves to see if a balance can be re-established. I see no reason to continue as in Alternative C. After a suitable period of time re-evaluate the situation. I only favor re-introduction because of the long history of wolves on the Island. If they decline again I favor doing nothing more.

Correspondence ID: 415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:53:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need wolves on Isle Royale. The moose are also having problems because of climate change but too many moose die because of lack of vegetation to feed on. The wolves help control populations and protect the vegetation. With wolves the number of moose remains more stable although there is variation.

Correspondence ID: 416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:54:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that Alternative B is the best choice at this point. The wolf population is affected by natural processes and a one time introduction of additional wolves would allow the wolf population to adapt to the changing habitat. Alternative C would be more invasive as far as more frequent human intervention, ie manipulation of the wolf population. I do have some concern over the existing wolves, 2, currently on Isle Royale. If those individuals are still alive when new wolves are introduced, they may be at risk of aggression from newly introduce wolves, that will likely be younger and possibly more fit. I feel that Isle Royale should be managed for supporting wolves and moose.

Correspondence ID: 417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:54:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the management of the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale, I would like to see the NPS choose "Alternate C: The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement."

In Isle Royale's case, I believe that as long as there is a moose (or other ungulate) population on the island, there should also be a predator. With no wolves on the island, the resultant population explosion of moose, overbrowsing, and starvation that would follow would be a disaster for Isle Royale. The habitat for other animals, birds, insects, and native flora would be negatively impacted. And the human visitors' wilderness experience would be dramatically altered.

I visited Isle Royale in September 2010, and was fortunate to meet Rolf and Candy Peterson at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Campground. During the night, while I shivered in my sleeping bag in one of the camp shelters, wolves howled outside under the full moon. It's an experience I will never forget. As a park visitor, having the opportunity to be in the presence of wild wolves was an integral part of why I wanted to go to Isle Royale. Without the wolves, the island will be a poorer place.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 11:54:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe Option C is the best for the continued success of Isle Royale's wold AND moose population. Without a strong pack of wolves, the moose will decimate the vegetation and eventually starve to death.

Correspondence ID: 419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:16:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Phyllis Green
Superintendent
Isle Royale National Park

Greetings Phyllis;

I have read wolf/predator research extensively for the past 50 years starting with Dave Mech and continue with the work of Petersen and Vucetich. I have visited IRNP and thoroughly enjoyed being on the island where this complex interaction between predator and prey has played out. I also worked as an NPS naturalist in [REDACTED] NP.

I firmly believe we should restore the wolf population to 20 animals This is best described as Alternative C. This could initially involve two packs of 5 wolves each (A mating pair and their 1 year off spring. NPS and researchers could isolate them somewhat on the island. These 2 initial packs could come from different areas of adjacent Minnesota / Ontario so they represent a more diverse genetic makeup. Without a top predator, the island ecosystem, which has been somewhat held in check for the last 50 years will become unbalanced. These wolf transplants from nearby MN/ON would have experience with a large ungulate like moose.

[REDACTED]. In 1995 the NPS transferred 14 wolves approx 700 miles from Alberta to Yellowstone NP to restore a top predator. In 1996 an additional 17 wolves from British Columbia were brought in. These wolf transplants were introduced into wilderness areas and have helped restore a balance to an ecosystem that was out of sync.

I understand maintaining the wilderness integrity of IRNP but without a somewhat complete food web it could become an overgrazed island that would be very difficult to "recreate".

Please consider Alternative C.

Regards,
Lee

"Only the mountain has lived long enough to listen objectively to the howl of the wolf" AL

Correspondence ID: 420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:23:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS, Thank you for taking my comment. I just finished reading an article in the Cook County News Herald on 4/2/16 and the summary of the EIS on your website. I have also been following the saga of the moose and wolf population on the Island. I am not in support of further human intervention on Isle Royale to save or grow the existing wolf population. Nature has spoken and mankind refuses to listen. If the wolves can breed or if more wolves migrate to the Island so be it. As for the continuation of the long standing predator/prey study by Michigan Tech, all things must come to an end and in this case, their study should conclude that the prey adapted and survived and the predators died off because of in fighting, in breeding, disease, etc.. or simply migrated off of the Island for reasons that we do not comprehend. Alternatively, they could continue their study and focus on the moose and perhaps the wolves will return on their own over time. The larger issue of the moose population and it's impact on the ecosystem of the Island in the absence of a healthy wolf population could be managed with professional game managers (like in Europe), permitted hunts for wild game (New Zealand), or permitted sport hunting (Minnesota). The harvested animals could be removed by boat and the proceeds from the meat or permits could used to sustain the park. If the wolf population rebounds, simply reduce or eliminate the number of moose harvested by human game managers or permitted hunters. I have not run the numbers but I would think that closing the park for 2-3 weeks once year to manage the moose population would generate a substantial amount of income for the park and the surrounding area. Please consider this pragmatic alternative to introducing more wolves into the Island's ecosystem. In closing, I would ask that you consider the alternative scenario to the current wolf - moose situation i e. the wolves had thrived and the moose population had dwindled to one bull and one cow. Would you let nature takes it's course? Would you listen to proposals to reintroduce moose or deer to provide prey for the wolves? When caste in that light, the situation become ridiculous and the decision seems obvious. Thank you. David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:26:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I vote for alt. C believing this to be the best method for maintaining the natural environment on the island.

Correspondence ID: 422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:31:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Please ensure the habitat of Isle Royale is protected by bringing in wolves as needed. My understanding is that the decreased wolf numbers is a result of human activity and therefore intervention is largely fixing what we caused.

Thank you,

Charles [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 423 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:48:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I had the pleasure of spending a week on Isle Royale the summer of 2014 and even a greater pleasure of meeting and speaking with Rolf Peterson. His insight and knowledge about the Wolf/ Moose program on Isle Royale is truly remarkable. Before leaving from talking with him I asked him his thoughts moving forward. He was 100% i support of adding new wolves into the Isle Royale population. Who better to ask for advice moving forward than the man who dedicated his life to studying this amazing ecosystem. It it with this information that I 100% sport Alternative C. This is also a great opportunity to not only help repopulate Isle Royale, but additionally remove/ relocate wolves that fall into trouble (mostly by the under educated) in the lower 48. Lastly the fact we have only had a passable ice bridge I believe 2 out of the last 20 years (an effect of increase in climate) means that the wolves are in this situation because of humans, even if not completely directly.

Correspondence ID: 424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:49:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After considering the options presented, Option C would be the most favorable. With bringing wolves from different locations (eg. A pair from the UP of Michigan, a pair from Wyoming and a pair from Minn. and even Canada). The issue is that wolves in many areas are not custom to taking down Moose and bringing Canadian or Minnesota wolves would help the learning curve.

The information gathered from the Wolf/Moose study over the last 50 plus year should be weighted heavily when making all decisions. Using Rolf and John's opinion should be paramount.

I have family members that work in the NPS, and while some NPS employees stay at 1 park for a number of year, the majority move from park to park. The wolf/ moose study personnel have been consistent and have a personal attachment to the island and the ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 12:57:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It would be such a loss to lose the wolves from the island! I'm an avid outdoors person and having spent many nights on the island as a child and as an adult , not doing anything seems foolish!

Please use common sense as well as the opinion of experts in passing or signing the proposal C into law!

Thank you for letting me comment!

Correspondence ID: 426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 13:09:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C bring the wolves over as needed

Correspondence ID: 427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 13:45:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not believe even wilderness areas are immune to human impacts anymore so I therefore feel that intervening to maintain the wolf population on Isle Royale is both appropriate and necessary. I prefer Plan C (maintaining the wolves for 20 years by introducing new wolves as needed) but Plan B is also acceptable. As a visitor to Isle Royale (3 times in the last 6 years) I am concerned about the imbalance of the moose/wolf population and the impact on vegetation, etc. Humans created this problem via domestic dogs bringing in disease and we need to try to fix it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope you bring the wolves back.

Correspondence ID: 428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 14:06:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would support Alternative C. I do believe wolves should be reintroduced to Isle Royale rather than waiting to see IF they return by "natural migration".

Having introduced a wolf population to the Island and their presence being felt for the past 65 years, it would seem to me to cause a great imbalance should we not have wolves as part of the ecosystem on Isle Royale.

I also wonder if wolves from States that have removed the wolf from the Endangered Species list could possibly be transported to Michigan rather than having them shot and otherwise exterminated. NPS staff and scientists would be the best judge of whether or not this idea is feasible. I simply thought it might be a consideration.

I DO NOT WANT TO SEE WOLVES DISAPPEAR FROM ISLE ROYALE OR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OR ANY OF THE STATES IN THE U.S. THAT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 429 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 14:21:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that there should be an introduction of new wolves onto the island. One stipulation to doing this is that the dramatic decline in the wolf population was not caused by humans. In one sense this may be evolution taking its course but in another sense no one wants to see this population die out. We must also take into account of what the side effects of not having wolves on this island would be. If there were no more wolves on the island we will see a dramatic shift in the new ecosystem. There will be a rise in what was once the wolves prey and due to this there will be a decline in every other species that stems from that food chain. There will be a loss of diversity on the island of not only animals but plant species as well. Wolves create a necessary balance in this environment that ultimately modifies other animal behavior; where they roam, what they eat and how long they stay in one area before moving again; therefore it is worth the effort to interfere and attempt to restore this balance. The new introduction should be done at a slow rate so that the wolves will be more accepting to others and if not, they may become able to establish their own pack and spread diversity throughout the island. It is also important to know that if this introduction is not successful; meaning the wolves are at a sustainable population or on their way to becoming a sustainable population; then the introduction should stop.

Correspondence ID: 430 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: A genetic rescue of sorts is needed. Option C is my choice and the sooner a decision is made the better.

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 431 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Introducing more grey wolves into Isle Royale is one that should be taken under careful consideration. The dwindling number of wolves on Isle Royale is of great concern. Two wolves will not be able to sustain a viable population for multiple reasons, a main one being the lack of genetic diversity that will quickly become an issue. When these two remaining wolves die, the population will disappear from Isle Royale. Following four criteria for parks to intervene with a dwindling population are as follows. A sufficient amount of habitat must exist. Since Isle Royale once held a population of fifty wolves, this criteria is easily met. The second criteria that management can prevent serious threats to outside interests is also easily met considering Isle Royale is an island, therefore there are not many chances for wolves to interfere with humans. The third criteria that the restored subspecies most nearly represents the original can be accomplished through only introducing grey wolves. Lastly, the dwindling of the species has to be at the fault of humans. We are indirectly, but still responsible for the decline in the wolves population. Due to climate change interfering with the formation of a usual ice bridge between the mainland and the island, an important factor of new wolves being able to enter the island was taken away. As to the four proposals on part of the park service, the first and last proposal to either do nothing at all or to wait and see what happens are of the least benefit to the survival of the species. With only two wolves left, waiting is not an option. The second and third proposals to reintroduce wolves only once, or over twenty years as needed, are better possibilities that should be further looked into.

Correspondence ID: 432 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I am strongly in favor of introducing new wolves to the island and increasing the populations genetic diversity. In similar cases where a species dies off on its own accord without human interference I would be in favor of letting nature run its course. However in this case I do think there is value in maintaining the wolf population, for the following reasons.

- 1) Isle Royale represents a pristine example of northern midwest wilderness, and historically wolves have been a part of that ecosystem. I think that interference is justified in this case to maintain the population dynamics as an ideal example of northern Michigan wilderness.
- 2) Having wolves present increases the value of the park to stakeholders. One of the most fascinating aspects of Isle Royale is the predator-prey interactions of the Island. It is part of what draws visitors to one of the countries most underrated and underutilized national parks.
- 3) Wolves are a representation of wildness and have a psychological value. The grey wolf is one of the great success stories of the endangered species act and part of what got Americans more interested in conservation. I believe that losing wolves on the island, whether natural or not, would be a psychological blow to the park's stakeholders.
- 4) It gives Michiganders a look at what wolves are like naturally. In much of northern Michigan wolves are viewed as a threat and a nuisance species. I think that having very publicized wolves in a pristine ecosystem like Isle Royale could help change the rhetoric and help the more stubborn of our population see wolves in a more positive light.

I know that this is a complex issue and both sides of the argument have valid arguments. However, I hope you will consider bringing in more wolves over the long term and ensure that the genetic diversity of this population enables stability and a long future of wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 433 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Personally, wolves are a key creature in the live of the island. If you remove them, many things would change on the island in an irreversible way. It is human's fault for serveal of the wolves deaths (such as those that fell into a mine shaft). As a result we need to take care of the island. Active innervation is called for. "The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the

island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision." Is by far the best option available. The NPS did not just let the wolves die out in Yellowstone, why should they do the same here?

Correspondence ID: 434 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Option C is the preferred method of managing the wolf population asap

Correspondence ID: 435 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Wolf / Moose relationship on Isle Royale has been an integral part of the wilderness experience on the island. For some 45 years we have visited the island on numerous occasions. The chance encounter of a moose, the sound of the wolf's howl and the occasional paw print on the trail, causes our pulse to quicken and adds that special element of excitement to our Isle Royale adventures. The moose and wolves, which cannot thrive without each other, are an important part of the lure of the Island.

We believe that continually bringing in new breeding stock to expand the gene pool, over an extended period of years, would prevent the decline in the wolf population by increasing breeding success. The inbreeding that has been allowed to occur with the current wolf population certainly has contributed to its steady decline. Obviously, with the increased numbers of wolves the moose and rabbit population would be kept in check thus protecting the fragile ecological balance of the island's vegetation.

We feel blessed that we have people like Rolf Peterson and his wife who have been so instrumental in preserving such an important part of Isle Royale life.

Correspondence ID: 436 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I like alternative C the best.

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C

Correspondence ID: 438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves wolves wolves

Correspondence ID: 439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: While not generally in favor of actively managing resources in the National Parks I do feel that the best option is to maintain a viable wolf population on Isle Royale. Having seen the affects of varying moose populations there on the remainder of the environment even with a viable wolf population I would hate to see the extreme cycles that would be generated without that population control. The Park Service will obviously need to continue to monitor all of the environmental factors that impact the closed ecosystem, but I do think that introducing additional wolves as needed should be one of the tools available to them.

Correspondence ID: 440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 18:15:15
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Correspondence: I strongly believe that the Park Service should pursue Alternative C as the best approach for preserving the natural setting of this unique environment and serving the public interest by maintaining the balance between predator, prey and fauna on this as a truly special place.

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Correspondence: Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I don't see the future of the island at risk due to wolves not being on the island. The island and it's population of wild animals (large or small) and natural processes have survived millennium without human intervention (before mining and logging) and should be left to mend and restore itself as nature so often does when left alone. Leave it alone and watch what happens. Let's not over-manage the island. Let nature take care of itself.

I would love to see a native and wild population of wolves on the island but if wolves cannot populate the island naturally, then it is my opinion wolves

should not be brought to the island, therefore creating a un-natural system. Seeing a wolf that was "introduced" to the island waters down the whole experience of seeing a wild wolf and just knowing they are there. The wildness of the island is diminished. If it could be determined that there were unnatural circumstances that caused the wolf population to crash then supporting the current population would be justifiable? A viable population of wolves on the mainland would help to support a native and truly wild population of wolves on the island. I don't think you can have one without the other. Isle Royale is not a zoo or a wildlife rehab center....

I understand what will happen to vegetation should moose populations expand rapidly but that would be a natural process worthy of intense study by the Michigan Tech study team. Just because wolves are not longer on the island does not mean the end of the study... I believe that wolves would naturally re-populate the island if mainland populations were allowed to expand to a point where wolves would be looking for new home ranges. Stop hunting wolves in Canada and Minnesota. Isle Royale cannot be a lone refuge of non-native wolf populations. The island was not established to support non natural populations of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 21:37:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Simple really. Leave it. Study it. Learn from it. Respect it. and above all love it!

Correspondence ID: 444 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,06,2016 23:48:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that the best course of action to restore the wolf population is the hybrid solution. Since we don't know what is going to happen, this gives us room to come up with predictions and then courses of action that we can take as time goes on. By taking no action at first would allow us to view and study how things play out initially. If the population dies off or problems occur we can move onto alternatives b or c. The hybrid alternative promotes not doing anything and then introducing if need so. We should allow for the natural world to play its part, and see as it does to the wolf population, and then assessing when need be, before messing around with natural environments. I don't think alternative b or c should be introduced right away because alternative b can introduce inbreeding, and would need to pick wolves with enough diversity to survive on the island, which can be difficult to do. With alternative c we don't know how the introduced wolves will interact with the wolf population already there, and how will they end up surviving with one another. The last alternative allows for more details to be hashed out as we don't know what is going to happen. This allows step by step, and trying out periods to revamp the population the best way possible. By really evaluating what is going on at the park, is the best way to adjust what can be done.

Correspondence ID: 445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,07,2016 06:24:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of increasing the wolf population on Isle Royale. The best way to control the moose population is through maintaining a population of natural predators. Either Alternative B or C is acceptable to me. The best scenario would be to introduce wolves as quickly as possible, observe the population and then decide the next best step. This makes more sense than deciding in year 1 whether the introduction will be a one time event or that further introductions are necessary. However, between the two alternatives, I prefer Alternative C.



Correspondence ID: 446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,07,2016 08:07:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support: Alternative C
The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,07,2016 08:18:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like the option of doing nothing now and monitor what happens with the wolves that are left, which I guess is option D on your list. It seems to be the choice that would continue the minimal human impact the park has been historically known for.

Correspondence ID: 448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,07,2016 08:30:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for again allowing me the opportunity to provide input. Isle Royale is a unique place and a treasure for us. I feel alternative C is the best because it seems the most humane option. Waiting for the moose to overpopulate the island could cause unnecessary suffering and damage to the Island.

Correspondence ID: 449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,07,2016 11:17:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Predators are a key component in any ecosystem. In North America terrestrial predators include wolves, cougars, and bears. In the north eastern United States both wolves and cougars have been extirpated. On Isle Royale, bears have never been present and historically Lynx have preyed on Caribou. Within the past century both of these mammals have disappeared from the island and the niches they left behind were filled in by moose and wolves. (https://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/nature/upload/Mammals_ver7.pdf)
The moose on the island eat fir trees in large numbers which slows the forest succession on the island. In the past, moose have become so plentiful that

predation on wolves was not the leading cause of moose death, but starvation caused by over browsing of saplings. The primary cause of this was the accidental introduction of parvovirus by humans. The severe reduction of wolf population on the island was therefore caused by humans. If the wolves are extirpated from the island, moose would be allowed to expand their population unchecked leading to another, more extreme over browsing and starvation trend possibly causing the eventual extirpation of moose from the island. This would have serious impacts on the ecosystem of the island.

Historically, ice bridges formed in severe winters have been attributed to the arrival and establishment of populations on the island. Given that climate change, which majorly decreases the formation of ice bridges, is exacerbated by humans the impact on the island's ecosystem can once again be linked to human action. However, the island is designated wilderness and intervention by humans may compromise this.

This leads me to believe that Alternative B listed in the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS of Summer 2015 should be used. This would see that wolves are introduced once to simulate an ice bridge migration. The island provides viable habitat for a self-sustained wolf population which would keep the moose population from becoming overcrowded. The benefits of wolf reintroduction on biodiversity and the ecosystems present has been proven abundantly in Yellowstone. This can be translated to the ecosystems on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think the NPS should absolutely re-introduce wolves to Isle Royale as soon as possible. In addition, NPS should introduce additional wolves when needed (as determined by scientists) to ensure genetic diversity is maintained.

While I understand the desire to remain "hands-off" in management, I think that is disingenuous. Humans have caused and continue to cause an immense level of harm, albeit often indirectly. As such, we should try to help where possible and where evidence supports.

Correspondence ID: 451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please leave wolves alone. They have a hard enough time surviving with humans. There is no need to make them prisoners on a small island they don't choose to go to on their own.

Make it a moose study on how many are killed by ticks and starve once the vegetation is gone or spray them for better quality of life. We are to "husband" nature, not simply watch it disappear.

Or just let the island be. Man is destroying earth too quickly as it is. Don't join in.

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Correspondence: Option A
or

Bring Caribou back to the Island

Correspondence ID: 453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think the idea of introducing more wolves is not the best alternative. Spending the time and money to create a situation that will end with same problem we are at today.

The size of the moose population is out of control so a large number of wolves would need to be introduced to begin culling the moose numbers. This can create problems on several levels with a large one being the impact to human visitation. More wolves roaming the island and killing anytime and anywhere can cause problem human/wolf interactions, possibly dangerous around kill sites.

The moose over browsing is the largest problem, the number of moose needing to be culled is extensive to create a balance in the ecosystem. I do not think more wolves, as stated not a natural predator for the island, is the answer. I would do a yearly moose hunt, on a lottery basis, especially for the native American populations in the Northeast MN and Ontario provinces that are so close to the island and not only was for centuries, but is a natural part of their culture. That is a solution that is positive in all directions.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please choose Alternative C to bring wolves in to Isle Royale and maintain them. We do not need to fear them and learn so much in that special area of the world. We live in fast times, a changing climate and budget restraints that are unheard of in any other time in history. Let us not forget we are stewards of this Earth and we should treat it accordingly. We, as man, run the wolf out of places so he won't compete with us. Well, he doesn't need to compete with us on Isle Royale, so let's maintain this wonderful habitat for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The wolves on Isle Royale must be save. With only two wolves left on the island the time to act is now, we can not wait any longer. The main reason not to act is whether or not humans have caused the decline in the population. The decline in the wolf population can be indirectly linked to be caused by humans. Due to global warming, which is proven to be caused by humans, the ice land bridge that was used by wolves to migrate and emigrate from Isle Royale, has all but disappeared. Without the ice bridge to bring in new individuals that bring new genetic material into the wolf

population, inbreeding occurred.

The wolf population also decreased due to the introduction of the canine parvovirus via domesticated dogs brought by human tourist. This virus killed a lot of new born wolf pups. Since wolves only breed seasonally the total population drastically decreased.

In regards to which option of action should be taken for the wolves on Isle Royale, option C is the best option. Option A and D will not work because with only two wolves on the island there can only be inbreeding which will further harm the wolf population. Option B brings in new wolves but it is only putting off further intervention. Without the ice bridge the new wolves will help the population recover but, it will crash again because of the same inbreeding problem. This only leaves option C.

There is also some positives to reintroducing more wolves to Isle Royale. The main one is that the new wolves will cause the moose population to not decimate the vegetation on the island. This will happen because the moose can not sit around eating all day anymore.

Correspondence ID: 456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support Alternative C. We need wolves on Isle Royal, and every day we wait to make a decision increases the time that there is not a sustainable breeding population of wolves on the island. A one time introduction of wolves is an important emergency measure, but for sustained survival of wolves on Isle Royal, the opportunity to introduce new wolves to reduce inbreeding over the next two decades is important.

Correspondence ID: 457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would like to see alternative C be implemented to maintain a population of wolves on the island for as long as maintains control of the island. The wolves will control the population of the moose and with that, the ecosystem will be balanced for the large animals.

Correspondence ID: 458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe you should choose management option C (or Alternative C) & bring new wolves to the island as soon as possible & as often as necessary to preserve a healthy ecosystem. Since it's too late in time to go back to a population of lynx & woodland caribou, you need to maintain a healthy predator-prey relationship of wolves & moose for the sake of the island's ecology & biodiversity.

I think is a management responsibility of the Park Service at this point. You can't predict with certainty when an ice bridge will occur again or when new wolves will arrive there on their own, but you can predict with certainty what will happen to the moose population and the island's vegetation in the absence of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have a number of points to consider in regards to the wolves on isle royale. First, it seem to me that the researchers who have "spent their careers studying the predator/prey relationship" would have a vested interest in seeing the wolves continue in the park. If their are no wolves, there is no relationship to study. If there is no study then why would one get funding. If there is no funding , then there is no job. Thus recommendations from the science community should not involve their Input due to potential bias it would involve.

Secondly, It is foolish to take off the table culling or even a hunt. There certainly is presidence of prior issue with too many prey and no predictor in the national park system. Case in point , Rocky Mountain national park with the elk population. The solution was to cull the heard which provides meat for the hungry and accomidates sport hunting activities. The hunters have long been apart of out national parks and were even the driving force behind their formation behind great men such as Teddy Roosevelt . We have them to thank for the parks that we love and enjoy. They were the one with the conservation foresight.

Thirdly, the wolves have found their way onto the island, they can find their way on it again. What happens will happen. The history of the island is to manage as a wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Hi there,

I am from Mississippi and currently reside in Arizona, but I love wolves. So take my thoughts with that in mind. I think Alternative C is a good compromise between B and D. It intends to use the latest in scientific knowledge and research which means it is adaptable if we learn new things over time. It does not commit to having a lot of wolves, but instead acts as a watchguard - adding them as necessary and then not doing so when unnecessary.

I believe both Alternatives A & D are a good ones though. There surely was a time when there were no wolves, and if it truly is a good area for them, then perhaps some will find it. It does gamble though, and so if wolves do not find it, we must accept how the environment reacts. This is why I am afraid for this option - the human enjoyment factor might be impacted and thus the park itself. This is why I think D is better than A - it is more flexible.

Alternative B seems like it would be beneficial for the wolves, but each creature is unique and if we insert too many that do not get along then that may be disastrous. If we insert too many at once, we may throw the environment off balance. I understand it would be spread out over time, and perhaps there is research that indicates safe periods and distances for this process that I am unaware of.

For those reasons I think the best options are between alternatives C and D. Which, depending on the "science and professional judgement" and a particular choice of "resource indicators and thresholds" might even make them near equivalent, although in reverse direction. In other words: C brings in wolves as needed optimistically while D watches moose and vegetables populations (or other indicators for them) for pessimistic signs to take bring in wolves).

I hope my words were not just repeating what you already know but will aid in coming to a decision.

Sincerely,
~Jasmine

P.S. Thank you very much for such a well put together and well intended effort!

Correspondence ID: 461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,07,2016 22:23:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is time to just let nature take its course, the cost/benefits of continued study of the wolves there makes no sense to most reasonable people. I encourage you to choose Alternative A (the no-action alternative).
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 05:28:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a wilderness area with a long term study on the wolf-moose study. In my opinion the study should come to a natural end as dictated by the researchers. If all of the wolves die, or the researchers decide the population has no chance of continuation, a new pack(s) of wolves should be brought in from an area of the country where the wolves are problematic. Short term (5-10-20 years) vegetation destruction would resolve on its own after the moose population drops with the new predators. Moose trans-location should only take place after the study is over and only to repopulate other areas of the country, not to reduce the population of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 07:54:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel the Alternative Plan C aligns more with my thinking. To act immediately, or until a record of decision is signed. Allow a wolf population for 20 years so that scientific studies can be continued. I believe strongly that people visit the island expecting wolves to be there. Without them, to me, it becomes less of a draw.
Without the wolves, the moose will "eat" the island, disrupting habitat for other native species.
C is the plan for me.

Correspondence ID: 464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 08:06:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have backpacked on Isle Royale but am no expert on ecology. I just think since there are only two wolves left, and they are older, it is clear the wolves will die out. This leaves no predator to keep the moose population healthy and in check, and has negative impacts on other animals which feed off wolf kills. I prefer the option of introducing more wolves to Isle Royale, for the sake of the overall island ecosystem, and to continue reintroducing wolves as needed over time for genetic rescue.

Correspondence ID: 465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 12:08:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I was originally a proponent of do nothing, but have revised my thinking after considering a variety of factors:
*impact of increasing moose population on vegetation
*ability to study the predator-prey relationship in a controlled environment
*the uniqueness of "living with wolves" in this wonderful environment for visitors

As to which alternative I would choose to bringing wolves to the island, I would leave to the scientists/researchers who are close to this work, although I would lean towards a plan that is not a one-time deal but a study, learn, and adjust.

Thanks for the opportunity for input. This is one of my favorite places.

Correspondence ID: 466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe that for Isle Royale National Park it would be in the best interest to reintroduce wolves to the ecosystem, but only after thorough preparation. Since the natural repopulation of the wolves in 2016 in IRNP is highly unlikely, it would require the NPS to repopulate it for them. Alternative D would be the best course of action in understanding what is best for IRNP and its ecosystem. Wolves alter a plethora of processes and populations when present within ecosystems, which usually increase the diversity and success of their ecosystems. Yet in an island ecosystem such as IRNP, this system may be less inclined to the changes that are brought by wolves due to the limited resources and no access of other local but separate ecosystems. Assessing the amount of resources and their thresholds over some course of time and in different ecological situations would provide the NPS with vital information that would help them more accurately actively repopulate or naturally allow the repopulation of wolves over some time. This somewhat cut off ecosystem needs more of a specific amount of resources present to succeed with and without the presence of wolves, and looking into the past where these situations have happened would be the best course of action. Then and only then would the NPS be best suited to introduce wolves and allow them to help IRNP rather than to possibly throw the whole ecosystem off if incorrectly reintroduced.

Correspondence ID: 467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 13:00:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sure hope we can maintain a wolf population on Isle Royale. I believe it would benefit all. Option C seems to be the best option to make that possible. I would also defer to the experts that have been studying this issue for the past 50 years.

Correspondence ID: 468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Although we would have preferred genetic rescue, the National Park Service, ignored the recommendations of researchers and delayed action for so long that genetic rescue is no longer an option.

The next best alternative is Alternative C - bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years.

We believe this option allows for the greatest flexibility and offers a long range view to protect the ecosystem on Isle Royale. The few remaining wolves will not be able to maintain the natural balance needed and ask that wolves be placed on Isle Royale as soon as possible.

Correspondence ID: 469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: By unanimous vote, the Board supports Alternative C - bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed based on the best available scientific data.

Ideally, we would have preferred the least human intervention in the management of wilderness. However, human alteration of climate and ecosystems make the "no action" alternative unreasonable. Failure to take action, will result in the devastation of the island's vegetation which would likely take many decades to recover.

Alternative C allows for maximum flexibility to restore and maintain the natural balance of wolves and moose.

Correspondence ID: 470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 16:24:09
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Correspondence: I am in support of introduction of gray wolves.

Correspondence ID: 471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 16:57:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support of introduction of gray wolves.

Correspondence ID: 472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 17:53:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support bringing in new wolves from other areas, on a continuous basis. With the trend for warmer winters, it's unlikely that an ice bridge from the mainland is going to form, which helped wolves traverse back and forth in the past, reducing the need for wolves to inbreed. Wolves are excellent apex predators and is the best non-interfering way for the overpopulation of moose to be dealt with.

Correspondence ID: 473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Due in part to climate change that is preventing the lake from freezing over, there are currently just two wolves in the Park. In order to support a healthy ecosystem, the NPS should introduce wolves from outside of the area as needed.

Correspondence ID: 474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 20:58:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I studied Forestry at Purdue University in the 60's where I first heard of Dr. Allen's studies on Isle Royale. Since then I have had an interest in the project. Also I have noticed that there needs to be a balance between prey and predator or the environment in a area will suffer. Yellowstone is notable example of this as the reintroduction of wolves has greatly improved that area. Isle Royale will suffer quickly as the prey species continues to out balance the ecosystems ability to provide food for them. We have the ability to reintroduce a viable wolf pack to the area before we allow further damage which will take time to repair. Isle Royale is a beautiful place that needs be preserved not just remembered. It is time to act.

Correspondence ID: 475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 22:34:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save the wolf population on the island! The only way to do so is to add some newwolves for genetic diversity. I realise that ya'all think that a 3-year period would be sufficient. I do not agree . I believe that the new wolves should be left there for the rest of their lives, with the option left open of adding some more as needed for the sustaining of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 476 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,08,2016 23:26:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, protect wolves.

Correspondence ID: 477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 04:35:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Per un ecosistema migliore, l'introduzione dei lupi Ã¨ importante.
Grazie per l'attenzione.

Correspondence ID: 478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 06:54:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan B seems viable to me. As the wolf population started to decline on Isle Royale over the years due to disease (from visitors with their canine pets) and natural deaths (i e., old age, pack conflicts, etc.), it was obvious that inbreeding would occur weakening the present population.

The Cascade Effect: No wolves on Isle Royale would mean moose would eventually over-populate and over-browse the park's vegetation. That would effect other small prey on the island.

Isle Royale became a unique and complete ecosystem when wolves crossed over on the ice and populated the land. Neither the wolves nor the moose can leave if they so choose. Migration is not a choice for them. Both species need each other to survive.
Plan B seems to be the best choice.

Correspondence ID: 479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 07:32:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the option to bring wolves to Isle Royale to maintain a stable population in balance with the moose population. I believe this is considered Option C.

Correspondence ID: 480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 07:42:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not let such a treasure as Isle Royale to fade and decay. We have done damage to our environment by contributing to the warming climate. Let us not exacerbate this damage by continuing to do nothing.

Correspondence ID: 481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 07:49:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm a lover and visitor of everything Isle Royale, and I believe maintaining a healthy population of wolves is essential to the future of Isle Royale National Park. Therefore I think "Alternative C" is the best option. A one-time dispersal of wolves seems like it might not do the trick, fully.

Alternative C, please!

Correspondence ID: 482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 07:58:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the option of letting nature taking it's course and not moving wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 483 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 08:25:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This submission is to comment on the NPS proposal to manage the declining wolf population on Isle Royale. I support Alternatives A and D. I do NOT favor reintroduction of wolves on the island as it clearly violates Chapter 4 of the NPS Management Policies which states in the Introduction - "The National Park Service will strive to understand, maintain, restore, and protect the inherent integrity of the natural resources, processes, systems, and values of the parks while providing meaningful and appropriate opportunities to enjoy them. The Service recognizes that natural processes and species are evolving, and the Service will allow this evolution to continue-minimally influenced by human actions."

I understand the value of the long term moose/wolf studies that have occurred on the island, but feel that allowing natural succession of ecological process to occur is more important. Despite rapid warming of Lake Superior caused by human induced climate change, it is still possible for wolves to migrate to the island as they did decades ago.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 08:46:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You cannot have a healthy "natural" environment without "natural" predators. Wolves keep the herds in balance, and studies show, the environment responds in kind, on All levels!

Correspondence ID: 485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 08:48:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nothing is more important than preserving sites around the country that harbor wild life such as wolves. There has to be balance that excludes development and the undo intrusion of these areas by humans. Just as humans deserve habitats where they can be excluded from the outside interference of everyone else, so wild life as well as fauna deserve the same. To destroy a species upsets the eco balance. We have evidence of this due to climate change. So lets put a stop to this destruction of the planet and the creatures that inhabit it.

Correspondence ID: 486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 08:51:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 08:51:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please preserve and protect the wolf population on Isle Royale. Wolves are an important part of any land they live on they were designed by nature to serve a purpose. When humans intervene they begin a destructive spiral for the land. Please stop trying to reduce or control populations.

Correspondence ID: 488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 08:53:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are losing out in nearly ever area in which they are found and that situation likely means they may, very soon, have lost their place on Earth. Surely, there must be places where these magnificent animals can survive and prosper without people or agencies trying to "manage" them or kill them through far too many methods.

Let's do the right thing and make sure that they too can survive on this Earth!

Correspondence ID: 489 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 08:54:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The time has come to leave these beautiful creatures of God alone!

What everybody forgets is this is their home and we are in their premise

Quit killing so unnecessarily

It is cruel

It would be like you defending your home if a stranger attempts to break in

Face it we are the ones that need to leave or live in peace like we did when my people were first here before all the hate came into this great land

This land belongs to my people and all of nature not to man

Be respectful

You people have taken enough

Correspondence ID: 490 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 08:55:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are a significant part of the environment of Isle Royal. Letting them go extinct would damage Isle Royal's environment. Please protect them and all other animals there. Wild spaces are important to all of us.

Correspondence ID: 491 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 08:58:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 492 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 09:03:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reintroduce wolves back into isle royale. It is the best and only option for a sustainable world.Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 493 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 09:08:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check

which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 494 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:16:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why do we have to keep killing and destroying all that is beautiful in our world? I think that our creator gave us this incredible, majestic, amazing planet to enjoy and be stewards of. I can't understand why some of us have to be so destructive! It is just pure thanklessness in my eyes and I think that our creator, who or whatever you believe that is, would agree wholeheartedly. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Renee [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:17:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:22:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

Bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment.

This foot dragging on the part of NPS is unacceptable. Every effort must be made by the NPS to expedite the decision to save our iconic endangered wolves.

Correspondence ID: 497 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:24:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Although I am a member of several environmental organizations, as someone who has visited Isle Royale in the past, I voice my support for Alternative C. To keep a healthy ecosystem at Isle Royale in the face of global climate change, man-made interventions will be necessary. Restoring a healthy wolf population will lead to a balanced moose population, and help in restoring a healthy ecosystem in the Park as a whole. Man has caused climate change, and we must take responsibility to ameliorate it in whatever way that we can. Thank you for taking my comments.

Correspondence ID: 498 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:28:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Twice, the residents of Michigan have circulated, signed, and later voted to pass legislation in support wolves, and against the predations of trophy hunters.

Our legislators have twice blocked the will of the voters on this matter, seeing the killing of wolves as an active revenue stream.

As has been shockingly demonstrated by the lead poisoning of the citizens of Flint, in pursuit of financial savings, created by an unelected emergency manager -also voted against by the citizens and overturned by the legislature at the request of Gov. Snyder- the legislators of this state will do almost anything to cut costs and create revenue, regardless of the harm or damage said actions will incur. They also have exhibited an ignorant and vicious hatred of wolves, including fictional accounts of wolf activity.

Instead of viewing the wolf population as a positive motivator for tourism (non-hunting), research, and the stabilization of prey species, they view them exclusively as a negative, to be eradicated at a state profit.

Isle Royale represents an opportunity to counter the destructive mindset and measures by providing an exciting and valuable resource through repopulation with wolves.

All three benefits will be realized through this action.

Our ACADEMIC wolf experts vigorously support the program, and so do I.

Please act in accordance with wisdom and knowledge and act to re-populate the wolves of Isle Royale.

Sincerely,

Gail [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:33:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 500 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:35:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm an advocate of rewilding and the trophic cascades that I see. Not only is this good news for the wolves but all of nature profits. All the way down to the soils and up again to the atmosphere. We need green. Trees bushes foliage all of the life that re-introductions of carnivores bring. This is a win-win proposal from top to bottom.

Correspondence ID: 501 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:38:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

PLEASE SUPPORT OPTION- C !!

I support Alternative C for the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park.

Please help MAINTAIN a HEALTHY ECO-SYSTEM in the Park!

Currently there are only 2 Wolves left!!

Without wolves, elk populations on the island will soon grow out of control and would require human management, likely in the form of sport hunting. This would be a challenge to the island's existing status as a motor-free area as hunters would likely require motorized transport. Maintaining the presence of wolves - as has been the case for decades - would allow the Park to continue to be a healthy ecosystem.

This plan would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island should be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale National Park's ecosystem. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check, which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

cathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 502 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 09:40:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You have no right to destroy another species...how dare you!

Correspondence ID: 503 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 10:16:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale Wolves:

As a matter of pure natural and ecological responsibility as well as humane judgement it is in all of our good benefit to protect these rare wolves. It is a widely known fact that thousands of wolves are being killed in the U.S. in order to placate the demands and pressure from hunting groups to improve Elk hunting, the NRA as well as over-reaching ranchers all in the name of greed, profit and 'sportsmanship'! This must be slowed drastically or not stopped completely. The Isle Royale Wolves are a beautiful symbol of what is the very spirit of mother nature and our natural environs that we all hold so dearly yet abuse and neglect, many times to merely amuse ourselves. Please protect these wolves.
Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 10:16:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please re-introduce wolves to Isle Royal National Park.
Global warming has prevented them from crossing over to the island from the mainland, causing an imbalance in the ecosystem there. The decreased wolf population is caused by mankind, and mankind should do what is necessary to restore the natural equilibrium.

Correspondence ID: 505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 10:41:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect and promote the increase of wolf population of Isle Royale National Park. Action to save the wolves is an effort that must be taken to enrich and protect the balance of life within all of our National Parks. Regretfully, some species are beyond our assisting, gone forever. We must learn from our former mistakes and be protectors of our planet and its beautiful variety of life.

Sincerely,
Jerry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 506 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 10:54:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I wholehearted hope that you will restock the wolves in the Isle Royale Ecosystem. The Earth needs to be wild! And at this point, mankind needs to help maintain the Wild.

Correspondence ID: 507 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:00:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Correspondence ID: 508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:16:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's in the best interests of Isle Royale's continued ecological health, as well as the wolves to protect them. It's the natural solution to this dilemma.

Correspondence ID: 509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:23:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help to save these magnificent creatures!! They are part of our heritage.

Correspondence ID: 510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:25:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:30:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Public lands and the wildlife that inhabit them are a national treasure that belong to the citizens of this great country. As such we expect them to be protected and cared for so that they continue unspoiled through the generations. This heritage is what was intended when these were set aside in the first place and we expect our public officials to represent us and always support this point of view.

Correspondence ID: 512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:32:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr,09,2016 11:57:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you so much for including me in the options for the plan of action. Isle Royale is one of my favorite places on the planet, and I am so happy you have taken the decline in wolf numbers on the island so seriously. I am still devastated about the lone female that was shot after making it to the mainland over the ice.

After careful consideration of the options I feel that Alternative C is the best option for the health of the island.

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of

the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Thank you again!
Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 514 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:08:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's the right thing to do!

Correspondence ID: 515 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:12:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to take whatever steps are needed to address the terrible decline in numbers of the Isle Royale grey wolves.

Correspondence ID: 516 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:17:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm for bringing new wolves in to Isle Royale to manage the moose population and vegetation. The tricky part is how to do this. The wolves brought in should be a related pack so there is no in-fighting. Ideally, two unrelated packs should be introduced and located far enough away so there is no fighting over territory. Great care should be taken transporting these wolves. Wolf experts should be involved in this. Since I'm no wolf expert this might not be a viable solution.

Correspondence ID: 517 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:21:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your Isle Royale Wolf introduction EIS. I strongly support your proposed Alternative C: The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

I understand that Isle Royale is considered a "Wilderness" area, and as such, the U.S. Forest Service has a strict "non-interference" philosophy regarding tampering with the natural ecology. However, it should be quite obvious that this is at risk of severe degradation if left to nature at this point when there is a way to stabilize the situation. The most up to date scientific research supports this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Correspondence ID: 518 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:29:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There are only two of these wolves left on the Island so more need to be introduced in order to keep them viable. It should be the right of all species to remain viable and not go into extinction.

Correspondence ID: 519 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:37:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These wolves need to be left alone, they are a very important part of nature and the balance that has been in place since the beginning of time as we know it. Each and every living on earth has a place in the eco system of nature. The human animal has done nothing but upset this balance since appearing on earth, we have no place in this eco system and are not smart enough to manage nature. This is very evident by the mess the planet is in now, we need to stop meddling in things we have no understanding of and allow nature to do what it does best, keep this planet running as it should. We are the only animal on this earth that is destroying the very earth, air and water all life depends on. We must allow nature to right the wrongs we have made and set things back on an even keel. Save these wolves for the sake of the planet and ourselves.

Correspondence ID: 520 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:51:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative C for the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park.

This plan would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island should be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale National Park's ecosystem. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check, which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark [REDACTED]

P.S. At present, how many wolves remain on Isle Royale? Two, correct?

Correspondence ID: 521 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 12:56:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I stayed in the lodge at Isle Royale last August, and so enjoyed hiking on the island during that time! It seems to me that reintroducing wolves would be the best way to control the elk population. It would be much better than adding vehicles for hunters. The wildness of the island is one of its attractions!

Correspondence ID: 522 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 13:06:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 523 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 13:07:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: 'Comments' must be entered to submit the form

Correspondence ID: 524 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 13:23:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 525 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 13:27:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option c which provides for an adequate wolf population to perform its functions in the ecosystem of Isle Royal is the policy choice I support.
Managing MY wildlands for sustainable health requires it.

Correspondence ID: 526 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 13:30:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 527 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 13:38:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 528 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 14:33:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that Wolves could become a healthy addition to the Island's natural environment. Wolves deserve to maintain a stable population in this National Park.

Correspondence ID: 529 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 14:56:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 530 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 14:56:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 531 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 15:34:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In response to the opportunity to offer input to the upcoming decisions on the EIS concerning the wolf population at Isle Royale National Park, as a biologist and concerned citizen, I would like to offer these suggestions.
As the gene pool for the Isle Royale wolf population has realistically vanished, I would recommend that Plan C be adopted as the most viable way to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. With periodic introduction of wolves, hopefully, the wolves will be able to develop a viable and sustainable population on the island. The twenty-year time frame is realistic, but may need to be extended depending on the success of the new wolves.
Wherever the wolves come from, they will have to adapt to a diet of mostly moose. This change may or may not be successful for the introduced wolves, and this process may take a substantial amount of time.
Also, Plan C mimics what has happened on Isle Royale since the wolves first arrived. Thanks to the occasional formation of ice bridges between Canada and Isle Royale, the wolf population has had a periodic influx of a few wolves from time to time. Plan C would offer that natural pattern for newcomers to the island.
Finally, with the wolves missing from the island, the increasing moose population will adversely change the ecological balance of the plant and animal communities on the island. With the presence of global warming that results in fewer ice bridges and opportunities for wolf immigration, I encourage an expedient decision to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. A delayed decision may result in the devastation of many island communities.

Correspondence ID: 532 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 15:35:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please implement Option C. Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem and should NOT be allowed to disappear at Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 533 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 15:36:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]. I'd like to point out a few examples of wolf population/humans relationship [REDACTED] in the forests of Poland and Canada (NW of British Columbia in particular).

Poland:

Polish foresters & hunters recognized the importance of wolf in the healthy forest ecosystems of that country shortly after WW II. Thanks to the dedication of a handful of foresters/scientists and enormous ground work done by the members of Polish Hunters Association (Polski Zwi|zek Aowiecki), nearly extinct wolf population was completely restored and is thriving in polish forests all over the country these days.
Mind you, the area of Poland fits right into 1/3 of British Columbia, or just under 1/2 of Texas and only 25% o that is covered by intensively managed forest. The rest of it is populated by 38 mln people. It may not look like prime habitat for managing a healthy wolf population but, somehow, they did it.

British Columbia (Mainland):

Government of BC approved (just recently) a massive wolf hunt (using helicopters) in the central part of our province. The justification of that decision was (in short): "Preventing population of Woodland Caribou from extinction". Sure enough, Woodland Caribou badly needs protection in our entire province. The question is: From Whom ?
Everyone who's got the chance to fly over BC these days can see enormous caribou habitat loss due to human (not wolves) activities.
This issue is quite complex so here are just some examples:
- Extensive, blanket type clear-cuts, logged in the past 50 years.
- Millions hectares of Pine Forest (prime Caribou habitat) killed by Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB). The explosion of the MPB population in the last 20 yrs did

not happened by itself. It is direct consequence of Global Warming (wolves had nothing to do with it)
- Rapid encroachment of mining, gas/oil industries in the recent years etc...

British Columbia (Islands):

I use Haida Gwaii (formerly Queen Charlotte Islands) as an example of isolated habitat, with no natural predation, limited vehicle access, and relatively low human population.
In short: Little seedlings planted by tree-planters are being eaten by Black Tail Deer on the following night. I won't say how many deer can be harvested by the residents of the islands (██████, who lives there, might do something rather unpleasant to me if I ever spill this number to the outside world). It has to suffice if I say that an average continental Canadian/USA hunter may die from envy attack when he/she ever discovers the truth Lol...
Well, there was never any natural predator on Haida Gwaii except Haida Nation but, they managed to keep their land in perfect balance over millennia. The difficulties (local foresters nightmare) started after introduction of "modern logging practices" (read: blanket clearcutting), which opened up vast areas of the land and that created perfect conditions for the rapid growth of deciduous species (broadleaf brush & trees). Needles to say, Black Tails loved that.

My point is: Save the wolves wherever possible. When properly managed, they are indispensable ingredient of every forested area (or desert in the southern states). If those two remaining specimen of the Isle Royale wolf population happen to be the same sex animals... Well, do I have to say it out loud ???

P.S. Please use *Google G* as one more option of informing those of us who refused following the F-Book, how Isle Royale Wolves are doing.

Thank you for the opportunity to scribble my few words on behalf of Wolves



Correspondence ID: 534 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 15:47:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C for the management of wolves on Isle Royale; the sooner, the better.

The NPS should bring as many wolves as deemed necessary by the scientific experts, who have been studying the wolf/moose relationship for over 50 years, to maintain an adequate population of wolves for at least the next 20 years.

This valuable natural Lake Superior island resource for nature study, hiking and relaxation is one of the most beautiful National Parks in the Nation and should not be wasted by overgrazing and disease.

Act now before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 535 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 16:00:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The decided answer, as to a solution is Alternative A (No-Action Alternative). Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out. Historically, wolves reached the island via an ice bridge in the late 1940s and ("four") wolves from the Detroit Zoo were introduced in 1952, ("one or two") of which may have persisted genetically. (Johnson and Sheldon 1960) The wolves fluctuated from a high of 50 wolves 1980s to 14 wolves in 1982. Malnutrition and intraspecific strife. Canine parvovirus (CPV) a disease fatal to wolf pups was detected in 1988-89 and ("two") decades later. (Vucetich et al. 2012) And noted; a recent low of ("eight"). (Adams et al. 2011, Vucetich and Peterson 2013) The historical valued field science recognized ecological primary controls on the existing wolf population activities, including intraspecific interactions; prey availability, demographic stochasticity, disease and possibility genetic deterioration. At present date/yr. scientifically noted is; Study the process of Royale Isle wolves population extirpation. 2016 YR. Royale Isle National Park Service ("Alternatives-A,B,C,D"). The solution is natural migration of wolves to Royale Isle. The valued effect's of a 20 year man-made restoration, management of wolves for the future of Royale Isle Island, is "non causa pro causa" for ecological, geological, scientific, scenic historical value.

Correspondence ID: 536 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 16:03:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see more wolves brought in, so I prefer choices B or C. Possibly rather than eradicate or kill problem wolves, move them. But, however it is done I think they should be moved there and allowed a chance to keep the population going and moose in check for the area.

Correspondence ID: 537 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 16:05:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 538 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 16:06:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A balanced ecosystems benefits us all, man and beast.

Correspondence ID: 539 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 16:24:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 540 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 16:53:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,
I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please implement Option C.

Regards,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 541 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 17:05:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help save this wolf population.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 542 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 17:23:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan C, please! Let's keep wolves on IR!

Correspondence ID: 543 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 18:42:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, please protect the Isle Royale Wolves. They deserve your protection and need it before they are extinct. You cannot allow that to happen!! Assure us that these wolves will be here for future generations!!! Implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 544 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 19:06:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C & help these wolves! They belong in our world & our part of the economy system!

Correspondence ID: 545 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 19:19:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly believe if nature is free to run its course the island will thrive again the way nature intended. When humans try to create an artificial setting to force an outcome, something always seems to get out of balance. The forests and the predators along with all the other species in an ecosystem work together to balance the forest. As it may be, some people favor one species over another and then we make decisions to step in and try to altar the balance. which then causes every other species to compensate for the unbalance in an unnatural way. Our wildlife and vegetation are vital to our survival. We need to preserve nature and untouched habitats to learn from them rather than alter and destroy them. Killing wolves to protect another species we want to kill is really ridiculous. All animals need to eat to survive, demonizing an animal for eating is just plain stupid. Stop killing the predators and causing them to resort to unnatural ways of survival.

Correspondence ID: 546 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 20:23:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sir/Madame;

I have been to Isle Royale several times over the last 25 years, and it is one of my favorite NPs. I have had the pleasure of meeting and talking with Rolf

Peterson on one of those trips. Though I've never seen an Isle Royale wolf (plenty of moose!), I cherish the memory of their calls, and my photos of paw prints near our tent at Feldtmann Lake from 2004. The picture last year of (at the time) three remaining wolves -including a sickly pup with curved spine (possibly genetic from inbreeding) - brought tears to my eyes and broke my heart.

I understand the desire to adhere to Mother Nature and the migration that may or may not occur from natural ice bridges on those rare times they form to Minnesota/Canada. However, with global warming they may become more and more rare.

Nature moves on, with or without us. I've grown old and my arthritis and artificial hip may stop me from ever returning to the trails I love.

Please implement Option C, and keep a viable wolf population at Isle Royale. It is the right thing to do.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 547 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 20:24:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I support reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale, for as long as it takes to get a viable population that will genetically sustain itself. Look at Yellowstone and how that entire ecosystem has thrived with the reintroduction of wolves. Genetic diversity is extremely important to maintain these healthy apex predators, therefore, 'new' blood will be necessary from time to time, until a population takes hold, if it can. The benefits of the natural balance of nature will speak for itself: rivers, vegetation, birds, predators, etc. Use nature's players to restore natural balance to this ecosystem. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 548 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 20:26:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 549 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 21:08:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do the right thing by these magnificent creatures. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 550 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 21:27:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth ████████

Correspondence ID: 551 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 22:26:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support to keep the isle royale wolf population stable that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Correspondence ID: 552 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 22:53:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With human-induced climate change negatively affecting Lake Superior's annual winter freeze-over, wolves are less and less likely to naturally reach Isle Royale. Without mainland wolves reaching the island, there is no genetic diversity in the population (the same is true for the moose population), and populations of both species die off. So it appears that the only way to keep wolves on the island is to introduce them on an ongoing basis, rather like the old Gause experiment with *Didinium* and *Paramecium*. I know nothing about the cost and logistics of re-introducing wolves onto Isle Royale, but it seems it would be more easily done than constantly culling or translocating moose and restoring natural vegetation. Therefore, I support Alternative C. This is done reluctantly because I can also envision future unintended consequences. A new, healthy, and genetically diverse wolf population may find it very easy to take down all age classes of moose in a population with as many genetic defects as the current Isle Royale population has. Then the moose population may need to be artificially supplemented to keep the wolf population alive. There is no easy or perfect decision to be made here, but the alternative of doing nothing seems most likely to lead to the rapid unraveling of the current ecosystem. I believe that most visitors to the island

come with hopes of seeing moose and hearing wolves. Given that "the experience of park visitors" is one consideration of the proposed EIS, Alternative C offers the best chance to meet park visitors' expectations while also being the best hope for maintaining ecosystem integrity.

Correspondence ID: 553 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 00:22:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It was proven years ago in Yellowstone National Park that when wolves were reintroduced there, that it kept the elk population in check, which, in turn, kept the local ecology in a much healthier condition. It seems that reintroducing wolves to this area would be a good thing.

Correspondence ID: 554 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 00:39:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please don't eradicate wolves in Isle Royale Park

Correspondence ID: 555 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 01:02:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: When you see in what state of desolation and dying ground the inhabited countries are, I believe it is better to leave to nature the balance of wild life.

Better than human hunters, wolfs know who to chose.

Let them do the job, they were meant for it. God or evolution, your call. But they are indispensable.

Please....

Correspondence ID: 556 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 01:31:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to say that I think it is a wonderful idea to introduce gray wolves to the Isle Royale. They are becoming very scarce. They should not be hunted at all there. They are endangered already. So Please leave them alone,and add more Wolves.They are very important to our ecosystem, and to Nature itself! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 557 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 02:29:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is essential that these animals remain protected.

Correspondence ID: 558 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 04:17:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

As someone who cares deeply about our wildlife, I am concerned that there are only two wolves remaining at the Isle Royale National Park. Such a low number of predators threatens the Park's ecosystem, resulting in long-term consequences, including decimation of food resources by the increased moose population.

Therefore, I support introducing new wolves to the island, recommending that the Park Service do this on an as-needed basis, rather than one and done. Choosing this option provides a less-invasive and more proactive alternative to culling and / or removing moose from the island and replanting native vegetation.

I encourage the Park Service to act immediately, before the wolf population vanishes completely, leaving this national park vulnerable to decimation and disease.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 559 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 05:35:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the UPEC recommendations regarding the introduction of wolves into Isle Royale, for the sake of the park.

Correspondence ID: 560 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 05:38:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not support the no-action alternative. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance, and wolves are needed to restore the balance. With absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

To bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) is very short sighted. There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

I support bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years. It allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves currently present on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check, which

will further degrade the island's vegetation.

I do not support continuing current management and only bringing wolves to Isle Royale if a threshold is met based on resource indicators. This is essentially the same as the No Action option, with an exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Correspondence ID: 561 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 06:09:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good day,

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 562 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 06:56:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re: the Isle Royale, MI wolf population

I absolutely support and encourage the reintroduction of wolves on Isle Royale in Michigan.

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale.

Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please: implement Option C!

Thank you,

Sue [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 563 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 07:21:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 564 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 07:47:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves fill an important niche in our environment. They keep species in balance.

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Correspondence ID: 565 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 08:44:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support introducing wolves to the Isle Royale National Park.

Maintaining the presence of wolves- -as has been the case for decades- -would allow the Park to continue to be a healthy ecosystem.

For the only planet we have.

Correspondence ID: 566 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 10:02:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves and Moose have lived on this Island for many years. I do agree to put wolves on this Island for which there are only two left.

Correspondence ID: 567 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 10:05:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 568 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 10:17:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I suggest option C, that includes steps to maintain wolf/moose interactions in the Park.

My main reasons are that there is precious little truly "natural" habitat left on our continent anyway, and so it seems warranted to me to have predator-prey interactions in a park even if some manipulation is required to maintain this system. A park is a good place to have this happen. It will be appreciated by visitors to the Park, I suspect, but perhaps more importantly, many other people will appreciate the knowledge that such a system is maintained under near-natural conditions.

Correspondence ID: 569 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 10:51:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that wolves should be reintroduced to Isle Royal and continue to be monitored and managed as needed over the twenty year period cited or as long as it takes to stabilize the predator/prey population between wolves and moose. Climate Change has already altered the natural processes that would govern this balance so in effect we must provide management of the island's fauna.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
Greg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 570 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 11:02:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Predators like wolves play a critical role in maintaining the balance of nature, and particularly for keeping rodents and other prey species in check. Not only the survival of wolves, but the survival of this habitat depend on the re-introduction of wolves into a habitat where they have successfully thrived for centuries.

Correspondence ID: 571 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 11:07:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a former resident of Michigan and an occasional visitor to beautiful Isle Royale, I always marveled at the fragile balance on the island between the wolves and the moose - some years one species would thrive while the other's population lessened, and then the opposite would occur - this is nature's lovely balance, to be preserved.

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C. Maintain nature's balance and preserve the wild beauty of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 572 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe that re-introducing wolves into the population on Isle Royale would be the right thing to do. With the declining population of moose in Northeastern Minnesota Isle Royale becomes the perfect place to research the Moose/Wolf relationship. The health of the Island can be affected from overgrazing from an overpopulation of moose, it can also be affected by an overpopulation of wolves. A difficult balance to be sure, but an important one. It has become obvious that even the few ice bridges that have occurred will not lure any mainland wolves onto the island to repopulate the existing pack and what is left of the pack is obviously genetically compromised. New wolves would help to establish a new and stronger pack and help keep the moose population in check and perhaps balance the islands population of both for decades to come. New wolves would have to be introduced from time to time to keep the genetics strong, but most importantly for now, new blood would help researchers determine what would be the best route in the future. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 573 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 12:20:03
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Correspondence: As a supporter of the needs of wildlife around the world, I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a

site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C. Thank you for considering all points of view in making your decision.

Correspondence ID: 574 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 12:20:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel it is essential to SUPPORT "OPTION C" that would bring in wolves to Isle Royale Island Park so that a healthy and stable wolf population can be sustained. In doing so, the wolf population will be create a healthy balance, to help maintain a more vibrant moose population. Without this balance and check system, the vegetation will be further be depleted and starvation for deer, and moose will prevail. With the vegetation depleted, it effects other species such as frogs, birds and an erosion of grass and trees.

Correspondence ID: 575 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 12:23:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Option C that would bring wolves to the Isle as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves and the benefit of doing so for the environment.

Correspondence ID: 576 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 12:32:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,
Please accept these comments regarding introducing wolves into the Isle Royale National Park.

I support Alternative C to bring wolves to Isle Royale to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population and number of breeding pairs would be determined based on best available science.

The 60-year average population was 22 wolves. Now there are two or even less than two resident wolves. Inbreeding results in unhealthy pups. Ideally the wolf population would be increased by wolves naturally traveling over icepack to Isle Royale, but that has been unsuccessful.

A better balance of wolves and moose will keep moose populations in check and protect the island's vegetation. Without enough healthy wolves, Isle Royale will become deforested and neither wolves nor moose would live there.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 577 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 13:44:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why do we go to national parks? To see the wildlife, of course. It is a travesty that your wolf number has been allowed to dwindle down to a mere 2 wolves. It is your moral and ethical responsibility to protect the wolves at Isle Royal National Park and to do what is necessary to ensure their survival. The majority of American people are NOT HUNTERS. They enjoy seeing wildlife in their native habitat. Please take our wishes into consideration rather than giving in to the demands of the few who get pleasure from killing. Wolves and other predators ensure a healthy ecosystem. Please protect your wolves. Introduce more wolves to ensure their survival. Please consider the ecological importance of wolves to the health of the ecosystems. You have a moral obligation to save Isle Royal wolves.

Correspondence ID: 578 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 13:47:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After reading the information and reviewing the alternatives suggested in the ELS, I strongly support Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 579 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 14:47:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support our wolf populations from special interest groups such as ranchers, hunters and people like Sarah Palin. We/They deserve our protection!

Correspondence ID: 580 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 14:47:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support our wolf populations from special interest groups such as ranchers, hunters and people like Sarah Palin. We/They deserve our protection!

Correspondence ID: 581 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,10,2016 15:05:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are a beautiful species for the environment. They are not only beautiful and intelligent creatures, but they are necessary to keep wilderness ecology balanced. They have proven that time and again. Without wolves or a similar predator, elk and deer will eat all of the trees and vegetation. I am continually fascinated with Wolves' tenacity to thrive, and mankind should learn to appreciate them more for a variety of reasons.

Correspondence ID: 582 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.10,2016 16:03:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative C for the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park.

This plan would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island should be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale National Park's ecosystem. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check, which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death, unless the NPS was to allow human hunting- -but this would certainly necessitate allowing motorized traffic on Isle Royale. This, in my view, would be a great tragedy- -having grown up in Michigan, many of us viewed Isle Royale as a remarkable and unique place precisely because it was so uncorrupted by human influence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 583 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.10,2016 16:10:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly urge you to repopulate the island with wolves, they are vital for ecosystem balance. Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated for all present & future generations of all species.
Thank you

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 584 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.10,2016 17:31:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider only Option C in remediating the wolf/moose balance on Isle Royale. It is the only option that has a chance to work over the long run. DO NOT TRY TO REMEDIATE THE WOLF POPULATION BY QUICKER "FIXES." It would be a waste of money and resources.

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 585 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.10,2016 17:44:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The risk to the wolves in a reintroduction plan (including capture morbidity/mortality, original pack fragmentation, inbreeding depression, genetic deformities, risk of starvation in periods of severe moose population decline)along with the possible need for successive reintroductions; is in my opinion unacceptable. The moose populations would then best be controlled by natural factors combined with birth control as with wild horses.

Correspondence ID: 586 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.10,2016 18:37:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think new wolves should be brought to the island. If only two wolves are left and the inbreeding affecting the population, it would be a good idea to bring in more wolves as soon as possible. The moose population hasn't done any major damage to the park with their numbers yet, but without wolves, the moose could create problems on the island. The introduction of more wolves with different genetics might help keep the population from having the same problems that the last wolf population had before on the island. If the ice bridge doesn't form any more, it might also be a good idea to bring in a few more wolves over the years to keep the gene pool healthy.

If you think that people shouldn't get involved with the nature of the island, people already have. One example is global warming that humans have caused that is stopping the ice bridge from forming each year. People might not be able to stop the effects we have caused on our earth, but that doesn't mean we can't do something to fix the problem.

Isle Royale needs wolves to stay healthy with moose on the island. I hope you will bring in more wolves to the island. It would be sad to lose a beautiful place like Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 587 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Apr.10,2016 19:07:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it may concern,

Wolves are an integral part of the natural ecosystem. It is imperative that we preserve their existence and that of other species in order to maintain nature's balance. Please do what you can to protect and aid these wolves and to retain the natural beauty of the Isle Royale National Park.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 588 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.10,2016 19:51:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re: Wolves on Isle Royale, MI

I completely support and encourage the reintroduction of wolves on Isle Royale, Michigan.

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale.

Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please: implement Option C!!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 589 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.11,2016 04:29:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 590 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.11,2016 04:49:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 591 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.11,2016 07:14:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.
Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 592 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.11,2016 07:39:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it may concern.

I hope you will support "Option C" to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed. I understand this option allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Thank you for your continued service and consideration.

Sincerely,

But let's face it, sometimes man and nature can work together as long as we let science guide us in that decision making process. In this case that means reintroduction of the grey wolf back to Isle Royal National Park.

And then there is the possibility that if the wolf is not reintroduced, moose will run rampant and start to affect the vegetation dynamics on the island. This over population of moose could eventually bring disease and starvation as the food supply for moose becomes more scarce. That could bring the call for sport hunting on the island which in turn I see this as a threat to the wilderness character of the island. So as I said in the beginning, there are no good answers here. The best and least intrusive and more natural way I feel is to restore the balance to the island and that means the reintroduction of the grey wolf to Isle Royal National Park.

In the four options that are presented under the draft plan, I believe that Alternative C is the best option. Under this option as I understand it and according to the National Wolfwatcher Coalition,

"The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision."

To me this is a common sense alternative. One that I applaud. The effects of climate change are going to be around for some time. It will also take time to see what the population cycle of the wolf will be like over time, not to mention what the dynamics of that wolf reintroduction will have on the moose population. We would also like to see genetic diversity. Without that, the plan would fail again and not only would the plan fail, but it would be a waste of tax-payer dollars. And it would be unscientific. The need for a 20 year surveillance of the plan or window only makes scientific sense. Even though this may not be the "purists" answer, it does try to correct the natural balance. It is not like we are artificially introducing a species that does not have historic range on the island. Man has altered the dynamics and perhaps he can restore some of that damage by "trying to do the right thing" rather than selfishly inserting himself into the mix for some personal gain.

I believe as the NWC states: that it is true that "absent any wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action." Alternative C provides flexibility. Flexibility and close monitoring, the scientific monitoring, which is all necessary in order for this plan, any plan to succeed.

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Correspondence ID: 600 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 10:52:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Terri [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 601 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 11:10:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for contacting me regarding wild wolves and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). I appreciate hearing from you and welcome this opportunity to respond.

Over the past 14 years, the wolf population in Michigan has increased every year and is approaching three times the minimum population that biologists consider to be viable in the state. State and federal endangered species laws are written to protect species that are in danger of going extinct in the foreseeable future. Wolves clearly no longer meet this definition, and managing wolves as if they are about to go extinct has caused significant problems in the Great Lakes region.

On January 27, 2012, gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment were removed from the list of endangered and threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS). Wolf management responsibility transitioned from the federal government to the states. Unmanaged wolves have devastated livestock and indigenous wildlife. Delisting wolves nationwide will enable state wildlife officials to better manage both the wolf population and their prey.

In spite of this, the D.C. Circuit Court recently overturned the 2012 delisting criteria and ordered USFWS to "reinstate immediately the protections for gray wolves in the affected area." Because the overwhelming scientific evidence shows gray wolves are not endangered in the Great Lakes region, [REDACTED]

the Western Great Lakes Wolf Management Act. This bill would delist the gray wolf under any status of the ESA in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan returning the responsibility for wolf management back to each state.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for consideration, I will be sure to keep your thoughts in mind. Please do not hesitate to write or call me in the future.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 602 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 11:45:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Would the wolves currently on the island be safe if new wolves are brought to the island? If wolves would be brought to the island how many would be enough and would those wolves be from unrelated packs?

Correspondence ID: 603 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 12:18:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: hard to imagine Isle Royale without wolves. Visited in 1973 and was amazed by the park. To think that moose without control for population may denude this verdant wilderness is really difficult. I support Alt C.

Correspondence ID: 604 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 13:07:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have been wrongly hunted, harassed, and local populations extirpated with greater intensity after they were removed from the ESL. There is a persistent bias against their very existence by people and government agencies that do not understand the importance of top predators, or that put human greed over environmental sustainability.

Isle Royale offers an opportunity to have wolves function as they should, and to create a balanced and sustainable island environment. There is every reason for the success of this effort. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

This is also an opportunity to prove the role of wolves in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Therefore, I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

This option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale.

Please implement Option C and give wolves a chance to function as they have evolved to do in maintaining healthy ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 605 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 13:58:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The science for wolves is strong and profound. The wolf is one of a mere handful of the most vital and necessary species on Earth. Dr. David Suzuki: Predators in natural abundance play a critical role in maintaining healthy, functioning ecosystems. Targeting them only causes these highly social animals suffering and stress and - - erodes the fabric of interconnectedness that SUPPORTS ALL LIFE!"

Correspondence ID: 606 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 14:33:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 607 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 16:01:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protecting wild animals from being harmed and killed by human garbages is no brainer!!! ACT NOW TO PASS THE LAW!!!

Correspondence ID: 608 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 16:08:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Correspondence ID: 609 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 16:59:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 610 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 17:00:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Decision maker(s);

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

I have traveled to the Yellowstone ecosystem and witnessed wolf/elk/bear interaction. It's hard to see nature at her work, but I believe the park and it's residents are healthier for the introduction there.

Please implement Option C.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 611 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 17:23:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Make every effort top save the wolves. They deserve nothing less and we owe them that!

Correspondence ID: 612 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 17:46:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPS,

I am exasperated by the lack of NPS management of Isle Royale wolves. To continue to allow the moose to denude the island vegetation is not being a good steward of Isle Royale. Please choose Alternative C.

Alternative C

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 613 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 17:53:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I prefer the ongoing managed population suggested under Alternative C.

I have been a visitor to the island frequently over the last 40 (plus) years. When I was a child, I remember that the Rock Harbor area was a barren land that had been stripped by over grazing. The area now is a robust forest. We need to ensure the entire island doesn't return to the old boom/bust moose population, with the associated over-grazed state.

Correspondence ID: 614 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,11,2016 21:00:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of bringing new wolves to Isle Royale. Alternative B or Alternative C are possible choices I favor.

It is a very important aspect of life on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 615 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 07:02:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 616 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 07:06:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge the Park Service to adopt Proposal C which seems the most far sighted and reasonable of the options presented.

Iron County Michigan (western end of the Upper Peninsula) has, I believe the largest wolf population of any other Michigan county and most residents would like them gone. Although, like many others in the minority, I enjoy the occasional sighting of a wolf and feel my life is enhanced by their presence in our environs, I believe that transporting some of our wolves to Isle Royale would be a classic win win solution.

Thank you for your consideration of this thought and best wishes - [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 617 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 14:50:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative C, The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population over a long time period. If your intention is to drop IRNP as a Nat Park, then you are doing it by letting these wolves die and not replacing them. Let me explain: The potential of hearing a wolf cry is of upmost importance to the people visiting IRNP. I would venture to say that most everyone who steps off the boat on the island hopes to hear a wolf, and in their grandest dreams, hope to see one. (even tho the chance of that has gotten smaller and smaller every year for many years now) If there are zero wolves on the island, the human impact on the island will significantly decrease, because folks who are now travelling from all across the Nation and sometimes further, in hopes of hearing a wolf in the wild may no longer choose IRNP as their destination. Should there be ZERO chance of hearing/seeing a wolf, then human traffic (and income to support jobs with IRNP), either good/bad would be significantly decreased. I am not advocating either way whether visitors to the island are good/bad for the island, just something that perhaps should be considered? I have heard that total visitorship to IRNP is already the lowest among all National Parks and if that number decreases significantly because you let the wolves die, will we loose this island to the highest bidder because the park can no longer be subsidized enough to keep it staffed? This is an awful way to think of a such a jewel of a National Park, but in reality, that is way that many currently in congress and other committees, who make these decisions think. So NPS, if your intention is to drop IRNP as a Nat Park, then you are doing it by letting these wolves die and not replacing them. If you think that IRNP should remain a National Park then bring back the wolf population as often as needed!!! PLEASE!

Correspondence ID: 618 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 15:48:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support importing wolves to Isle Royale to boost the population.

Correspondence ID: 619 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 15:58:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Apex predators are essential to the health of any ecosystem. Humans have no right to play that role: we've messed up much too much of our world. Let's let it self correct, with the right ingredients: more wolves.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 620 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 16:50:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

While I've not been able to visit Isle Royale, I know how critical the wolves are to maintaining the ecosystem based on the Wildlife ecology courses I took here at [REDACTED]. My input is based upon prior scientific studies and my continued interest.

I choose option 'B' to immediately introduce new wolves to replenish them to the normal levels. This will promptly begin to reduce the Moose population which is devastating the Isle's vegetation. Continued studies of Isle Royale should continue monitoring wolves, moose & habitat. Then look at results of this initial 3 year test period.

If additional help is needed during this study, please contact me since this ECO-study is very important to me.

Gregg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 621 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,12,2016 19:35:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think it is essential that the wolves be brought back to Isle Royale. Human intervention is needed now. We have the ability to continue this unique, amazing ecosystem and it is imperative that the genetically stronger wolves return to the island.

Correspondence ID: 622 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,13,2016 02:05:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need to protect our Isle Royale Wolves. If we can introduce the Gray Wolves, maybe we can have a good turnout for a new introduction for more Wolves in this area. Please say Yes to saving our Forever Wolves! :) [REDACTED] Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 623 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The last two years have seen a significant delay related to publishing the annual report that follows Winter Study. The Park would appear a lot more transparent, and a lot more public oriented if it would not delay. The figures and observations from this report is one of the few views the general public has into conditions on the island. Efforts to provide more timely communication on this and other information that is important to the public education would be a big help for the public face on this project.

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Correspondence: Hopefully the solution to this problem will be to bring back the wolves to the island. If the population of the other wildlife take over it would change the whole ecosystem of the island. They will take over. Look at what happened in Yellowstone. Since the reintroduction of the wolf, things are back to where they should be. Bring more mating pairs back to the island with different genetic backgrounds. Give them a chance and maybe things will change for the better. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 625 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: In cases such as this it is time that we start allowing nature to take its course. As climate change occurs, nature will adapt. Isle Royale, is no longer a realistic habitat for wolves due to climate change and instead of trying to control the environment, humans need to bravely step out of the way and let it be. The wildlife on Isle Royale will experience a change in balance but nature has its way of bringing back into balance. It may take longer than we'd like, but it's time for us to begin trusting our planet to take care of itself in cases like these and stop meddling.

Instead of focusing on unnaturally controlling nature from the bottom up, humans should begin focusing on how we can address these situations from the top ie. how can we leave less of a footprint on our environment.

Correspondence ID: 626 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: As a biologist, I support Option C, which would reintroduce wolves as often as needed to maintain the population of wolves on Isle Royale for at least twenty years (the length of the plan). Wolves perform vital ecosystem services on Isle Royale that cannot be humanly duplicated, and Option C provides the most flexibility to allow them play their role in maintaining the health of the Isle Royale ecosystem. Please implement Option C to increase the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 627 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: As everyone knows this is a chance of a life time to address the "needs" of this living laboratory, hopefully it will be done correctly with no miss givings. If I may suggest- permit the ecosystem to evolve without human involvement. This may be a simplistic view but what has evolved appears to a natural progression with the demise of a species.

Let's see what becomes of the moose. How long can they survive with the genetic problems they have acquired and the reduction in their natural food source.

Maybe we will have several winters were ice bridges form thus providing an opportunity for the wolves to once again gain access to the island.

If I may- what if the conditions were reverse and the moose were dying. Would you suggest replenishing the moose herd? And to what extent? Number of each sex and I'm sure a number of calves would be thrown into the mix. Then there would be the decision as how many of each sex.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views as I have really enjoyed following the annual reports of this fantastic study. I have often wished that I would have

taken the time to hike the island but the annual reports have provided me with "a feel" for the environment. Hopefully, folks with a better scientific and ecological perspective than mine will make THE correct decision. So from the Buckeye State, I say thank you very much!

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Correspondence: I think people could and would make more informed comments if the data was released from the most recent count. I understand this is available. It should be made public immediately.

Correspondence ID: 629 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Every thing MUST be done to help these wolves!!! There is reason to waste precious time debating this! Because of "Global Warming" , these wolves have become isolated. New wolves MUST be brought in to help these two breed, and survive. With SO MANY WOLVES in captivity, waiting for release why is there even a minute delay?
It is man's fault that this has happen; it is man's responsibility to save ALL WILDLIFE! We must maintain our wilderness, and wildlife. What are you waiting for? SAVE THEM NOW!!!! Release some.

Correspondence ID: 630 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Caleb [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 631 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,13,2016 13:54:56
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Correspondence: I think alternative C is the best option for Isle Royale.

Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 632 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,13,2016 20:26:06
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Correspondence: I support the idea of reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale as needed to control the moose population and preserve the vegetation on the island. Further, I support the idea of periodically reintroducing additional wolves to supplement and refresh the gene pool on the island.

Isle Royale is one of the few places where a wolf population isn't in conflict with local ranchers & livestock as it is for example at Yellowstone National Park. In my opinion, Isle Royale is a perfect place to help build and preserve wolves, who aren't far from being an endangered species.

Correspondence ID: 633 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 08:19:10
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Correspondence: In an ideal world, Isle Royale would be a natural laboratory in which humans would interfere minimally and watch the way the world works. But the world is not ideal, and hugely modified by human activities. That modification (especially climate change) may negate the ability of Isle Royale to adjust to the functional absence of wolves (ice bridges are much less likely to form).

I believe your "option C": repopulate the Island with wolves as often as needed is the best option. That would likely be the only way to avert a crash of the moose population and severe damage to the ecosystem.

I think it would a good idea to take wolves that are specifically slated for destruction - e.g. packs who have been known to hunt livestock.

Correspondence ID: 634 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support the option to bring new wolves to the island as needed to maintain a viable population.

The balance of the ecosystem at Isle Royale is beyond repair without management intervention. The genetic diversity of the breeding wolves needs to be maintained. Not supplying fresh new wolf genes will result not only in the loss of the two remaining wolves, but also of all the moose, because they will eventually decimate all of the vegetation and then die from a lack of food. It will be the classic case of a J-shaped population curve, which ends in species demise. The current state of the park is well beyond letting nature take its own course to take care of itself. The ecosystem is broken - - but humans have

the potential to restore its health and vitality. Introduction of genetically diverse wolves is the only viable option that will restore the ecosystem, thereby protecting this important resource for the enjoyment of future generations, which is of course the mission of the National Park Service.

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Please submit your comment in support of introduction of gray wolves by asking the NPS to adopt Option C. Sample comment below that you can copy & paste into the NPS form and edit to personalize:

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

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Correspondence: Bring new wolves to island as needed.

Correspondence ID: 637 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence:

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Please implement Option C.

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Correspondence ID: 638 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I do not agree with the idea of bringing wolves over. Let them come over on their own. Let nature make the decision.

Correspondence ID: 639 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 12:58:41
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Correspondence: I would be in favor of alternate #3. We must maintain a wolf population in order to maintain a healthy population of moose.

Unchecked the moose will destroy most of the vegetation on the island and you will end up having to kill large numbers of moose. Let the wolves control the moose population.

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Received: Apr,14,2016 14:08:51
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Correspondence: I support the introduction of wolves ay Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 641 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 15:21:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring new wolves to the island as needed to maintain a viable population.

I have visited this island only once, but nature taking its course would only see the demise of one of the most beautiful places in the country.

Correspondence ID: 642 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 15:52:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Put more wolves on the island to improve the gene pool. Left alone the moose will destroy the island.

Correspondence ID: 643 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 18:38:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring new wolves to the island as needed.

Correspondence ID: 644 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 19:23:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sir

1 What happens if the wolves you import kill to many moose? Are you than going to kill some of the wolves you imported. Who is to say what the right population of Moose or Wolves?

2 Are you going to ensure the wolves you import are wolves from the US only. Do you want wolves from Canada? Is it legal to import wolves for Canada?

Correspondence ID: 645 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 20:01:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have only been to Isle Royale once and it was a fantastic place to visit. Please bring the wolves back with new blood lines. Humans are part of nature and we have a responsibility to do our part to cherish and take care of it.

Correspondence ID: 646 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 20:34:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: 2015 was the first year in the last 13 that I didn't spend at least a week on the island.

Alternative C is the only reasonable solution. Prior to the wolves coming to the island around 1949 the moose devastated the island plant life and experienced huge die offs during especially severe winters. The park service moves far too slow to have any shorter time frame alternative.

I personally believe moose were brought to the island and they can't be allowed to remain without a natural predator. If you don't want to commit to maintaining a natural predator, remove all moose and reintroduce woodland caribou.

Correspondence ID: 647 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,14,2016 22:36:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is my opinion that the NPS should let nature take its course in this scenario. Researchers should monitor the wolf population carefully. If inbreeding is the primary cause of mortality this may be one of the first well documented cases of local extinction of a species from a lack of genetic diversity! Furthermore, researchers should continue monitoring moose populations, other wildlife, and vegetation to track the ecological effects of the loss of this species on the island. Such research could further solidify the importance of large carnivores to ecosystems. It may also be beneficial to document the long term changes in the moose population in the absence of wolves.

However, the most important rationale for letting nature take its course is that the remaining wolves are highly inbred. Genetic rescue is only useful in scenarios where the genetics of a population are particularly unique or valuable. I do not suspect that the wolves of Isle Royale meet these criteria, they are just wolves. If you want to maintain wolves on the island you should first allow the highly inbred wolves to pass before introducing more wolves to the island otherwise (if they even get to breed) the negative effects of inbreeding still exist in the population. In other words, genetic rescue would probably lead to one of the following scenarios: 1) neither of the current wolves breed and eventually die, or 2) one of the two wolves is able to breed with an introduced wolf, yet, the effects of inbreeding remain (heterozygosity would be higher than prior to genetic rescue, but would still be lower than that of the mainland population or even the subset of wolves introduced to the island - thus, the negative effects of inbreeding would still be felt). So, I recommend that should the NPS decide to introduce new wolves to the island they do so after at least a 5 to 20 year period without wolves on the island. I also recommend the NPS support research efforts to intensively monitor this important shift in the system.

Humans have been messing with this island long before wolves were there, so I don't see why the park couldn't introduce wolves; despite claims that it violates some historical idea of what this human-construct called wilderness should look like. However, I would argue they should wait and monitor and learn before they introduce wolves, if introduction of wolves is supported by the public and if such an act fits within the values of the NPS.

Thanks for considering my input.

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Correspondence: All animals need to diversify and need to breed with other packs so too inbreeding does not occur. I suggest to bring in other wolves to help bringing wolf back to strength.

Correspondence ID: 649 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.15.2016 09:09:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe bringing in wolves to maintain a viable population would be the best option for Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 650 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.15.2016 11:34:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the wolves on Isle Royale should be saved. Since their decline due to inbreeding, moose populations have soared. This trophic cascade will have negative effects on the ecology of Royale Isle. Wolf predation keeps the moose population in check.

I strongly encourage you to please institute Alternative C which involves bringing wolves to the island as often as necessary in order to maintain a healthy wolf population.

Thank you for your time and for this opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

Correspondence ID: 651 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.15.2016 20:20:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think the wolves of Isle Royal should be saved. Since decline of the wolves the moose population is high so wolf presentation will help keep moose populations in check on the Isle Royal. I encourage you to bring wolves back to Isle Royal as needed to maintain a healthy population of wolves the wolves will keep the ecosystem strong for the moose and every other living thing on the Isle Royal you will then have a very strong healthy environment. Thank you I hope that you will use my thoughts to help make a positive decision for the Isle

Correspondence ID: 652 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.16.2016 04:53:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring in new DNA , ALASKA (USA) , or I read a artical that said Canada had the same problem with Moose , how about a good old " swap MEET " . One of our Moose for one of there Wolf's . Just makes sense to me .

Correspondence ID: 653 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.16.2016 10:25:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Genetic tests should be done to determine the degree of inbreeding....testing for disease.

Trap wolves from the Upper Penninsula where they cause problems and transfer them to Isle Royale, if there is a Moose population to support them.

Studies have found that in the absense of large predators the environment starts to decline.

Correspondence ID: 654 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.16.2016 14:02:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: YES- -I would like to see NPS bring more wolves to Isle Royale to help them re-establish themselves on the island. A healthy wolf population means a healthy moose population, too, and a healthy vibrant ecosystem on one of the world's most pristinely beautiful islands.

Correspondence ID: 655 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.16.2016 14:41:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The NPS should NOT intervene and should continue current management.
Wolves may come and go through natural migration, even though the current population of wolves may die out. NATURE is CHANGE, man only screws it up even with his best intentions.

Correspondence ID: 656 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.16.2016 21:11:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are vital to a healthy ecosystem at Isle Royale. The current population needs genetic diversity and a boost in numbers. It is imperative that more wolves are brought into Isle Royale to stabilize the population.

Correspondence ID: 657 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr.17.2016 15:23:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to express support for Alternative C in the choices for the Isle Royale Wolf EIS. I have visited the island once and fully intend to visit again. Part of the allure to me is the existence and dynamic of the wolves and moose on the island. The thought of losing this dynamic and having to control the moose population and state of vegetation on the island by other than "natural" means seems wrong. While I realize repopulating the

wolf population is not necessarily "natural", I can view it as an acceptable solution to the problem of a declining wolf population in light of the lack of ice bridges over the past years due to global warming. I suspect this may be one of many such challenges the NPS may be facing in future years. Setting a precedent on Isle Royale with a successful re-population may make it easier to perform similar interventions in the future.

Correspondence ID: 658 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service (NPS) is considering four potential management actions to keep the wolf and elk population healthy. Without wolves, elk populations on the island will soon grow out of control and would require human management, likely in the form of sport hunting. This would be a challenge to the island's existing status as a motor-free area as hunters would likely require motorized transport. Maintaining the presence of wolves- -as has been the case for decades- -would allow the Park to continue to be a healthy ecosystem.

I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep elk populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 659 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: At first I was in favor of letting nature taking it's course with regard to the wolf population on Isle Royale. I've done some research and some thinking and I've changed my mind. Due to the moose population explosion in the absence of wolves and the eventual effect of the moose population explosion on Isle Royale, I feel that wolves should be re-introduced to Isle Royale. The sooner, the better.

With regard to the argument of letting nature take it's course, my argument is this: we manage the deer population in different areas of Michigan. How many lakes are stocked with fish? These are instances where nature has been tinkered with for different reasons.

I feel that there are many compelling reasons to introduce more wolves to Isle Royale and I hope that this happens soon.

Having visited Isle Royale for a week long backpacking trip, I hate to think of the changes that will come to this fabulous place if the wolves are gone and the moose population explodes.

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Correspondence: I am Aleks, a student from [REDACTED], and we have studied the research going on in Isle Royale and were asked what we think should be the solution for the wolf population. Also, we are writing to have a voice in the National Park and give our opinion on what we think should be done. I think alternative C, where the park would bring in wolves as much as needed for at least twenty years, would be the best alternative because of all the benefits it would provide for the project at Isle Royale, for the ecosystem in Isle Royale, and it would work better than and includes parts of other alternatives. Alternative C is what I think would be the best plan for Isle Royale.

Alternative C provides many benefits to the island ecosystem and the research. This plan would allow the park to release more wolves when needed whenever they are needed meaning the wolves have more breeding opportunities to increase their population. Also, bringing in new wolves would allow for the current genes adapted to Isle Royale to stay but would also provide newer, healthier genes to help with the inbreeding problem. As Vucetich stated, "There's some reason to think there's value in those genes that have been developing through 15 generations on Isle Royale, as wolves have adapted to its unique conditions" which shows that letting wolves die off then reintroducing them again is not the best option. Alternative C would last twenty years minimum and would allow wolves to be brought in at any time whereas alternative D would only allow it at certain times and alternative B would only last thirty-six months and periodically release wolves, but after those 36 months eventually it would need to be used again when populations start to decrease in the future from inbreeding. Alternative C would last twenty years and could be monitored and altered if needed and would allow for more time to see the effect of the change in Isle Royale if anything in the plan is altered. The wolves are needed on the island to maintain a balanced ecosystem, otherwise a disturbance could lead to the downfall of the ecosystem.

If the wolves were to die out, the island and it's inhabitants will suffer as time goes on. The wolves feed on the moose and are responsible for keeping moose populations in check which also indirectly affects tree populations on the island. "... ecologists on the order of Aldo Leopold were advocating that wolves be imported to save the trees", as said by Ron Meador. If wolves were to die off, moose populations would increase to unhealthy numbers and start browsing most trees before they could reproduce. This would cause an unbalance in the ecosystem, and since trees provide shelter for many smaller

animals, if they were not able to reproduce fast enough, these animals would have very few places to reproduce and find food which would cause a drop in these smaller animal populations. If these animal populations start dropping, it would disrupt the entire food web on Isle Royale because this would lead to less food for other smaller predators and would cause major population fluctuations between these other predator-prey relationships. However, since there are so many moose on the island, shouldn't the wolves remaining have more than enough food to grow in number? The wolves ability to hunt has been reduced due to the inbreeding problem from a lack of new wolves and genes.

Alternative C would solve this problem and allow for wolf populations to increase drastically. Due to the inbreeding problem, some of the wolves have developed a spinal malformation which gets in the way of the wolves hunting ability, but alternative C would bring in new wolves with healthier genes which would increase genetic variability amongst the wolf population. The last time genetic rescue happened was when Old Grey Guy came "and introduced new genetic material to a population whose inbred deficiencies include a spinal deformity", as said by Peterson. Since new wolves brought in would bring new genes and increase the amount of healthier wolves, moose population and browsing would go down since the healthier offspring would be able to hunt better and won't be affected by the spinal disability as much. Additionally, since there are so many moose on the island, if new wolves were brought in, wolf populations would soar back to larger numbers like they had been before disruptions like the canine parvovirus brought in by a pet dog. Along with the increased wolf population and decreased moose population, browsing would drop which would allow for the balsam fir to be able to recover from the heavy moose browsing.

Out of all the alternatives being debated on the topic of Isle Royale surrounding its wolf population, alternative C is the best plan of action. This alternative will save the dwindling wolf population on the island which, if brought back, would restore a healthier balance on the island's ecosystem. Moose are browsing too much and not allowing the balsam fir to reproduce as much leading to lower tree populations, in turn reducing populations of other smaller animals who use these trees for food and shelter. Alternative C allows for wolf populations to be brought back to larger, healthier numbers which will save the current genes developed to the island's conditions and will introduce new genetic material to help reduce the inbreeding problem amongst the wolves. This will also prolong the study at Isle Royale and as said by Vucetich in MINNPOST, "We won't learn anything new by documenting the precise point when Isle Royale wolves go extinct". This is why letting the wolves die out should not be put in effect and why alternative C provides many benefits for the creatures on Isle Royale and the study of ecosystems which can only be observed in very few places.

Correspondence ID: 662 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello, my name is Anna [REDACTED] and I am a student from [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois and for the past few weeks in biology we have been studying Isle Royale and its ecosystem. I am writing to you because not only is this an assignment, but over the past few weeks I have found myself growing genuinely concerned with how the situation with the wolves plays out. I looked over the alternatives presented and I think that the best one would be Alternative C, bringing wolves in when necessary for a 20-year period.

I believe that this would be the best alternative for a few reasons, the first being the stabilization of the population. In the span of the years 1980-1982 there was a huge drop in the wolf population went from 50-14 in 2 years (isleroyalewolf.org). The cause of this was the outbreak in canine parvovirus and this was just one of a few disruptions that have hit Isle Royale in the past. All of these disruptions caused the population to fluctuate, this alternative would help to stabilize the population faster rather than let it naturally recover even though there is a possibility that it couldn't. The second reason being that with this alternative you could also use it to help stabilize the increase moose population. With the wolf population rapidly decreasing, the moose population has gone up a considerable amount. In 2010 the moose population was about 510 to 2015 when the population was about 1250 (isleroyalewolf.org). During this time period the wolf population went from about 19 to 3 wolves. Because of this increase in the moose population the vegetation has been suffering. In an article from Minnpost it says that "firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall. If they can survive to about 9 feet, they can survive the moose, and if they can get to about 12 feet, they can reproduce." -Ron Meador. If the wolves aren't around to control the moose population then the vegetation will suffer. I considered the alternative of completely getting rid of the wolves, but then realized that the ecosystem would be thrown completely out of balance. Also with the choice of alternative B, the wolves all being brought over during a set period of time, would just be repeating history. The wolves would all eventually start to be inbred just like what is currently happening on Isle Royale. Alternative A wouldn't work because the moose population would continue to grow and the vegetation would suffer. And lastly for Alternative D, by the time that you intervene with the situation, it could possibly be too late to save the wildlife.

All of the alternatives that were offered have pros and cons but, as you can see with the evidence provided, Alternative C, in my opinion, is the best choice. It is practical and realistic and can help in times of need. But regardless, the situation about the wolf population is handled I just hope that the wolves will be able to continue to have a home on Isle Royale.

Thank You!

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Correspondence: My name is Caroline and I am writing this letter in order to perhaps contribute to the national park of Isle Royale. I feel like the issue going on with the island is important enough for people to really care and to commit to the process of possibly saving the island. The alternative that I believe would work the best for the wolves, the moose, and the whole ecosystem will be Alternative B. The wolves are very close to extinction mostly because of inbreeding. Giving a fresh set of genes is proven to help the population of wolves and the ecosystem around them as shown when wolf #93 (Old grey guy) came onto the island. When he took over leadership of one of the pack, he brought new genes into the wolves which then showed by causing an increase in the wolf population. This would help the whole island in the long run and save the wolves that had been on the island for a long time.

Alternative B is the best alternative out of all of them. Since this alternative involves only bring wolves to the island once over a long period of time, this would help the wolves but at the same time have a low amount of interference with the island. If Alternative A is chosen, the wolves would most definitely die off and leave only moose on the island. The moose population would grow which would lead to more and more greenery being browsed by these animals. Eventually, there will be no more greenery to be eaten and the island would be left as a barren wasteland which would lead to a lot of moose dying. The island wouldn't be as beautiful as it once was without the wolves. If Alternative C is chosen, wolves would be added as often as needed. Since low interference on the island seems to be the top priority, this option is definitely not the best. By adding wolves whenever they are needed, that produces a lot of interference with the whole population of wolves and moose. If Alternative D is chosen, that would most likely mean that they wait until the wolves die off and then add some more. That choice isn't the best out of all of them because it might be too late by then. If they wait too long, it might be too late to actually help the island. In 2010, the wolf to moose ration has been getting drastically lower since the moose population is on a rise from about 510 in 2010 to over 1200 moose in 2015. This is not good compared to the 19 wolves in 2010 and 3 wolves in 2015. (isleroyalewolf.org)

According to John Vucetich, "...we discovered just a few years ago that in the year 1997, another male wolf came from Canada..." (MinnPost) This wolf was the so called "Old Gray Guy". Around this time, the population of wolves had gone from 14 to 29 in just a span of a few years, showing that the new

genes the wolf brought helped the population of wolves on Isle Royale. (isleroyalewolf.org) With Alternative B, adding more wolves will cause the same thing to happen: and increase in the wolf population. This way there will still be wolves on the island to help keep the moose population at a manageable amount.

In Yellowstone National Park, wolves were gone for about 70 years (How Wolves Change Rivers). During this absence, the amount of deer in the area was astounding. Hunters couldn't keep up with the population which led to bad things happening in nature. Since all of the wolves were killed by hunters over the years, there were no other big predators to hunt the deer. Because of this, their population just kept on increasing meaning that more food was needed for them. So they ate. All of the deer grazed through almost all of the greenery in the park, leaving barren plots of land. The actual terrain and geography was altered a little because of this. The same thing will happen if Isle Royale loses all of the wolves. Eventually, there will be almost nothing left of the beautiful, green island. Once wolves were reintroduced back into Yellowstone, everything changed. The deer started to avoid areas where they could easily be trapped by the wolves, allowing the greenery to grow back in those areas. The amount of other, smaller animals also increased as their habitat came back. The whole area came back to life. This shows that wolves are needed in order to keep a balance in the ecosystem.

I believe that Alternative B will be the best option for the future of Isle Royale. Both the wolves and moose of the island will benefit off of this decision to help the island. By adding a few wolves over the span of a couple of years, the ecosystem will do much better than it has in the past few years. The wolves will be able to keep the moose at a more manageable population which will in turn allow for greenery to cover the beautiful island. I hope that this helps in your decision for the island and thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am a 15-year-old student at [REDACTED] writing to you for an assignment in biology class. I believe we must bring in wolves from a different habitat as a form of genetic rescue after the wolf population dies out as a trigger (alternative D). The wolves brought in by your organization must come all at once (alternative B) and not individually.

Our first goal must be to rid of the lumbosacral transitional vertebrae deformity in the existing population. Unfortunately in Inbreeding within the Wolf Population adapted from the Isle Royale website, the malformation was expected to be in 80% of the wolves by the late 1990s. Originally in the 1950s the expected incident was only in 20% of the wolves, so in the present moment we can predict the number has gone up because the wolf population has decreased dramatically. My point is that in the past 10 years the wolf population has declined 90% and to eradicate the problem we must let the current wolves die out because although only 1 of the 3 wolves seemingly have it, the gene may still be passed on if new wolves were added and began to breed. Another factor we can't change quickly due to human activity is climate change. There is now a 70% less chance of ice bridges forming for wolves to come from Canada compared to the old grey guy coming from Canada in 1997, according to an Isle Royale sponsored poster. Therefore we can't rely on the wolves to fix themselves because the odds are against them from getting outside help. And even when no. 93 came to Isle Royale, wolf abundance may have generally increased, but the increase was pretty erratic (Inbreeding within the Wolf Population). The current 3 wolves offspring do not have considerable chances to be genetically top notch, nor do they have great chances of receiving help from wolves from an alternate habitat. The decline in population for the wolves has led to significant growth for the moose population on Isle Royale over the last 5 years. During that time the wolf population has gone from 21 to 3, while the moose have grown from 510 to 1250. That is a 245% increase for the moose that will only get bigger (isleroyalewolf.org). However, in the grand scheme of things this moose population can easily drop suddenly because of the competition for vegetation due to a lack of predators. If the wolves on Isle Royale are either absent or physically incapable of hunting moose because of their spinal deformity, the moose population will reproduce too much and there won't be enough food to supply the population. We then have a limited resource and areas where no vegetation is available so no moose go there and become overcrowded on the limited space Isle Royale possesses. An example of a loss of predation on an ungulate population is in Zion National Park, where they linked the absence of cougars to an upswing of mule deer and a crash in cottonwoods. This was followed by stream-bank erosion and declines in butterflies, frogs and native fish. Similar patterns of vegetation and habitat destruction emerged in Yosemite and Jasper national parks (Absence of Wolves Causes Imbalance in US Ecosystems, says scientists, The Guardian). Although the species of the animals were different, they played the same roles and proved a major point. The loss of a predator causes in an immediate population roar, even in more complex ecosystems that affect other species indirectly due to habitat destruction. Situations similar to the one on Isle Royale have already taken place, so let's not make the same mistake if avoidable.

As the moose population starts to expand more and more, the clear conclusion is how the food supply becomes more limited because more moose need to obtain energy. In the summer, moose eat 30-40 lbs of vegetation a day as stated in Isle Royale's website. In the 850 square miles Isle Royale has, the vegetation grown has never been able to stabilize the moose population over what it is at now in 2015 (1250 moose). In 1996 the population had its peak at nearly 2400 moose but that number dropped because the carrying capacity was exceeded (isleroyalewolf.org). However, at that time there were 22 wolves and now there are three, so ultimately more vegetation will be consumed because nearly no moose are being hunted. Climate change is another variable, since harsh winters could arise resulting in shorter growing seasons like in 1972-83 when the moose count declined 32% (isleroyalewolf.org). The numbers don't prove the vegetation will be able to support the growing moose population in the near future.

I did not choose alternative A because of the low chance of having wolves come to Isle Royale via an ice bridge compared to 1997 with no. 93, and felt your intervention was necessary. Alternative B was not up to par with alternative D because of the existing problem being the spinal deformity that can be passed along to future generations if new wolves were to start breeding immediately with the current ones. And lastly, alternative C would have too slow of results because only immediate improvement would be made. Despite this, only possible slight increases would be achieved in the population for the long run and the process would be needed again.

I care deeply for the future of the wolves and moose on Isle Royale because both species need each other. Alternative D seemed the most logical to me because the wolves going extinct on the island serving as a queue to bring in new ones in top shape could help lower and stabilize the number of moose. Other ecosystems saw devastating effects when letting predators go extinct that hurt a multitude of separate species indirectly; it is up to us to solve this problem since us humans are responsible for some of the falls in the wolf population.

Sincerely,
Peter [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Hello, I am Valerie [REDACTED], and I attend [REDACTED]. I am writing this to provide my opinion on how to go about saving or abandoning the wolf population on Isle Royale. The wolves and moose aren't native to the island, wolves are the only predators of the moose, and the wolf

population on the island has been on a decline for the past five years. I would allow the wolves to die off and take all young moose off the island by relocating them. I feel that removing the wolves and moose off the island is the best solutions for the current situation.

The lynx and caribou were on Isle Royale before the wolves and the moose, and they no longer live there. Isle Royale was originally a forest filled island with lynx and caribou being the largest animals till the 1930's when they became extinct. According to a study of lynx restoration on Isle Royale done by the National Park Service "The frequency of ice bridges between the island and mainland has decreased in the past several decades." Sustaining population of large animals is a great dilemma for Isle Royale because the lack of continuous reintroduction. The only way for large mammals to reach the island is across Lake Superior. The ice bridges were the only form of avoiding inbreeding. According to the study "the island lynx population was historically maintained by lynx crossing an ice bridge from the mainland, most frequently at the peak of the 8-11 year lynx cycle in Ontario. However, the probability of an ice bridge forming has declined from 0.7 in 1965 to 0.1 in 2010, likely due to climate change."The human interaction can't be avoided because climate change affects all areas making Isle Royale unfit for large mammals. "The Isle Royale wolf population was founded when wolves crossed an ice bridge from Canada in about 1949. They were believed to have been isolated ever since. Comprised typically of just a couple dozen wolves, the population is also small. Small, isolated populations exhibit high rates of inbreeding."

Moose will be over populated if we remove wolves, so it will cause a chain reaction and leave the moose population to die off just like the wolfs. First an increase in moose population, then there will be a lack of available food to all the moose, finally moose population will decrease. According to the project overview on the Isle Royale website, "Climate warming and increased ticks might have something to do with the most recent low levels of recruitment. Forest succession might also explain some of the decline. Ultimately the decline is troubling, and remains unexplained," the island's amount of moose that are living past a certain age is decreasing, but there is no proven evidence of why. I feel that we shouldn't continue to kill these animals. Removing them from the area may be the best solution for the moose population. Removing them from areas with a common tick my help save their population. The National Park Service says that,"there were three wolves documented on the island as of March 2015 and recent surveys confirm only two wolves as of February 2016. At this time, natural recovery of the population is unlikely. The potential absence of wolves raises concerns about possible effects to Isle Royale's current ecosystem, including effects to both the moose population and Isle Royale's forest/vegetation communities," The lack of vegetation because the increase of moose could impact other animals including the moose.

I feel that removing the wolves and moose off the island is the best solutions for the current situation.The history of large animals on the island have never ended well. Our constant changing earth will cause conditions on the island to become worse as time goes on. There will never be an area not impacted by human interference because of climate change. The loss of wolves on the island won;t be beneficial to the moose population. The best thing to do with the moose it to relocate those that can be saved like the young and the healthy for the others there is no point in saving them.

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Correspondence: My name is Johnny [REDACTED] and I am a junior at [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. Today I am contacting you about the topic of the alternatives for bringing wolves to Isle Royale. All the alternatives are very good options, but there is one that stands out among the rest. Alternative D. It states that "The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If the threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale . . . through multiple introductions (per alternative C)". This seems the best option due to the knowledge we have from the past experiment and from what we can conclude from the trend of the wolf population in general this should be the action that we take to bring back the wolves Isle Royale.

Rolf Peterson comments on what happened in the late 1940's where the "'Old Gray Guy' - is known to have arrived from the outside and introduced new genetic material to a population whose inbred deficiencies [including] a spinal deformity". From the reports from Isle Royale we can see that the wolf population is never all that high and in addition it never has a stable fluctuation rate. From the weather reports we can see that the harsh or mild winters obviously have a dramatic effect on both the moose and wolf population, but the wolf population seems to be hit harder for they also suffer from LSTV. Peterson obviously considers LSTV to be serious after he saw that "all wolves born on the island since 1994 have had [LSTV]". We see that every wolf has his disease and there are only two wolves and one of them is basically crippled. Because of this fact, our only hope if we want to return wolves to this habitat, we have to wait until wolves either die out completely or wait until the conditions for living become almost unbearable to continue.

In the end I did not choose Alternative A for the fact that ice bridges are becoming more of a rarity today because of the process of global warming. The thought that wolves may come to the island by their own accord is a lost hope and is also an unreliable way of fixing the real problem which is fixing the wolves problems of spinal defects. Also because of the fact that the management would be open to the wolves also leaving the island which would not only hurt the project but also be counterproductive to their goal. I did not choose Alternative B because if we incorporate only one wolf at a time into the environment then they may establish a likeness to the habitat and become overly aggressive at anything that may interrupt its territory, thus putting other wolves at risk. I did not choose Alternative C because to incorporate as many wolves as needed to maintain a steady population would be a great human interruption which the National Park Service is trying to limit. Because of these reasons I believe that the best option is Alternative D.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service representative,

My name is Lena [REDACTED] and I attend [REDACTED] in Illinois. Im writing this letter because Im interested in the future of the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and the fate of the wolves currently residing on the island. Ive done a great deal of research on the history of Isle Royale and the wolf and moose species and Im writing this letter to give my opinion on what should be done about the wolf population. I believe that the best option going forward dealing with the wolves and the moose on Isle Royale is to bring wolves as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years. The number of wolves to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This course of action, otherwise known as alternative C, would not only make a tremendous difference in controlling the moose population, it will keep the wolf population alive and healthy while fixing all of the genetic problems caused by inbreeding.

Adding wolves to Isle Royale would have the largest impact on the wolf species. The health and quantity of the wolves are currently on a rapid decline. According to the 2015 population count, only 3 wolves remained on Isle Royale at that time. Dr. Rolf Peterson explained in a 2014 interview explaining the wolf-moose project that, All we know that has happened is wolves left the island because theyre interested in breeding, having pups, and reproducing in their own pack and the wolves that are there now dont find the kinds of breeding opportunities they want. By adding new genes to the population and increasing the number of wolves that reside on the island, the wolf population would have their breeding standards met with the fresh DNA to choose from and the wolf population on Isle Royale would continue to grow. Another major problem present within the wolf population that is caused by lack of wolves

on the island is genetic disorders caused by excessive inbreeding. According to the Isle Royale case study update #3, the expected incidence of malformation was 20% in the 1950s, and the incidence of malformation rose to 80% by the 1990s. Over 40 years, the incidence of spinal malformation in the Isle Royale wolf population quadrupled in size which all could have been prevented by simply adding a new mix of genes into the population. In 1997, 'Old Grey Guy, or wolf no. 93, walked across an ice bridge from Canada to Isle Royale. Case Study #3 states, The arrival of wolf no. 93 is almost certainly the reason why the wolf population showed slight tendency to increase at a time when food was not particularly plentiful. The new genes of wolf no. 93 performed a genetic rescue and saved the wolf population from their inevitable doom which is exactly what we need to do to salvage whatever is left on the current wolf population on Isle Royale.

By adding new wolves to the Island as needed, this would help control the increasing moose population and prevent the moose from becoming too abundant. According to population counts collected on the Isle Royale moose from 1960-2015, when there was a decrease in the wolf population between 1982 and 1998, the moose population continued to rise at a fast pace because there was no other predator of the moose to control their population. If wolves were introduced to the island every so often, the population would never grow large enough and the moose population would keep multiplying until their food source became scarce. According to a Minnpost article posted on 06/21/13 titled What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say, undesirable consequences for both the moose herds - which will soar and crash. The moose population will grow to such a great amount that it will eat all of the available vegetation and the entire population will crash because of starvation.

If the moose population is able to freely increase, eventually the vegetation that the moose eat won't grow back fast enough because it's being consumed at such an alarming rate. According to a Minnpost article posted on 06/21/13 titled What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say, A longer-term disruption of the moose/wolf balance might erase [the fir forest] indefinitely, Peterson said. Moose feed on fir trees that grow on Isle Royale. The fir trees aren't being given the chance to regrow and strengthen their population because they're being consumed by the moose whose population isn't being controlled.

Based on collected evidence, I believe that following the path of alternative A would result in the current wolf population completely dying out, the moose population increasing and crashing, and the vegetation being destroyed. Following the path of alternative B, adding wolves to the ecosystem over a designated period of time would solve all of the same issues as alternative C in theory but we might wait too long and the damage to the vegetation could be irreparable by then. This same issue occurs with alternative D, by the time the designated threshold is met, it may be too late to salvage the vegetation and the moose.

By introducing new wolves to Isle Royale and replenishing the wolf population, we can save the wolf population from dying out or being taken down by excessive genetic disorders, the moose population will be saved from crashing because of competition and starvation, and the vegetation will be given the chance to grow and replenish because its amount of predators will greatly decrease. Thank you for taking my proposal into consideration.

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Correspondence: My name is Jovan [REDACTED], and I attend [REDACTED] in Illinois. I am writing this statement to voice my opinion for the Isle Royale crisis. I believe it is my duty to encourage the NPS to do the correct decision on Isle Royale. The NPS should release wolves over a 36 month period to restore the wolf population on the island according to alternative B.

lumbosacral transitional vertebrae (LSTV) is a genetic disorder that occurs in wolves that creates a deformity in the spine according to <http://isleroyalewolf.org> article about Old Gray Guy. With this deformity the wolves would be slower, and less agile since the deformed vertebrae is inefficient in movement on the spinal column. This is a recessive disorder so the only way that its phenotype can be expressed is by being inbred. Inbreeding is a problem on Isle Royale because according to John Vucetich nearly a third of the wolf population had LSTV. We need to introduce a wolf population with genetic variety so the chances of genetic disorders in wolves will decrease over years. It should correct the genetic disorders within 5 years of releasing wolves since the new female pups born will need to reproduce to dilute the chances of LSTV recurring. With the implication of alternative B the amount of wolves with LSTV will decrease to having only one or two wolves with it.

Isle Royale has a simplistic ecosystem at first glance, There are wolves, moose, and plants. The wolves eat the moose, and the moose eat the plants. This was basically how it was until Michigan Tech's research group recorded from 1980-1982 that canine parvovirus was introduced accidentally to the island decreasing the wolf population from 50 to 14. In 2015 the group recorded the population to be two wolves. With the lack of wolves on the island the population of moose has grown tremendously with high at least 2300 and 2015's recording of about 1250 moose after the event of canine parvovirus. With these high numbers of moose on the island only trouble has come. According to your own Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS you say that with high moose populations there will be over-browsing. With overbrowsing occurring the number of plant species on the island will decrease according to NPS's tree overview page for Isle Royale. Isle Royale is becoming barren that will lead to the decline of all life on Isle Royale to zero. In a stable ecosystem there needs to be a balance of organisms to keep each other in check. With the low population of wolves nothing is keeping the moose population in check. This balance can be restored if alternative B is used since the wolves introduced will help decrease the moose population and balance them out. This would also indirectly affect plants since the number of moose browsing will decrease leading to more plant life. Soon Isle Royale will be a lush green land with a simplistic ecosystem being as glorious before human intervention.

Alternative B is the best option compared to A,C, and D. With A's zero intervention policy there will be no wolves and in time all life on Isle Royale will be gone because of over browsing from the rampant moose population. Not intervening is terrible since we humans have caused canine parvovirus and to make up for it we help make it stable again. C is completely opposite on the other hand. With continuous intervention on the island would defeat the whole purpose of the study on the island. If the wolves cannot survive on the island without human intervention both negative and positive then that would prove that the ecosystem was not suitable for wolves. Finally alternative D is to create thresholds in where when met that alternatives B or C be implemented on the island. Setting up thresholds would waste time since it is necessary that we introduce wolves in a one time event to continue the study and preserve some of the original wolves.

Isle Royale is in a very delicate situation right now. With the implementation of alternative B the next 36 months on Isle Royale would save the wolf population with the introduction of new genetics and the check to moose population, and salvation of plant life. The NPS cannot miss this opportunity to act now and if it is done the future generation will understand ecology to a new level that will keep other ecosystems alive. The wolves and Isle Royale need alternative B to come back, and the only enemy of Isle Royale now is time.

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Correspondence: My name is Ellie [REDACTED], and I am a freshman at [REDACTED]. Recently in my biology class we have been studying the ecosystem on Isle Royale, and I have become increasingly interested in the study of wolves on the island. I want to voice my opinion, and hope that it will be taken into consideration. I believe that alternative D should be put in place, and the study should continue until a threshold is reached. That threshold should be the extinction of wolves on Isle Royale. Shortly after, the NPS should reintroduce strong, healthy wolves to the island in a one time event, and continue the study of wolves and moose on Isle Royale.

Throughout the winter study the NPS has conducted, we have learned a lot about wolf behaviors and biology. It has been discovered that the wolves on Isle Royale have a genetic disorder that developed due to inbreeding. According to isleroyalewolf.org, lumbosacral transitional vertebrae (LSTV) has been present in a... of the population of Isle Royale. LSTV causes a malformation in the spine, and normally causes damage to nerves that control crucial parts of the wolf's body, such as its tail and hind legs. The presence of LSTV is the prime reason I wasn't drawn towards alternative B or C, because the wolves of Isle Royale are so susceptible of the effects of inbreeding, that bringing in wolves with the two that are still present there, would yes, cause an incline in population, but the genes that are at the root of LSTV would still be present. This can be supported with the history of Isle Royale and Old Grey Guy. Old Grey Guy brought a new set of genes to the wolves of Isle Royale, and performed a small genetic rescue, but it did not last for long. In the population studies of Isle Royale wolves, when Old Grey Guy arrived in the winter of 1997, the wolf population was at 24 wolves. Just 4 years later, the wolf population had risen to 28 wolves. Continuing on the graph of population data collected, the population went on fluctuating, and has dropped numerous times, resulting in the crisis of only two wolves that we face today. If Old Grey Guy's genetic rescue was truly successful, we would've seen more healthy pups that do not suffer from genetic disorders such as LSTV. Bringing new wolves to Isle Royale before the two wolves die would just be delaying their doom. If we waited for the wolves to go extinct on Isle Royale, and reintroduce a new pack, they would not have a significant presence of LSTV or other effects of inbreeding.

Wolves are a keystone species that are extremely important in their ecosystem. We know this for a fact, because we can still see the effects of their presence in Yellowstone National Park today. Doug Smith said, "and so the entry of wolves, and other carnivores...so now we're a carnivore rich system, and we've restored that top layer of the system. So really, the simplest way to look at it is all parts of the system are now in place...". Without wolves on Isle Royale, the moose population would rise with no predators to slow it down. Wolves are at the top of the food chain on Isle Royale, and they play a key part of balancing the other parts of the ecosystem. Without wolves, there would be more moose, and the vegetation on Isle Royale would suffer due to the constant browsing. Isle Royale would change completely, and lead to the destruction of most vegetation and wildlife on the island without the wolves.

Alternative A would not be a good path to take because of the negative effects it would have on the entire island. There needs to be something done, or else the balance of the ecosystem would tip too far to one side, and bring death and possible extinction to a number of species. Yellowstone is a prime example of this, and since they have reintroduced carnivores to the ecosystem, there has been a balance of life in the park.

I strongly believe that the National Park Service should take the route of alternative D, and wait until the wolf population disappears and quickly reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. The wolves are a keystone species, and are extremely important to the ecosystem of Isle Royale. I hope that my opinion is strongly considered, and that the wolves are saved from disappearing from Isle Royale. Thank you for your time.

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Correspondence: Hello National Park Service,

My name is Nicole [REDACTED], I am a freshman at [REDACTED] in Park Ridge. I am writing to the National Park Service because I want to have a voice in what happens in Isle Royale National Park. After studying about Isle Royale in class, I have learned how unique this island actually is. I believe that the best approach to the wolf problem is Alternative D, which is to not take immediate action and continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. Thresholds would be set to make sure nothing gets out of hand on the island. If these thresholds are met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale through multiple introductions as they are needed which is Alternative C.

I believe that this alternative is the best decision for the next 20 years because, it allows nature to continue to be in control without human intervention as long as possible. The wolves currently on the island would continue to live and potentially reproduce for these next 20 years. Three thresholds would have to be set in place to make sure nothing on the island gets out of hand. The first would have to be if the last 2 wolves die off, this would mean that the LSTV (spinal deformity caused by inbreeding) would also die off with the last 2 wolves. The new wolves that would be put on the island wouldnt get LSTV because there wouldnt be any way for them to get it. The next threshold that would have to be put in place is if the moose population exceeds a certain amount. With the wolf population decreasing greatly, this leaves the moose without a predator to keep their population in check. According to the graph from isleroyalewolf.org ever since 2010 the wolf population has reached such a low point that the wolves dont control the moose population anymore. The moose now balance their own population. But too many moose would greatly affect the island's ecosystem because the moose eat the fir trees on the island, Rolf Peterson spoke at the June 21th meeting back in 2013 saying these trees have been waiting 60-70 years to outgrow moose browsing, with more moose these trees can take even a century to regrow. Wolves are a keystone species meaning they are very significant to the Isle Royale ecosystem. An island without them has effects on many other factors.

As Ron Meador says in the MINNPOST The population trend on Isle Royale for the last six years has been steadily downward. The wolf population has never been as low as it is this year, 2 wolves is a dangerously low amount. But in the past the wolf population has also decreased tremendously and nature always has been able to recover it. According to the population graph from isleroyalewolf.org, in 1980 and 1981 when the wolves were infected with the parvovirus 36 wolves died in these 2 years meaning a little more than 65% of the wolves died. The wolves than naturally reproduced and were able to keep and grow their population in the coming 2 years. Of course the population wasnt what it was before, but it increased from what it was after the parvovirus. According to isleroyalewolf.org if the last 2 wolves on Isle Royale are male and female and aren't related to each other we hope that they will reproduce and nature itself will work to save the wolf population. If this occurs Alternative D is the obvious choice because this allows no human interference to occur until it is tremendously needed.

Alternative B and C aren't the best immediate alternatives because they cause human interference to occur when it might not be needed. This means that Isle Royale would lose its pride in being the only place on the planet that hasnt been disrupted by humans. Alternative A also puts a risk on the wolf population in the future because there is always a chance that the wolves brought onto the island die off without reproducing. This means that the wolf population on Isle Royale would be extinct and nothing would be done about it because the alternative would have already taken place.

Isle Royale is a special island that many people take great pride in. It is the only place on the whole Earth without human interference and I personally find that to be something great. Ever since I have learned about the moose and wolves on Isle Royale I find myself connected to them in a way. I want the best for the animals and ecosystem on Isle Royale and I believe Alternative D is the best option. It allows there to be human support when it is actually needed, and if any thresholds are met than Alternative C would be put into place. I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read my paper and hear what I have to say about the current wolf problem on Isle Royale. I trust that the right decision will be made regarding the wolves of Isle Royale.

Thank you,
Nicole [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I am Jonathan, a freshman at [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. My biology class has been studying Isle Royale. I would like to inform you of my opinion on what should be done with the wolf population on the island. I believe Alternative D is the most reasonable choice based on evidence we have come across in class. Alternative D will keep human impact out of the island for as long as possible, but if necessary, we should step in to save this valuable ecosystem. If all of the wolves die off, I believe it would be imperative to add wolves all at once from the surrounding areas to keep moose under control.

As the population records from the winter studies have shown, the wolf population has dropped from 19 to 3 from 2011 to 2015. As the wolf population has declined rapidly, the moose population has increased, it has risen from just over 500 to over 1200. In an interview with ABC 10 UP, Rolf Peterson said, With wolf predation not having much of an effect on moose, the moose themselves are increasing pretty rapidly. According to the 2014-2015 Annual Report, if the growth trend of moose population continues, the moose population will be over 2400, they have only reached that once in park history and there was a considerable impact on forest vegetation. Having large numbers of moose on the island will kill off lots of vegetation, and be very harmful to the ecosystem. All the organisms of the island are connected through a food web, when one organism dies off, the ecosystem will become unbalanced. Wolves are the top predators of the island. The disappearance of wolves will have a chain reaction on the rest of the island. As John Muir once said, If we pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.

An argument could be made that humans did not pick out the wolves from Isle royale, but it would be false to say that they had no impact at all. Global warming, caused by pollution, is decreasing chances of ice bridges from the mainland to the island. According to the National Park Service poster titled Policy Conundrums, Disparate Voices* and the Wolves of Isle Royale, Instances of ice bridges have decreased by 70%, and Despite being isolated, humans exert direct (introduction of species) and indirect (climate change) impacts to Island ecosystems. Ice bridges are the only way for wolves to cross over to the island. Parvovirus was brought to the island unintentionally by a domestic dog, nearly wiping out the population. Fortunately they were able to recover. It is a park policy to avoid human interference when possible, but if humans have changed it in the first place, would it not be right to reverse the changes made? If the wolves totally die off, there will be a slim chance that new ones travel there naturally. Letting the wolves either miraculously recover or die out is the best option currently, but if they do not recover, it would be best for the island to reintroduce wolves.

A similar case to this is Yellowstone National Park. When all of the wolves in Yellowstone were removed, the Elk became a nuisance, eating many plants, and totally changing the ecosystem of the park. Wolves were reintroduced, and they quickly forced the Elk from certain parts, allowing other species to recover. In winter count information from the National Park Service, before wolves were released in the park, over 16,000 elk were counted. This number decreased rapidly, and in less than 5 years, the population was down to 12,000. This information shows that wolves are important and effective predators in an ecosystem. The absence of such an effective predator will lead to high numbers of moose on Isle Royale.

The other alternatives are not quite as viable as Alternative D. Alternative A will not work out well for the park. If the wolves die out, and the NPS does not intervene, the moose population will grow dramatically, and limit trees from reaching a height at which they can reproduce. Alternative B, the option of bringing wolves to the island immediately has one major flaw. The wolves on the island most likely carry mutated genes for harmful congenital malformation of the spine. If the new wolves reproduce with the wolves on the island, their pups will have a greater chance of getting the disease. This genetic malformation is one of the major reasons wolves are dying off, and it will continue to be a problem if new wolves are introduced before the original wolves are gone. Alternative C has the same problems as B, although there will be even more human intervention than necessary. It should not be our job to control the wolf population, they should be able to stabilize themselves. It is important to intervene with the island as little as possible, while still preserving the ecosystem unique to this island. That is why option D is the best.

Over the past few years we have seen the population size of moose increase dramatically as the wolves have been disappearing. This number will get out of hand if wolves are not present on the island for a long period of time. We should wait and see if the wolves recover on their own, but if they disappear, we must reintroduce new ones. Wolves are a key species on Isle Royale and their absence will lead to many ecological problems. Isle Royale is a wilderness gem in the United States, and it should be our main goal to keep it as if humans had never been there. If it were not for unfortunate disruptions, and environmental changes caused by people, the wolves could be in a much better position than they are right now. The National Park Service made the correct decision to bring back wolves to Yellowstone National Park, and I hope the same resolution is made for Isle Royale. Saving the wolves is key to saving the forest, vegetation, many species, and the overall ecosystem. We have to be ready to reintroduce wolves to preserve the wilderness, and ecosystem on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Jonathan

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Andrea [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. For the last few weeks in biology, we have been discussing the ecosystem on Isle Royale, and have recently started addressing the lack of wolves on the island. We were assigned this project to write to you and tell you which alternative we think would be the best action to take. I'm not only writing this letter just because it's an assignment, but I truly want to have a say in this and be able to voice my opinion about this situation. With that said, the alternative I think would be best to take action in is Alternative C, which states that the NPS would bring wolves to Island Royale as often as needed. This would maintain the population of wolves for at least 20 years.

Alternative C will be able to create a stable population of wolves on Isle Royale. A stable population will be maintained because wolves would be brought in as soon as they are needed rather than waiting for all wolves to die until they replace them. By the time they do that changes to the ecosystem could have already occurred. I believe that it is important to see an unwavering population of wolves on the island, fluctuations in their population affects many other aspects of the island. Based on the graph provided by Isle Royale researchers Vucetich and Peterson of MTU, on the wolf and moose study from the last 65 years, a drop in '82 in wolves to only 14 shows an increase in moose up until '95 of about 2400 moose. According to the graph, the carrying capacity for wolves is between 28 to 30 wolves. If wolves continue to drop below the carrying capacity and aren't introduced until all have died, there is an increase in their prey, moose. When there is an increase in the moose population there is a great decrease in vegetation on the island. Ultimately, a stable wolf population is important because it creates a stable moose population, with those two major populations of the island stable, the smaller populations can also

be maintained, creating an efficient ecosystem.

In class, we watched a video called Wolf Pack about how wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park in 1995. It discussed how wolves were reintroduced to retain the rising numbers of elk. This situation could easily be compared to that of which is occurring on Isle Royale currently. As the wolf population minimizes on the island, the moose population grows immensely. When the wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone many were brought in at a time, the population was very large at first, and over time the population fell to a stable level. For Alternative C, if wolves continue to be brought in each time needed, for whatever reason the population will always become larger because there will still be some on the island from previous times. Comparing this to Yellowstone, the large population will be helpful because it will grow and naturally fall to a stable level, which is essentially the goal. Wolf reintroduction to Yellowstone was successful, and choosing Alternative C which is similar can make an enduring effect on Isle Royale.

Climate change is a long term limiting factor and continues to affect the Earth. With the climate continuing to change, ice bridges cant form for wolves to cross from Minnesota and Canada to get to Isle Royale. This prevents from any natural migration of wolves to Isle Royale and a demand for wolves to be added by the NPS when needed. From an LA Times article on the effectiveness of climate change on the island, climate change has made ice bridges rare on Lake Superior, and the increasingly isolated wolf population has grown weak through inbreeding. Since natural migration cant take place, it is important for you, the NPS, to bring wolves over whenever needed to replace the absence of migration. The Isle Royale website discusses how much impact the Old Gray Guy made when he was discovered by his scat in 1997. The Old Gray Guy brought new genetics to the island which were much needed to stop inbreeding that had been causing LSTV. LSTV greatly contributed to the population decrease of wolves on Isle Royale. If inbreeding ever becomes a problem again, Alternative C states that wolves will be brought in when needed, so the introduction of new wolves can eliminate the chances of inbreeding. With permanent and short term disruptions of the Isle Royale ecosystem, introduction of wolves in times of hardship could really make a difference.

It is my belief that Alternative C is the best action to take, because over the span of twenty years, the researchers can observe what happens each time they add wolves, and each time make alterations in the future until the best or even a perfect solution of wolf additions has been met. I dont think Alternative A isnt the best selection because the extinction of wolves, like I said before, effects so much more. The absence of wolves creates an extremely high population of moose, and a higher population of moose diminish the amount of vegetation on the island. Alternative B is not a good choice because bringing a group of wolves one time would not be very effective. I do not think it would be effective because it would be a big growth in population and maybe last for a few years, but eventually we would get back to our current situation. Inbreeding could occur if Alternative B were used and that causes LSTV, which has shown to have killed so many wolves on Isle Royale already. Based on the Isle Royale website, comparing normal populations and Isle Royale, LSTV in wolves is 33% mre common on the island and only 1% i standard populations. Alternative B would only encourage inbreeding to take place. Lastly, Alternative D is not the right method because waiting for the wolves to die could make an impact on the Isle Royale ecosystem. It is better to take action immediately rather than to wait for all the wolves to die.

Above all, Alternative Cs method of bringing in wolves as often as needed is what I believe to be the best solution to take action in when trying to save the wolf species on Isle Royale. This alternative will be the quickest way for a stable population of wolves on the island to be maintained. In Yellowstone National Park, wolves were reintroduced in large amounts, and eventually the population fell to a stable level. If the same was done to Isle Royale, the goal of stability can be reached. With the climate change continuously affecting the world and especially Isle Royale, ice bridges prevent other wolves from migrating to Isle Royale. Without other wolves being added to the mix, inbreeding causes LSTV within the wolf population. Thank you for reading my letter and considering my ideas for the future of wolves on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: My name is Alana [REDACTED] and I am writing to you about the situation concerning the wolves on Isle Royale. I am a student at [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Il. and we have been studying the island for the past few weeks, which I have found very interesting. In my opinion the most suitable way to fix this problem we have been presented with is Alternative C, introducing wolves, as needed, to the island over the next 20 years.

This option presents us with many ways to incorporate these wolves into the island much more naturally than other alternatives. We would be leaving some of the original genes on the island, which I see as a benefit because these wolves have been here for so long. Alternative C would basically be a genetic rescue that will be stretched out until scientists are certain that the wolf population would, hopefully, not need to be rescued again. This would also be the easiest to recover from if something were to go wrong, as opposed to Alternative D, which could allow all of the wolves to die off and the moose population to skyrocket before anything could be done about leaving the ecosystem off-balanced. Alternative B would also be difficult to recover from, seeing as you would only be introducing the wolves in a short period of time, where there is no room for mistakes.

I also believe that a benefit to Alternative C is the fact that it is fairly open ended. While I do understand that we would need to solidify a plan before beginning the process, there would be few consequences to altering the plan while it is in action. These wolves deserve the best chance of survival, and Alternative C would give them that chance.

Also, with this plan, the moose population would have less disruptions. As we can see, with the dying wolf population we can see that the moose population has been going up dramatically. This rise in moose population can have detrimental effects on the ecosystem of Isle Royale and cause a lot, if not all, of the plants and vegetation to die off. By maintaining the wolf population, the carrying capacity of the moose will start to level off to it's natural number and balance the ecosystem once again. The wolves are a keystone species, so by waiting for them to be completely eradicated from the island could change the ecosystem by a lot before new wolves can be reintroduced.

Alternative C has the most positive effects on the animals and the ecosystem in which they live, leaving this incredible island with the least amount of human contact possible to allow it to thrive. The wolves and moose would both be at their natural carrying capacity, which would let all other biotic and abiotic factors on the island to also level out and create the perfect environment we have known Isle Royale to have.

Thank you for your consideration

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Correspondence: My name is Carley [REDACTED] and I attend [REDACTED] in Illinois, where we have been studying Isle Royale, its ecosystem, and Michigan tech's study of the wolf and moose populations this past unit in my Biology class. The issue at hand has interested me, and I want to have a say in what should be done about the wolves and their dwindling population on the island. I strongly advocate for the NPS to try Alternative C (from the revised Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS from Summer 2015), and "bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years." The best option is to save the wolves that are on the island now, not wait until they're gone to take action. John Vucetich himself says in a recent interview for the Minnpost that "Conserving something is preferable to restoring it. If something's valuable, why wouldn't you try to keep it rather than let it go extinct and then try to put it back?"

This is the best option for the situation on the island because in the past, humans have been responsible for many of the problems that have caused the decreased population. According to the overview of the study on your website, in 1980, the wolf population was 50, but then over the next two years it dropped dramatically to 14 because of canine parvovirus, which was introduced to the wolves because someone brought their pet to the island. The

population recovered, but never got nearly as high. Since humans caused the problems in the population in the past, we have a responsibility to do what we can to aid them in recovering now.

Humans are also responsible for climate change and global warming, which has caused a major problem for the wolves. Because of the higher winter temperatures, it is much less likely, almost impossible, for ice bridges to form. The ice bridges that would form between Canada and the island have proven in the past to be a solution for the inbreeding problem among the wolves. In 1997, a male wolf from Canada came to the island and saved the wolves from possible extinction. The wolves, being isolated on an island, had been inbreeding for years, and it caused genetic problems and a higher chance of genetic deformities that cause the wolves to be weaker. When the wolf from Canada was able to walk 14 miles onto the island, he helped the population recover with his new genes. In the years since, only two wolves have been able to come over on ice bridges, though they went back across days later. There have been very few ice bridges in the past years, and the warmer the climate gets the less likely it is for wolves to naturally come to the island. We need to bring wolves to the island in order to save the wolves from the genetic issues that are causing their fading population because if we weren't causing climate change there would be more of a chance of ice bridges to naturally save the wolves.

Wolves, according to the Minnpost, were going to be introduced in the 1940s because the moose population was getting higher and the plants that they eat were being destroyed. The absence of wolves almost destroyed the ecosystem. This is why the option to leave the island alone and wait for the wolves to die is a bad idea. Back in the 40s, the wolves were able to cross over to the island on ice bridges and helped regain the ecosystem's balance. This is not a likely option now, however, because of climate change. Wolves are important to an ecosystem. They are at the top of the energy pyramid and are essential to the food web. A species at the top of an energy pyramid is key to the rest of the ecosystem. If the top of the pyramid goes extinct then it affects all the other organism below it. Wolves are predators to the moose on the island, which means they keep the moose population steady. If the main predator to the moose goes away, then their population will grow out of hand. From the Isle Royale Wolves website, we can see how the increase in moose population a few years ago created a massive increase in competition. It harmed the ecosystem, and ended up causing the moose population to drop dramatically. The ecosystem needs the wolves if it wants to remain steady and healthy. We can see in the most recent case study that as the wolf population continues to go down farther and farther the moose population is growing, and it will most likely cause problems.

The study of Isle Royale's wolf and moose population has been going on for over 50 years. The best option is to keep the study going, and for now that means seeing if the wolves can recover. Measures should be taken to introduce the new wolves to the current ones so that we can see how the wolves react to the new ones, and see if they are able to get the population back up. Alternative C is the best option because it is a new path in the study while using the same wolves. Our next plan in this process should be to see if the wolves are able to adapt and recover their population through the introduction of new wolves. I hope you take my opinion into consideration when you decide on what the best option is for the wolves.

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Correspondence: Hello, I am a student at [REDACTED] where we have been learning about the extensive research in regards to the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale. My teacher has made me aware of the dwindling wolf population. Upon hearing of that I was given the assignment to formulate an opinion on the matter of wolves on the island and how to keep a healthy wolf population to balance the ecosystem. I believe that the best option when it comes to this is for Alternative B to be put into place.

Alternative B is the best option for the wolves of Isle Royale because keeping the wolf population in tact is important for the ecosystem to function. Introducing more wolves will help to get the population of wolves up and possibly help to stop the problem with inbreeding. The ecosystem needs to stay balanced and they need to wolfed for that because they are, as you know, a species crucial to the delicate environment that is the island. Introducing new wolves into the environment will be a big help to making the wolves stronger with less genetic defects. This has been proven through old grey guy wandering onto the island because of an ice bridge. He became the alpha male of the population, and through breeding with the females, he helped to strengthen the wolves on Isle Royale.

The natural way for new wolves to be introduced onto the island, through the ice bridges, is becoming less and less possible, though, because of climate change and rising temperatures. This means that in order to save the wolf population, the researchers involved in studying Isle Royale must step up and take action in order to save the wolves.

This option won't be as extreme as Alternative C, which will have a direct impact on the wolves for years and years. With that alternative, the study won't be able to continue because of the constant interference, and the study would be over after all of this work and all of this time. With a single introduction of wolves instead of recurring introductions, the study could still continue.

If option A is put in place and nothing is done about the wolf population, the moose population can skyrocket. If and when that happens and no predators are there to hunt the moose population, the moose population will eat away at all of the vegetation. Although the plants will grow back eventually, it will take more time for those plants to grow back, and as they are, the moose will die of starvation. This is why there is a need for wolves on the island. The chain reaction caused by them not being on the island anymore will eventually destroy the ecosystem.

Alternative D is also not the best option, in my opinion, because I don't believe that we should wait until the wolves have died out to even consider what to do with the wolf population. I think that as soon as something can be put into place to help out the wolves, something should be done. There is no point in waiting for that to happen when action can be taken. The wolves may affect the habitat by having died out, even if just for a short time, before they can be reintroduced, and that effect can last for a long time after the wolves are brought back into the environment.

I would love to see Alternative B put into place because the effect of healthy wolves being brought into the ecosystem could save Isle Royale and the species of animals on the island. This will allow for the environment to continue to function in the best way possible and bring forth healthy results that will lead to a stable wolf population on the island.

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Hello, my name is James [REDACTED], I am a student at [REDACTED], and the reason I am writing to you, is to state my opinion on which option we should follow through with. I believe that we should follow through with option B because it will assist the wolf population without waiting for the current ones to die out, while at the same time remains with the same bloodline as the original Isle Royale Wolves.

Option B is, more wolves will be added one time even if the population does not grow from there. The wolf population has dropped dramatically over the course of the last six years. The wolf population in 2015 was three wolves, but it is predicted that there are only two wolves left. The reason for this is because there are more deaths in the wolf population than there are births. Wolves would be considered a keystone species in this ecosystem, which means that these wolves, if they were in a stable population, would be keeping this ecosystem in line, but since the wolf population has been dropping, the moose

population has been thriving. Moose are herbivores and since there are a lot of moose there is less vegetation around the island. Adding more wolves to the ecosystem will bring balance back to the ecosystem.

Another reason Option B is the best option is because it poses the least risk than any of the other options, for example, Option A, which is where you do not add any wolves, is risky because the wolf population will almost certainly die out, which will end the study. Option B is better than Option C because if you keep adding more wolves it essentially ruins the case study because the wolves will be added until they become stable which could mean that the current wolves will probably die before the population becomes stable which means that the new wolves are not genetically related to the original Isle Royale wolves. The reason Option D doesn't make sense is because if the wolves die out, that is the end of the original study. All elements of the previous study will be gone because we waited too long to help out the wolf population. If we add more wolves now all problems with inbreeding will be solved because the outsider's genes are new and pure to this population.

If the population of wolves doesn't start increasing soon, the entire island will suffer. We need to act fast to save this ecosystem. Choosing "Alternative B" would be the best course of action because it will stabilize the wolf population, it will keep the moose population stable, and it will not ruin the study that has been going on for 56 years.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I am Katie [REDACTED], a biology student from Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing to let you know my opinion on what the approach should be to the dwindling population of the wolves on Isle Royale. I believe that Alternative B, bringing wolves at one time over a defined period of time, is the best option regarding the wolf population. Introducing wolves once over a period of time would help the population of wolves to be restored to a healthy number, and it would also help to keep the moose population and amount of vegetation in check. The upside to reintroducing wolves over a period of time includes the solving of different health issues and environmental issues on the island.

Over the next twenty years, if wolves are added once over thirty-six months, the wolf population wouldn't get to an extremely low number because wolves would be restored to a healthy number like they were when they were first on the island instead of just added when the population is in trouble. In the packet I received from you, it states that, "The average wolf population on the island over the past 65 years has been about 22, but there have been as many as 50 wolves and a few as three." This shows that adding wolves right away, but over a period of time wouldn't allow the wolves to reach a low number like three, because even if the number does begin to lower, there will be a sufficient number of wolves on the island that were reintroduced that would be able to reproduce and hopefully restore the population.

Since wolves are such a crucial part of Isle Royale, just letting them die out will be detrimental. There needs to be a balance of the correct population of all organisms for the island to reach its fullest potential. In a video produced by Sustainable Human, they mention that the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park improved so many different aspects of the park rather than just the population of ungulates. The vegetation flourished, birds returned, and the keystone species of beavers' population increased. By adding wolves once over a thirty-six month period, the population would flourish allowing for the entire ecosystem on Isle Royale to improve. This includes the moose population and vegetation availability.

From 1980-1982, canine parvovirus was brought onto the island as an effect of human error. According to isleroyalewolf.org, the population went from fifty wolves all the way down to fourteen wolves. The parvovirus is one of the major causes of the decrease in wolf population on the island. It wouldn't be fair to the wolves to let their entire population die out as a result of mistakes made by humans. The wolves need to be replenished to a healthy number in order to counteract the human error made years ago.

Associate professor from Michigan Tech, John Vucetich stated, "hunting is not considered to be a good substitute for things that wolf predation does."

With alternative B, the wolf population will be able to reach its full potential by replenishing the number of wolves on the island to a good number instead of leaving them alone or only adding when the population is on a decline. With that, the wolf predation of moose will increase which will control the moose population. If the moose population is controlled, then the vegetation will be indirectly affected by the wolves. The amount of vegetation will increase without the moose consuming a majority of it.

In the MINNPOST article: What Should Be Done to Save Isle Royale Wolves?, it explains how wolf No. 93, Old Gray Guy "quickly dispersed fresh DNA throughout the island population." They also mention the fact that Old Gray Guy was a "genetic rescuer." The article mentions that at the time, the Old Gray Guy helped the population recover from a population of only twelve wolves. By adding wolves at one time, the process would resemble the act of Old Gray Guy entering the island, but just on a larger scale. Alternative B offers the wolf population multiple "genetic rescuers."

The addition of wolves once over a defined period of time would, first, allow for the wolf population to regenerate and be restored. This is going to allow them to reproduce and begin to increase their population up to healthy number. In addition, reintroducing wolves to the island will play a huge part in controlling the moose population. The wolves hunt the moose, keeping their populations aligned correctly with other. Lastly, once the moose population is controlled, the amount of vegetation will increase as a result of the moose population being controlled since the moose consume the vegetation.

Alternative B is the best option compared to the rest of the choices. Alternative A, the no-action alternative, is not the best option for the wolves because even though everything would occur naturally, one of the main reasons for their decline is the canine parvovirus, which was caused by humans. Alternative C, to bring wolves whenever they are needed over the next twenty years, is not a viable option because even though the population would be maintained, the existing wolves will not get a chance to keep expanding their population by reproducing because of the addition of wolves. Lastly, alternative D, to not take action unless a certain threshold is met, would not be a successful option. Waiting to add more wolves to the island won't help the urgent situation they are in currently of having a very low population.

Alternative B is in the best interest of the wolves, moose, and vegetation on the island. They are all connected and reintroducing the wolves once over a defined period of time will allow for all the populations to regulate each other. It is very important that something is done immediately for the wolf population in Isle Royale because their population is in an urgent situation and something needs to be done to hopefully improve the whole ecosystem on the island. Thank you very much for considering my input and ideas.

Sincerely,
Katie [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Hello, my name is Grace [REDACTED]. I am a student at [REDACTED]. I am writing this letter because I would like to have a voice in what happens in our national parks, especially Isle Royale. I believe that the best approach for the wolves on Isle Royale is for the National Park Service to use Alternative C, which states that they should introduce more wolves, as needed, over a period of twenty years.

Alternative C is the best option out of the four choices. Alternative A would not be a good choice because if we do nothing, the wolf population will most likely die out, which will ruin the balance of the ecosystem. Alternative B would not be the best choice because it would be better to introduce wolves into

the environment as needed rather than put a set amount in at a specific time. Finally, Alternative D would not be a good choice because if we wait for all of the wolves to die out, then we would be introducing a completely new set of wolves and genes that are different than the wolves and genes that have been there for the past sixty years. Also, in the MINNPOST article, "As Isle Royale wolves slide toward extinction, a call for 'genetic rescue'", John Vucetich said two key points. One was that conserving something is preferable to restoring it, and two was that predation may continue if we allow the wolves to go extinct. Overall, Alternative C would benefit the ecosystem of Isle Royale more than the other alternatives.

Alternative C is a very good option for the ecosystem of Isle Royale. One reason it is a good option is that if we chose to do nothing, the wolf population would most likely become extinct. Since the climate has been getting warmer, the formation of ice bridges is much less common, therefore it is very unlikely that any new wolves will enter the island unless we put them there. Also, we are not sure of the gender of the two wolves left on the island, so we are not sure if the wolves that are left can even reproduce at all. If the wolves became extinct, the balance of the ecosystem would shift. Without the wolves on the island, there would be no predator of the moose, which would cause the moose population to increase significantly. As seen in the "Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan" article, when the moose population increases, the vegetation on the island decreases. Therefore, wolves need to be on the island to keep the moose population stable so that the vegetation on the island will not extirpate. Another reason that Alternative C is the best option is because the introduction of new wolves as needed will help increase the wolf population and will over time, fix their genetic deformities. As seen in the past, when Old Gray Guy came to the island, his new, healthier genes helped to get rid of some of the genetic deformities, inbreeding, and also caused an overall increase in the wolf population. With adding more wolves as needed, the genetic deformities would go away over time since this trait is recessive. Also, the introduction of new wolves with new genes would help to get rid of the inbreeding on the island.

In conclusion, Alternative C is the best of the four options. It would help to keep the balance on the island and keep the moose and vegetation populations stable. Also, it would be the best option to fix the problems of genetic deformities and inbreeding among the wolf population. Overall, Alternative C would be the best way to restore stability to Isle Royale and all of the animals and plants that this ecosystem contains.

Sincerely,

Grace [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: My name is Dominik and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. The reason I am writing is to express my opinion on the course of action that should be taken to address the current crisis facing the wolf population on Isle Royale. I believe that national parks are beautiful places that have thriving ecosystems when untouched by humans. This is why I believe that intervention would be the proper course of action for the Isle Royale wolf population. In my opinion, the best option to keep Isle Royale's ecosystem healthy would be alternative D, which is to bring wolves to the island through multiple introductions or as a one-time event once certain criteria have been met in the ecosystem

Under conventional circumstances, I would argue again intervention simply because the national parks are built upon the idea of having an area that is unaffected by humans, and intervening would go directly against that. However, I agree with John Vucetich's claim that the root cause of the issues of the wolf population are humans. Although we did not directly affect the wolf population, global warming because of humans has caused the formation of ice bridges to become more scarce, thereby limiting the odds of new wolves coming to the island and diversifying the existing gene pool. Instead, the existing wolves are becoming inbred because of the lack of new genes. According to Phyllis Green, superintendent of Isle Royale National Park, similar issue was facing the wolf population before the arrival of a wolf known as Old Grey Guy. Old Grey Guy traveled to the island using an ice bridge, and has proven that new wolves coming to the island can help the wolf population dramatically by producing offspring with diversified genes. However, the lack of ice bridges is making the chances of this occurring again extremely low. By choosing alternative D, we can replenish the wolf population once certain thresholds have been met. If we wish to keep wolves on the island, this would be the best course of action because we could set thresholds that directly relate to ecosystem health, such as the number of wolves, the number of moose, and the amount of vegetation. This alternative would keep wolves on the island, which would keep the number of moose and the amount of vegetation at a healthy level. If the wolf population were to reach zero, the number of moose would increase dramatically. The moose would quickly consume the vegetation on the island, which takes far longer to grow than it takes for moose to eat it. In an article by Minnpost, it is stated that, "The wolves' plummeting numbers have virtually stopped moose predation." This would eventually lead to effects on the ecosystem similar to those seen in Yellowstone when wolves were not present. The lack of vegetation would cause moose population to reach all-time lows, and lead to a much more barren landscape. This is almost inevitable if alternative A is chosen, as the wolf population is almost certainly going to die out given the current circumstances. Although alternatives B and C address these issues as well, I believe that the current wolf population's large number of genetic disorders could cause long-term issues if they were to mate with the wolves that would be introduced. Option D could address this by not introducing new wolves until the current population hits 0 or other similar criteria. In a video by Sustainable Human, it is directly addressed how the change in wolf population affected the vegetation historically in Yellowstone. The lack of wolves preventing the moose population being limited by anything other than food caused "places to regenerate," as stated by Sustainable Human. The landscape of the ecosystem was vastly altered because of this new widespread vegetation growth. There are countless effects on the ecosystem caused by a change in wolf population.

I agree with John Vucetich's statement that wolves are necessary to the island's ecological balance, and believe that properly executing alternative D would have the best long-term effect on the health of the ecosystem and the preservation of the beauty of one of the most beautiful national park in the United States.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Nick [REDACTED] and I am in the tenth grade. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this letter to you because as a part of my [REDACTED] class we are writing to you to give our opinion on what you should do regarding the wolf population of Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park is an interesting place. Since your study began over 65 years ago, we have learned many things about wildlife. We have also seen moose and wolf population fluctuate throughout the years, with the wolf population going down to an all time low (two wolves) during your last winter study. There needs to be something done about the wolf population on Isle Royale because the wolves are a keystone species. I think the best approach would be alternative C, to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I think alternative C would be the best option because it wouldn't just help the wolf population grow, but it would also help the whole island grow and prosper.

The wolves on Isle Royale are a keystone species. This means that other species on Isle Royale largely depend on the them, and if they were to go extinct, then Isle Royale would change drastically. In an article titled "Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS," the National Park Service wrote, "The potential absence of wolves raises concerns about possible effects to Isle Royale's current ecosystem, including effects to both the moose population and

Isle Royale's forest/vegetation communities." Alternative C would be the best option to keep the moose population and vegetation growth at normal levels. If nothing is done, then the moose population will sky rocket and the vegetation levels will go significantly down. If wolves are brought to the island as a one-time event, then the same thing will happen as in the first study, the wolf population and vegetation levels will go down and the moose population will go up. If wolves are brought in as often as needed, then there will be just enough wolves to keep the moose and vegetation in check. A stable number of wolves will make the moose population more stable. Too many wolves on the island can lead to inbreeding and even more wolves. When the wolf population was at an all time high in 1980 (50 wolves), the moose population was at it's lowest point since 1967 (788 moose). Even though this was good for the vegetation (the moose's main food source) to grow, it obviously wasn't good for the moose. More wolves on the island would be good because then the moose population would go down (the wolves main food source) to normal and vegetation levels would go back up. This alternative would be best for both the moose and vegetation because it would always have a steady amount of wolves on the island, so moose population and vegetation levels would both be normal.

All four alternatives are great options in furthering our understanding of not just the wolves' lives on Isle Royale, but all living things in the Isle Royale ecosystem. I just think that alternative C would be the best option when thinking about the whole Isle Royale ecosystem. You could learn more about Isle Royale when choosing alternative A, but it is unlikely you would learn anymore than you already know. The same thought comes to mind when talking about alternative B. In alternative A, the wolves would without a doubt go extinct. In the last winter study, there were only two wolves and we aren't even sure if one of them is female. All it would take would be one harsh winter to knock out all of the wolves forever. In alternative B, I don't think there is much to learn. If you guys brought wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time, then I think it would turn out the same as the study that is currently coming to a close now. If how ever many wolves are brought to Isle Royale at one time, then after a while inbreeding will become more and more common. This would be bad for the wolves because as it was seen in the original study, inbreeding can cause diseases and mutations. In alternative D, I don't think not taking immediate action would be in the Island's best interest. With not taking immediate action, Island researchers are risking the chance of the last two wolves dying, then bringing in all new wolves would just cause inbreeding.

Published on August 16, 2013, there was an interesting article in the MINNPOST titled, "Howling pups show Isle Royale wolves are reproducing, but not out of danger" by Ron Meador. In the article Meador wrote, "Genetic rescue is the best option, in Vucetich's view (and now Peterson's, though he earlier favored reintroduction), because it avoids that break in wolf predation on moose." I think this is a true statement because it will allow new, healthy genes come into Isle Royale and rejuvenate the wolves. I think this can only be done using alternative C because alternative A does not encourage to do anything and alternatives B and D will just encourage inbreeding.

The wolves on Isle Royale are a keystone species. The whole ecosystem depends on the them. If they go extinct, then the whole ecosystem suffers. The best way to bring new life to the wolves on Isle Royale would be to bring new wolves in and onto the island as often as needed. This will not only lead to the wolf population growing, but it will lead to the whole island growing and prospering too. Thank you for reading my letter and I hope the wolf crisis gets resolved soon, and I especially hope you pick alternative C to lead to that resolution.

Sincerely,
Nick [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Sophia [REDACTED] and I'm enrolled in biology this year [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. We learned about Isle Royale and the wolf population issue. I'm writing this letter to hopefully help with some part of the issue, even if it's just a little step in the process. There has been a great decrease in wolves in the past five years and we have been provided with some alternatives to possibly help the issue. The alternative I chose to support my reasoning for is alternative D. This one states to wait for a threshold to be met and then to reintroduce wolves by either alternative B or C. My threshold would be when there are no more wolves present on the island. Then, I would have the NPS bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a decided period of time (alternative B).

Wolves are absolutely necessary to have on the island. They are keystone species which means they hold the ecosystem together and other species depend on them. Wolves hunt moose and that keeps the moose population from soaring which also keeps vegetation on the island well. In the article What should be done to save Isle Royale Wolves?, it states that firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall and this is due to moose browsing. Also, they can survive the moose if they grow to about nine feet. Rolf Peterson, an Isle Royale researcher from Michigan Tech, was talking about the vegetation on Isle Royale and said, "A longer-term disruption of the moose/wolf balance might erase it indefinitely." Having the vegetation unable to grow to full extent because there are so many moose on the island that they eat the majority of the vegetation, is not good for the island's ecosystem. Based on what Rolf Peterson said, there needs to be a balance in the wolf-moose population for the vegetation to be healthy. There are not enough wolves to keep the moose in check for the sake of the vegetation. However, while the moose population is soaring, they are going to eventually run out of vegetation to eat because there won't be enough of it. This will cause a drop in the moose population. This is why I didn't pick alternative A because no human intervention would cause problems for the moose and vegetation by not introducing wolves to the island. The moose population and the vegetation in the next twenty years will be stable because having wolves on the island will keep the moose population from soaring, then crashing due to wolf predation and keep vegetation on the island existent due to not as many moose eating the vegetation.

My threshold for alternative D would be to wait until no wolves are present on the island. Introducing wolves right now would not be good because they have genetic issues from inbreeding and having those genes being passed on would not be good. From the website isleroyalewolf.org, an article called Inbreeding within the Wolf Population stated, "A surprising number of these wolves suffered from several different kinds of congenital malformation in the spine." Then, the article went on to explain that from observing a wolf's pelvis, there's a gross asymmetry between vertebrae 52 and 53. Also, that this would cause damage to nerves that control its tail and hind legs. Since their hind legs would be affected by this deformity, called LSTV (lumbosacral transitional vertebrae), their hunting ability would be very difficult so why introduce wolves right now when those genes are present and could be passed on through inbreeding? This would hurt their population because they wouldn't be healthy enough to hunt to survive. This is why I didn't pick alternative B or C because, before putting wolves on the island, I wanted a threshold of the wolves to die out first so the genetic issues wouldn't be present and the island could start anew with fresh wolves.

The second part of alternative D says after the threshold is met, wolves would be introduced by either alternative B or C. I chose alternative B because this option provides a one-time event of introduction. This calls for only some human intervention. I didn't choose option C because adding in wolves whenever necessary would be too much intervention. We don't want another mistake like when a disease was inadvertently introduced to the island and caused a 50 to 14 drop in the wolf population from 1980 to 1982 (data of wolf population from isleroyalewolf.org). I would like to see nature take it's course once wolves are reintroduced. This may arise questioning about the problem of inbreeding, but the second part of B says to bring the wolves over a defined period of time. Each time wolves are put on the island, not just one type of wolf species should be introduced. This will limit inbreeding on the island. When a new wolf species came to the island in 1997, known as Old Gray Guy, he quickly dispersed fresh, new DNA to the island population and saved it

(from the article What should be done to save Isle Royale Wolves?). Therefore, having different species implemented on the island will prevent inbreeding and provide new DNA so that the wolves will be healthy in the next twenty years. Overall, I chose option B for the second part of alternative D because it includes limited human intervention and provides the ability to introduce new wolf species to the island.

My recommendation to help out the wolf population on Isle Royale is to do alternative D. I would have a threshold, being when there are no wolves present on the island, so that once I introduce wolves no genetic issues would be present. Then, I would reintroduce wolves by using alternative B. The one-time event provides limited human intervention and provides new DNA for the wolves to prevent inbreeding. Wolves need to be present on the island and I believe alternative D will be most beneficial. I hope my reasoning for alternative D has helped with your decision on what to do about the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Sophia [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Alternative B is the option that I favor. Wolves are a very important part of the ecosystem as they help control many of the other biological populations on the island, both directly and indirectly. Losing that predator would be detrimental for the other island populations. This is why I believe they should be brought to the island. However, if wolves as a species are not meant to survive on that island, and the introduced populations continue to decrease, then wolves should not be continuously brought to an ecosystem in which they cannot survive.

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Correspondence: Bring in some wolves!

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Correspondence: Isle Royale will never be the same if the wolves disappear from this beautiful national park, so I wholeheartedly believe that something must be done immediately to stabilize the remaining wolf population. I am a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois and have been studying the long-researched ecosystem of Isle Royale in our biology class. The desperate situation of the wolves has inspired me to encourage the National Park Service to intervene. After reviewing the possible options, I concluded that Alternative C, bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed for the next twenty years, is the best plan to save the fragile ecosystem of the island.

Wolves are the main predator on Isle Royale. If the wolf population dies out, the moose, as well as the vegetation, will all be affected. A drop in the top predators population can affect a whole ecosystem, as seen in multiple studies around the globe. National Geographic magazine provided detailed information about several similar situations in its article: Without Top Predators, Ecosystems Turn Topsy-Turvy. In Yellowstone National Park, willow and aspen trees began to disappear around the 1930s after wolves went extinct in the area. Why? Because the wolves prey, the elk, were allowed to destroy the vegetation without being disturbed. Without aspen and willow trees to build their habitats, beavers were forced to leave as well. Once the wolves were reintroduced into the area though, aspen and willow trees started to flourish and the beavers returned. A similar chain reaction occurred when a hydroelectric dam on Venezuelas Caroni River flooded an area, creating Lake Guri. The local predators left or starved or drowned. The population of their prey exploded and the animals began to devour the forest. Not only can the land be affected by the removal of the predator, but also the sea. In the Atlantic ocean, overfishing caused the hammerhead shark population to decrease as much as 90% in some areas. After the sharks were removed, the smaller fish, who snack on algae, were then the fishermen's target. This explains the thick layer of algae now covering the Discovery Bay coral reef. All of these situations are perfect examples of how the disappearance of an areas predators will cause the entire ecosystem to collapse. If we do not intervene, this will be Isle Royales future.

Without wolves, the moose population on Isle Royale will not have any limits. Over the 55 years of data researchers have collected, we have the information to predict that the moose population will explode if left undisturbed. In 1980, 780 moose were roaming the island with 50 wolves. By 1992, only 12 wolves remained on the island with 2400 moose. This data demonstrates that the predator-prey relationship between the two species is co-dependent. When one population is high, the other is plummeting. As of 2015, there were only three wolves left on Isle Royale. The abundance of moose will destroy the vegetation, eliminating the food source for other species and leading to a disappearance of these other animals. The Isle Royale ecosystem will be ruined forever.

I did not weigh the range of options for Isle Royale lightly. Alternative B states that National Park Service will only introduce wolves to the island once. This option would not stabilize the wolf population for the long term. The limited introduction of additional wolves will not be sufficient to keep the balance the number of moose over time. Genuine change will require additional support. Alternative D states the problem will not be handled and natural processes can continue until certain minimum thresholds are reached in the moose population or vegetation. This choice would not stabilize the wolf population quickly enough. Help for this fragile ecosystem has been delayed for so long - intervention is necessary now to prevent the total loss of the ecosystem. Alternative A is not an option either, considering it requires not intervening. We have the opportunity to save a national park, why would we not intervene? Glacier National Park is already in danger of losing its glaciers in less than 20 years. These areas are a great national treasure; it would be a tragedy to have another site lost. Alternative C is clearly the strongest plan to guarantee a bright future for Isle Royale. Bringing wolves to the island for the next twenty years will be a long enough period of time to make sure the populations on Isle Royale returns to a normal level.

The natural world is changing all around us, and most of the time, it is not our place to intervene. Isle Royale is a different story. We need to introduce wolves to this island as soon as possible before it is too late. It is our responsibility to preserve this beautiful national park for future generations to enjoy.

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Correspondence: As the situation in Isle Royale becomes more dire by the day, I would love to offer my input on how I think these events should be handled. My name is Sabrina [REDACTED] and I am currently a freshman in high school and a biology student. My class has been studying the data collected at Isle Royale, and I think it is imperative that new wolves are introduced to this environment as soon as possible. For this reason, I believe it is in the best interest of the island's wolves, moose, and vegetation populations to choose Option C as a solution for the island's problems. The continual introduction of new wolves over a period of time, allowing the population to stabilize, seems to be the most secure remedy to the wolf deficit in Isle Royale.

After studying the collected data, it appears that the demise of the current wolf population is unavoidable. With only 3 wolves remaining, and at least one

of them having a visible birth defect, chances of reproduction among this population seem very slim. Physically, given their birth defects, these wolves aren't as strong as previous packs have been, and their ability to hunt is weak, as shown by the collected data which illustrates the continual proliferation of the moose as the wolves die off. The wolves' inability to hunt adequately is allowing for the moose population to continue to grow, and if left unattended the number of moose could inflate to greater than the carrying capacity of the environment. Even now, with 3 wolves still remaining, the data collected shows how the moose population is increasing, reaching 1250 in 2015. The continuing growth of moose will lead to a greater need for food to sustain them. If the moose are not contained, they could eat the island barren and destroy the vegetation population. When all the shrubbery has been eaten, there will be an enormous deficit of food, and the moose population will drop significantly. Many, many moose deaths will occur, and without wolves to consume their carcasses, their bodies will be left to rot and pollute the beautiful national park that is Isle Royale. It is clear to me that in order to preserve the amazing ecosystem on Isle Royale, it is crucial that the wolf population does not die out altogether. As I have previously stated, it is evident that the current pack of wolves will not survive very long. For this reason, a new pack of wolves must be introduced to the island immediately.

While considering the given options as to how the Isle Royale situation should be handled, it was tricky deciding between Options B, C and D. Like I mentioned earlier, I have now come to the realization that Option C is the best solution to the problem. I think the worst possible thing to do would be to let nature take its course, so Option A is not something I would consider. Without intervention, the wolves will soon die out and the moose will take over the island, consuming all greenery in sight. The beauty of the island will be lost, as well as the stability of the moose population. That is not something I want to occur.

While Option B, the idea of introducing new wolves to the environment only once, would probably help the population in the short term, I believe that the long term effects would be similar to the issues that are being experienced today. Bringing in a single amount of wolves all at once would at first result in a better balance of the island's ecosystem, as they would be able to keep the moose population contained. However, if we continue to have mild winters and no ice bridge were to ever form, it is likely that, eventually, the wolf population would experience exactly what they are experiencing now: a lack of genetic diversity resulting in birth defects. This is because as time passes, the older wolves will die, leaving the younger ones left to carry on the genetic line. The farther and farther away the wolves get from the first generation, the more genetic diversity will decrease, given the fact that the birthlines of the wolves will have intertwined over time, and it will be more likely for wolves to end up mating with relatives. The more overlapping gene pools, the higher chance of birth defects. For this reason, I do not think Option B is the best answer to the problem at hand.

The only objection I have to Option D is the fact that it incorporates waiting for the current wolves to vanish before attempting to stabilize the wolf population. I have no doubt that these wolves will die off, yet I still think time is of the essence and that it is best to introduce new wolves immediately, in order to get the moose population under control and to maintain order on the island. Option C is the best choice because it leaves room for genetic diversity and is not just a short term fix, but a long term solution. Were wolves to be introduced over a long period of time and whenever they were needed, this would allow the population to fully stabilize. Multiple packs could be introduced throughout the course of the plan, establishing much genetic diversity and hopefully limiting the amount of birth defects among the wolves. There would be no risk of the wolves ever dying off completely, because a new pack could just be introduced to the habitat. This solution can establish genetic diversity while at the same time keeping the group large enough to prevent the moose population from getting out of control.

In conclusion, I thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on this pressing matter. I really do think that Option C is the most logical and stable way to ensure the balance established between the moose and wolves on Isle Royale. While options B and D could also be considered, C is the only one to offer an immediate and long term remedy to the declining amount of wolves. Although I originally discovered this island because we were studying it in school, I now feel emotionally invested in the moose and wolf populations and am optimistic that order will once again exist on the island should the National Park Service step in to fix things. I am very hopeful that Island Royale will be able to stay a beautiful, unique, National Park, and that the populations of the animals living there will thrive and prosper, all the while keeping each other in check.

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Correspondence: Hi, My name is Brendan [REDACTED] and I'm a Freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. In my Biology class, we have been studying Isle Royale for the last couple of weeks. I am writing to you because I want to give my input on the current situation the wolves are currently facing. I know this is a very dire situation and I feel it's my duty as a citizen of the US to give my input. This study has been going on for over 50 years. It has been instrumental to the study of predator vs prey relationship. There needs to be more attention being paid to it. We can't let an end come to Isle Royale National Park. I'm aware that you have a total of four options. I feel that option C is the best option available right now which involves bringing Wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed to maintain a population of wolves on the Island for at least the next 20 years. I feel this option is the most beneficial and the one that will best impact the future of Isle Royale.

Isle Royale is one of the most magnificent National Parks in the United States. It is home to many beautiful moose. But with the huge number of beautiful moose, comes a huge loss of vegetation and that can prove fatal to many species of animals you have on your Island. The huge growing population of moose must be regulated or there might not be a future for Isle Royale. Moose mainly live off vegetation. Even in the winter, they eat twigs and shrubs. They depend on vegetation. However, Moose aren't the only animals that live off vegetation on Isle Royale. Beavers, Hares, Squirrels, and Mice on your island are all consumers of vegetation. So, as the number of moose keep rising, the amount of vegetation is going to decrease. This will most obviously affect the population of the moose, but it will also affect the population of the Beavers, Hares, Squirrels, and Mice because there will not be as much food for them. What about the animals that prey on them? Their population is going to be affected because the population of one of the animals they prey on is going down. Everything in nature is connected. So if you take one species out of the Isle Royale Food Web, many other animals are either going to be directly or indirectly affected by the change. The wolves control the population of moose on the island, so with less moose, there will be less loss of vegetation. So, a major benefit of reintroducing wolves is the positive effect they will have on the vegetation of Isle Royale.

If the wolves were reintroduced to the island, I think it would benefit the moose of Isle Royale in the long run. Because with overpopulation, there isn't going to be enough food to sustain their population. They need regulation to survive. An Isle Royale employee himself said, "It would seem highly advisable... to reduce the moose population." The best way to do that is to reintroduce wolves so they can regulate and reduce their population. When wolves first came to the island, it didn't destroy the moose population. It raised a little bit and dropped a little bit also. It regulated the population and allowed other species to get enough food to survive. With the ever growing moose population, who knows how long we have till they have eaten up all the food and start dying off. In the long run, Isle Royale would benefit from reintroducing wolves to the island as often as needed so they can maintain a population.

If wolves were reintroduced to the island, obviously it is going to benefit the wolves. In 1952, You introduced wolves to the island, and it didn't go well. However, you used wolves that grew up in the Detroit Zoo. They were born and raised in a zoo. Their food was always given to them. And they were more like dogs than actual wolves. They weren't fit to survive anywhere but a zoo, let alone an island that is completely isolated from anything they've known before. So, if you were to reintroduce wolves, I think it would be best if they were wild wolves. This way they would be fit to survive in the wild and could actually maintain a population. Once they are able to maintain a population, they could begin to thrive again and they would be able to regulate the moose population. As one of your employees put it, "Wolves give Isle Royale status." Without wolves, Isle Royale is a completely different place. Reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale, would benefit the wolves, and the long-term success of Isle Royale.

The case study on the relationship between wolves and moose has been going on for over 50 years. We can't let an end come to Isle Royale. Many people have spent time on this case study. Wolves have an enormous effect on an ecosystem, so who knows what could happen to Isle Royale. Many people come year after year to take in the beauty of Isle Royale. The ending of wolves will have a huge effect on Isle Royale. Who knows how big these changes could mean for the future of Isle Royale. This is why I feel we must reintroduce wolves as much as possible so they can maintain a population for at least the next 20 years. This way, the beauty of Isle Royale will live on forever.
Thank You, Brendan [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Due to the concerning state of wolves on Isle Royale, I would like to give my input towards finding a solution for this world-renowned national park. I am a highschool student currently enrolled in biology. For the past month, we have been studying the relationship between wolves and moose on the island. Through my research and overall understanding on this topic, I believe something should be done in order to stabilize this vital wolf population. Furthermore, I believe that alternative D is the best option going forwards, to resolve problems with the wolf population, the moose, and vegetation in the national park.

At this point, it is clear that wolves are in a rapid decline headed towards extinction. With only 3 wolves left on the island in 2015 chances of reproduction and overall natural rescue of the species are slim. Due to inbreeding and a small gene pool, wolves have suffered with solidating their population since 2005. Based on the data I have collected through graphing and monitoring the wolf size, it is best that the wolf population is restored after the remaining organisms are deceased. Due to the great genetic defects in these 3 wolves left from the original population, it is best to start over with a new pack. Thus insuring that the crucial wolf population on Isle Royale is healthy, strong, and the wolves are able to fulfill their ecological jobs. Wolves on Isle Royale may seem like just another species with one isolated function. But being at the top of the food change their part is more essential than that. Not only does the wolf population affect each other but it also interacts with all abiotic and biotic factors in the ecosystem. A quote from John Vucetich one of the researchers on Isle Royale says "What's really important here is not the presence of wolves per se but that the wolves are able to perform their ecological function." thus stating that the restoration of wolves is necessary for the overall well-being of the organisms on Isle Royale. Consequently, if nothing were to be done to insure the wolves stability. The Moose population would significantly increase causing the vegetation to plummet, finally leading to a catastrophic domino effect on the islands ecosystem. This outcome can be inferred due to the consistent data recorded over the past 50-year study on wolf and moose interactions. When the wolf population was constant the moose population was regulated therefore insuring the island's vegetation. But on the other hand, when the wolf population decreased moose levels grew and the vegetation greatly suffered throwing off the entire balance of Isle Royale's ecosystem. This knowledge can help us to conclude that the significant decrease in the wolf population will greatly affect not only the moose and vegetation but the entire arrangement of the ecosystem. Making this cause seem more important than ever. There are currently 4 alternatives being considered as the solution to this ongoing problem. All though all options are legitimate and have different benefits, there is no doubt that solution D is best for the wolves and overall future of Isle Royale. With an increase of over 700 hundred moose since 2011, it is known that the population will continue to soar once the wolves are gone. This proving that no help with the wolf population(option A) will have catastrophic effects on many populations and the health of the island vegetation. Overall harming the island more than helping it. There are two more options that are being discussed for management plans on Isle Royale. Both alternatives call for immediate action by added more wolves to the existing population.(Alternative B & C) This is problematic due to the genetic deformity present in the remaining wolves called LumboSacral Transitional Vertebrae(LSTV). This is a spin complication passed on through reproduction to severely hurt the wolf population. Although adding more wolves would create a greater gene pool the mutation would still be present in the new offspring, between the remaining wolves and the added ones. Thus putting the wolf species back in a state of decline due to LSTV. For these reasons it's seems that waiting till the original wolves die off to then "start over"(option d), is the most appropriate approach for this situation compared to the other alternatives provided by the national Park Service. In Conclusion, it has been made aware that something needs to be done to stabilize the problematic wolf population on Isle Royale. Based on evidence and research I can confidently state that alternative D is the best plan to enforce for the well-being of Isle Royale. It allows for a new healthy population of wolves to thrive on the Island and perform their duties, essential for the overall survival of the ecosystem. I hope that you can see my thoughts on this situation and you take my opinions and reason to heart when deciding the future of this unique national park.

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Correspondence: All parts of an ecosystem are important, especially in a case like Isle Royale, where there are so few components, all isolated on an island. The National Park Service has requested input from the public about the issue of the dwindling wolf population on Isle Royale, which I am writing this paper in response to. I am a freshman [REDACTED] and am learning about Isle Royale and its history. I believe that the best course of action for the NPS is Alternative C, introducing wolves onto the island as often as necessary to maintain a stable population for at least the next twenty years. The moose population can't be allowed to grow unrestricted or they will decimate the plant life on the island until it is barren. In order to preserve the natural order on the island that keeps the wolves, moose, and plants in check, wolves need to be reintroduced whenever necessary to keep the ecosystem stable.

Currently, the wolves on Isle Royale are close to extinction, with only three wolves remaining as of last years count. If no action is taken the wolves will likely be gone in the next year or two. Alternative C does not attempt to revive the current wolf population as they are already too far gone, but instead will introduce wolves to the island to create a stable population whenever needed for at least the next twenty years. This would provide a population of wolves that does not suffer from the effects of inbreeding, and would be better fit to survive on Isle Royale. This action would prevent the imminent boom of the moose population by reintroducing their only predator, the wolves.

At this time, the moose population on Isle Royale is growing rapidly, rising from 1050-1250 in the last year. With no interference the moose population will continue to grow because they have an abundance of food and space with no predators. The moose population will inevitably outgrow the new carrying capacity of Isle Royale, causing a mass death of moose. Although the wolves kill the moose, the moose would be better off with the wolves on the island because they would ideally be kept at a more stable population that would not have to suffer through the massive population surges and deaths. Over the next 20 years, ideally, the carrying capacity of the moose would be lowered, so that food is not their limiting resource which would prevent major damage to plants.

The plants are another part of the ecosystem that will be drastically affected by this decision. When wolves are present they keep the moose in check which prevents them from eating all of the plants on the island. If the wolves die out on the island the moose population will grow unchecked, and in turn will completely demolish the plant life on Isle Royale. If the wolves are reintroduced soon then the moose population wont have a chance to get to that size, because it can only grow so fast, but if we wait too long, then it may be too late for the plants on the island. Another animal that harms the plants are the beavers; according to Ron Meador of the MinnPost, the number of beaver colonies has increased by at least 70% since the wolves began to decline. Beavers eat many different plants and also twigs and the inner bark of trees. Without the wolves to limit the beaver population, they, along with the moose, would devastate the plant life.

The danger to plant life and other things is obviously a problem that will arise when the wolves die out, but why is Alternative C the best option to prevent this? Alternative A says that in no situation should we put wolves back into the ecosystem of Isle Royale. I would assume that people who support Alternative A believe that is the correct course of action for moral reasons, saying that the National Park Service has always had a policy of non-involvement, but I don't think that argument is valid. In 1995, the Park Service actually did something similar to what is proposed here by reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone National Park. In addition to that, according to the NOAAs article on the Endangered Species Act of 1973, The Endangered Species Act of 1973(ESA) provides for the conservation of species that are endangered or threatened throughout all or a significant portion of their range, and the conservation of the ecosystems on which they depend. In my opinion this applies directly to the situation of the wolves on Isle Royale, the grey wolf is endangered in both the state of Michigan and obviously on Isle Royale. Also, the wolves are a necessary part of the ecosystem on Isle Royale, they limit the moose and beaver populations, preventing the destruction of the plant life on the island. By this reasoning I think that the National Park Service is legally obligated to reintroduce the wolves to Isle Royale.

Now you know why Alternative A is not the correct choice, but what about B and D? Alternative B is very similar to Alternative C, it entails introducing the wolves as a one time action, instead of whenever necessary as in Alternative C. There is no real problem with this option, but it leaves a much smaller margin for error, because if the first attempt to reintroduce wolves fails, you can't just try it again as with Alternative C. Alternative D is similar to Alternative C as well, it proposes that we wait until the effects of the loss of wolves reaches a certain threshold before reintroducing them. My only problem with this alternative is that it will take a while for action to be taken, because if it is chosen they would still need to decide what that threshold will be specifically, and in my opinion, by the time all of that happens the island may already be beyond saving, action needs to be taken immediately. I strongly believe that Alternative C is the best option for the National Park Service in regard to the future of Isle Royale. If Alternative C is chosen, wolves will be brought to the island whenever it is needed to keep their population stable. Otherwise, the moose will be permitted to run around the island free to wreak havoc on the plant life, and the fragile balance of the ecosystem will be destroyed. The moose will eat the island bare and the beavers will destroy the forests. Alternative C is the best hope to prevent this because it will reintroduce wolves immediately and whenever necessary for the next 20 years, it will reinstate the wolf population at the top of the food web, limit the moose and beaver populations, and allow the plant life to continue to survive.

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Correspondence: Written Response to NPS Regarding the Isle Royale Dilemma

Hello, my name is Jack [REDACTED], I'm a freshman at [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I'm writing this response because I feel as though it is my duty and right as a citizen of the United States to voice my personal opinion. I also believe that because Isle Royale is a national park, and because it has been closely observed for over 40 years, as many opinions as possible should be gathered. After multiple weeks of research that pertains to the Isle Royale dilemma that is taking place right now, I'm aware that the wolf population is at an all time low. We need to figure out a way to save the whole ecosystem of Isle Royale. As of now, we have 4 options to choose from. I have decided that the best choice to implement is option D. I strongly believe that we should not do anything right now. We should let the wolves either die out or miraculously let the wolves recover from the dangerously low population level. Then, over the next few decades, we could bring in as many wolves as needed. This seems like the best long-term option because the island needs wolves to stay stable.

As we know, the wolves and the moose are an example of a direct predator prey relationship. But right now, because of LSTV, the genetic deformity that affects the pelvic bone, which lessens the wolves ability to hunt, the wolves are not strong enough to eat and regulate the moose population. With only 3 wolves left, this problem continuously increases every year. If we brought over wolves right now, the problem will just get exponentially worse as the new wolves may mate with the wolves with LSTV. I believe we should just let the wolves naturally die out so that the LSTV is permanently removed from the vital wolf population on Isle Royale. According to the 2015 annual report, the 3 wolves only traveled in the eastern part of the island. I suggest that we release the new wolves into the west side of the island. That part of the island has more vegetation growing since no wolves have lived in that area of the island in the last year. By adding wolves every once in awhile, it will allow the wolves population begin to thrive and regulate slowly. The wolves only need to be pregnant for two months before having their pups born. This means that the population will continue to rise due to the fast reproduction rate and the abundance of food on the island like moose and beavers.. If we just give the wolves a chance to raise a healthy population free of diseases and genetic mutations, they will start to thrive on the island. The island can only benefit from having a large wolf population, because it will balance out the ecosystem. The graph clearly shows, with a bit of delay, when the wolf population rises, the moose population drops. That up and down with the levels of each population shows stability. Stability in an ecosystem is absolutely necessary. The rich relationship between the two populations makes me think that without wolves on the island, how would the moose be affected by a lack of wolves? We've seen that the wolf population has dropped to 3 wolves, the moose population has started to drop quite quickly. The island just won't thrive without the wolf population. When we need to release the wolves onto the island, we must make sure that they aren't zoo animals that are trained and tamed. Obviously that was already tested and it didn't work. The wolf populations were just too different and the new wolves couldn't handle what the island brought them since they had lived in captivity.

The benefit of this option for the moose would be great. With the addition of wolves, it would stabilize the two populations. When one population goes up, the other goes down. It is a bit delayed but that's generally what happens. A stable ecosystem works like that. One population rises while the other falls. When the wolves are introduced, the wolf population will shoot up at first, but then they will start feeding on moose and their population will rise, while the moose population will fall, because they are being preyed on.

In conclusion, option D is the most effective and beneficial option for the island since it benefits all of the populations, not just the wolves or moose. By adding the wolves in slowly over the next couple of decades, it stabilizes the whole ecosystem, and Isle Royale will thrive once again. Thank you for reading this response.

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Correspondence: Ecosystems are the basis of life and interactions as we know it on Earth. There are many ecosystems, but one in particular is in danger of changing drastically. As of the last population count, there are 3 wolves on Isle Royale, and are on the brink of extinction. I am a freshman student [REDACTED]. I'm writing this response to give my insight on what should be done about the dwindling wolf population on the island. In one of the National Park Service's letters, they outlined four options for what can be done about the wolf population. In my opinion the National Park Service should go with Alternative D: to not take any immediate action until the vegetation population gets dangerously low.

In this claim, I am implying that the current wolf population on the island is to go extinct. Data on isleroyalewolf.org showed that around 2002, the wolf population started to decrease, and as of 2015 there are only 3 left. It is believe this is due to deformities becoming very prevalent in the wolf population, making it harder to hunt. This means after the remaining 3 wolves pass, there will no more wolves on the island, until either some migrate or it is necessary for the NPS to transfer some over. If wolves are reintroduced, their population will most likely skyrocket from the abundance of moose, and eventually

return to the average carrying capacity it was at before. However, since ice bridges are becoming uncommon due to global warming, it is unlikely more wolves will migrate to take their place. This means it is likely the only way new wolves will come to the island is through manual transfer. If we let the current wolf population die off, this can eliminate any remaining genetic abnormalities on the island, and the NPS can select a diverse population to keep the gene pool fresh. This would hopefully allow them to successfully hunt moose, and delay/prevent widespread deformation from occurring again. Data on isleroyalewolf.org show that at 2015, the moose population was at around 1250, and had been steadily increasing since 2011. This has been attributed to the decreasing wolf population. With a surplus of food and lack of predators, the population should keep rising. I suggested that the NPS allow the current wolf population to go extinct, which would allow the moose population to grow very quickly. The moose population would reach very high, but the moose themselves might be unprepared if wolves come back. Many people argue that allowing this to happen would be bad, but that isn't necessarily the case. John Vucetich from the Michigan Technological University once said "[By] studying simple things fills a niche you can't fill any other way, and provides a stepping stone to further studies." If we allow the moose population to live without a predator, it gives a great opportunity to study its effects on the living and nonliving factors of Isle Royale. However, if we see the vegetation population in danger of extinction from overfeeding by the moose, we can reintroduce wolves to control the moose population.

Allowing the moose population to grow uncontrolled would have a drastic effect on the population of the vegetation on the island. The MinnPost said that moose primarily graze on fir trees on Isle Royale. This means, if unmonitored, it is possible that the moose population could eat all of the fir trees on the island to extinction. The MinnPost also said that when wolf predation was still high: "fir trees on the western two-thirds of Isle Royale were growing to heights that put them safely out of reach of the moose". This leads me to believe allowing the moose population to grow would be good for research opportunities, because we can see how it affects the fir trees. Regardless, we would clearly see a decrease the population of fir trees, but we don't know for certain that they will go extinct. Perhaps only taller fir trees can survive and reproduce. Like all living things, the fir trees have adapted to their environment, so could we see them adapt again in an environment with more moose? We currently don't know for certain that the moose have the capability to graze the fir trees to extinction. However, in the event that we see the fir tree population become close to endangerment, we always have the option of intervening at a later time to save the fir trees.

With all of the responses the NPS has received, I'm sure there are very strong points as to why the alternatives are the best option. By taking no action (Alternative A), we run the risk of no wolves migrating over, and the moose population to grow uncontrolled. We can't change anything if we choose to take no action, we are allowing ourselves to sit back while the ecosystem changes drastically with no chance of saving any dying populations. Sending wolves as soon as possible, either as a one time event (Alternative B), or as multiple introductions (Alternative C) also runs risks. If the new wolves mate with the old ones, we run the possibility of the aforementioned genetic deformities to reappear in the population faster. Introducing wolves immediately also means they could possibly hunt the moose to low, and cause their own population to drop. The moose population has been increasing greatly since 2011, meaning the moose probably haven't felt extremely threatened by wolves in 5 years. As I said before, if we introduce the wolves then the moose might be unprepared. If the wolves kill enough moose, they won't have enough food and they'll be right back where we started. On the other hand, letting the moose population grow until it needs to be controlled means if wolves are reintroduced, the moose have time to adjust to the wolves again. On top of that, as I said before, introducing wolves right away doesn't allow us to study the island without predators. To summarize, I think Alternative D is the best because it removes the genetic malformations, ensures the wolves don't hunt the moose to extinction, but still gives us a chance to save any dying populations.

The shrinking wolf population on Isle Royale is certainly a serious problem. Unfortunately, it is a little too late for genetic rescue, which means a wolf population on Isle Royale would need to be completely new. In my opinion, we shouldn't take any action now, but we should have the option open to send in new wolves if needed. We haven't gathered a lot of information on how the island was before wolves came, and now is our chance to see. If it turns out that the Isle is fine without wolves, then we won't need to send any. However, if they are needed we are aware and have the opportunity to save any endangered populations. Going through with Alternative D also eliminates the disabled wolves, and secures the safety of the moose population. Alternative D gives the best of all three other alternatives, by allowing Isle Royale to stay an important location for economic study, but also preserve the remaining wildlife.

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Correspondence: Last year, the NPS reached out to the public looking for input and advice as to how to handle the situation of rapidly declining wolf populations on Isle Royale National Park. As of the most recently released data in the 2014-2015 report, only three wolves remained on the island, one being a extremely genetically malformed pup. Being part of the public interested in the study, I decided to respond. My name is Rose [REDACTED], and I am a high school student in Park Ridge Illinois. I chose to write to the NPS because, after learning about the case study in class, I found the study extremely interesting and the state of it very concerning. I like the concept of studying nature almost completely untainted by human interference, because it shows a fair amount of how the world could have worked before humans began to interfere with all life around them. However, it is a constant concern for the effects of a lack of wolves on the island that has led me to believe that an intervention may also be necessary, both for the sake of study and of the environment. It is for these reasons that I firmly believe that following alternative D would be the best approach to the situation. By letting nature take its course with no interference from humanity, you can see the effects of certain circumstances on the islands populations and environment, but the study can be kept alive with the help of human intervention when it is clear the lack of wolves is taking a drastic toll on the island itself.

The future decisions made on the case study of Isle Royale will affect all aspects of the life there, from the wolves and the moose to the vegetation. The primary issue being with the wolves, we would need to look at their situation closely. The wolves of Isle Royale are so inbred that they are rather genetically malformed, a problem that will only get worse if inbreeding continues, which could and is quickly leading the study downhill in terms of the wolves. However, as seen in the past, genetic rescue is a possible savior for the wolves. In 1997, a certain wolf #93 came to Isle Royale, and in a single year boosted the wolf pack from 14 wolves to 25. According to Rob Meador of the Minnpost, some study leaders in previous years were considering both human instigated genetic rescue and placing carefully selected wolves on the island after the original packs had completely died off as options for the continuation of the study. However, according to the 2014-2015 Isle Royale Annual Report, it is predicted that genetic rescue would be highly unlikely at this point in time. It is not, though, completely impossible. Alternative D provides a versatile solution to this problem. If natural genetic rescue does occur before the criteria is met for which humans must intervene, the study can continue with no interference necessary. However, as this is a highly unlikely occurrence, a backup plan is still available. If there is still the possibility of genetic rescue if it is instigated properly, foreign wolves can be placed on the island once designated criteria are met to see if it can still occur. If the wolves are beyond genetic rescue, and it is clear natural replacement will not happen, there is still the option to wait until the wolves that currently reside there die out, then manually replace them with carefully selected wolves from elsewhere. It has been previously proven that the lack of wolves would have a very negative impact on the island, so alternative D provides the widest range of opportunity to keep the wolves alive and healthy on Isle Royale.

The wolves lives are proven to affect almost every aspect of the island, whether directly or indirectly. One species they most strongly directly affect is the moose, their main prey. The moose seem harmless, but are proven to be devastating to their habitat if left to roam free. According to the Isle Royale website, predation on Isle Royale the past couple years has been practically nonexistent due to the abnormally low numbers of wolves. This has led to a boom in the moose population, and to many problems for the island. The moose, even at low population, can eat a considerable amount of vegetation. However, at such a high population, the amount of foliage consumed can be devastating to the island. According to the Isle Royale website, the moose population has reached such heights only once before, and during that time the foliage on the island was put in serious trouble. Not only that, but the moose

will be a danger to themselves. In the past, when the moose population grew to such heights, they were the bringers of their own doom. By consuming so much foliage, they give the plants - specifically the Balsam Firs - no time to grow and reproduce. The moose will not have enough foliage to provide for themselves, and therefore starve many of each other unintentionally. While it is highly unlikely that they will starve themselves into extinction, it puts a severe damper on the moose population, changing the balance of the environment, especially with the quantity of foliage they destroy. The plants on Isle Royale are being hit hard due to new rapid growth in moose population due to lack of predation. According to a Minnpost article by Rob Meador, many researchers, especially the head Rolf Peterson, have worried a great deal about the state of the plants in the past few years. The balsam fir population on Isle Royale has had a hard time due to so much consumption by the moose. However, with the moose populations booming, there is a good possibility that the moose could pretty much destroy the balsam fir population, a devastating situation for both the moose and the island. The firs have never been given the chance to grow to heights that allow them to both outgrow the moose's reach and reproduce. Many of the trees have never been able to grow to the necessary 9 feet over the past 60-70 years, meaning that even if the wolves were genetically rescued, it may be too late. However, reintroduction - an available option per alternative D after certain situational requirements are met - could greatly help the populations of every species on Isle Royale. The moose would be regulated, preventing them from growing and crashing too much and hurting themselves as a population, while the vegetation would experience a relief period, as the increase of wolves would lead to a decrease of moose that would be consuming every inch of foliage on the island. All in all, the island as a whole would simply benefit from the results of following a plan based around the criteria of alternative D. It was legitimately hard to determine which option I believe would be the best for the Isle Royale Study. However, in the end, the other options had some flaws that made option D seem most logical. Alternative A, letting nature simply take its course, was an option I long considered, but eventually had too many problems with. With the increasingly warm climate, it just seems even more unlikely that the wolves will have a chance to rescue themselves via ice bridge before the island is partially destroyed due to exploding moose populations eating everything in sight. I had tried to think of advantages to letting life simply go on the island as it had before, but in the end, I just kept ending up at the conclusion that research backed up: It would just be too damaging to the environment. In terms of alternative B, reintroducing wolves one time to reboot the study, I had one big issue: What happens if those wolves fail? If they left or died out, we would just be back at square one, and spending so much time trying to make decisions about the study may just drag on until it is too late to do anything more to help the study recover. I largest issue I had with option C was that we simply did not give the study time to possibly fix itself. Yes, there may be little time to get the study back on track, and natural rescue is unlikely, but I am also hesitant to jump to conclusions and to interfere where interference is not yet proven necessary. If the goal is to observe the predator-prey relationships in an unaltered environment, then interfering prematurely just seems to be going against that mission. Alternative D allows time for natural rescue to occur, but with in insurance of human intervention if absolutely necessary, making for the most widespread and effective approach to helping the study survive. The condition of the Isle Royale case study is a controversial one, and one that requires time and thought to figure out how to fix. I am grateful that the NPS gave the public the opportunity to pitch in and give their opinion as to how to handle the situation. While Alternatives A, B, and C are all strong possibilities and could prove useful to keeping the study alive, option D provides the most blanketed covering of all possible issues that may arise with the Isle Royale study. It allows nature time to fix the lack of wolves, as recommended by option A, but also provides insurance in the fact that if the wolves are not naturally helped, and the other factors of Isle Royale are damaged by the lack of wolves, human interference is possible to help the environment remain healthy. We may not be able to see the future, but we can watch, anticipate, and do our best to work with what is provided for us.

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Correspondence: I am Maggie [REDACTED], a student at [REDACTED]. I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the ecosystem of Isle Royale if the wolf population dies out now or even in the future. I believe that without the wolves in the ecosystem of Isle Royale the island itself won't physically look as beautiful like it did years ago. Alternative C of bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a large population of wolves would be the most beneficial to the entire ecosystem in Isle Royale. Alternative C would assist in keeping a large gene pool which helps with a higher rate of mating. It would also help plant life grow and develop with the added wolves hunting more plant eating moose. With a higher amount of plant life abiotic factors in an ecosystem will grow creating a different appearance of the entire island. One reason alternative C would be more successful than other alternatives, is due to past history on the island. It is clear to see since 1960 the wolf population has decreased tremendously. The resolution of other alternatives are too similar to what has happened in the period of 1960 till now. A set amount of wolves were on the Island and when the population decreased due to long term effects, maintaining the carrying capacity was a lot harder. With bringing wolves to the island whenever necessary the dilemma of losing genetically diverse population wouldn't exist. One suggestion in terms of bringing the wolves to the island right away would be bringing separate packs and having a set number to bring from each pack. Bringing three different packs with three different pairs of mates could help increase population and mating within each pack. It would help the gene pool because not only are there now more wolves in each pack but more packs then before that are able to roam the island. In 1982 due to increased inbreeding and passing a genetic disease wolves were at a population of fourteen. Found from isleroyalewolf.org, only two short years earlier the population of the wolves were at fifty. With this genetic disease of lumbosacral transitional vertebrae it is shown that the spine is malformed and damage would be done to the hind legs of the dog. Starving to death occurred as a result to this because of the struggle to hunt down the prey of the moose. This disease is a perfect example of how bad increased inbreeding is to long term effects. Especially with increased inbreeding, the disease of lumbosacral transitional vertebrae creates the problem for future generations of wolves starving due to not being able to hunt. In healthy, outbred populations LSTV occurs in one out of every one-hundred wolves. With this statistic it is clear to see that bringing new wolves to the island would bring down this percentage of wolves with lumbosacral transitional vertebrae. It would help the ecosystem because the wolves now can hunt the moose they need to obtain energy ,which indirectly causes the vegetation to grow around the island. The introduction of different packs of the wolves would help the rate of inbreeding go down. If situations are needed for inbreeding more wolves from a specific pack could be added. With adding more wolves to this ecosystem a very important factor in these decisions are the moose. According to isleroyalewolf.org, the wolves save the island's forests from the aspen eating moose. Moose arrived on the island first, hundreds of years before the wolves and of course their numbers grew in size with the absence of predators. Since the wolves number one predator is the moose with the extinction of the wolves (regardless of short term or long term factors) the moose population may grow to a dangerous ratio on the island. Even with short term effect on the moose the population will eventually go back to its carrying capacity. One example found from http://www.isleroyalewolf.org/overview/overview/at_a_glance.html shows that from 2002 till about 2008 the moose suffered series of hot summers. With these hot summers the moose fed less and spent their time away from the sun in the shade. This caused the moose to be undernourished and less prepared for winter. However, the moose bounced back the next year to an estimated amount of two-hundred and ninety in 2008 to six-hundred and fifty moose in 2009. This bounce back occurred with the predictor of the wolves still on the island. Imagine without having a predator, the moose population could grow multiple times that size. One scary thing to think about is what will happen to the vegetation on the island with this surplus of moose. The growth in the population of the moose would affect the size of the vegetation on the island the most. Vegetation is a factor on the island that provides a beautiful physical appearance. Without it, the island may look dull or not as full-of-life to it's fullest ability . This would be upsetting for the public to see such a once beautiful island turn into just another area of land. As mentioned earlier and discovered from isleroyalewolf.org, the predator to prey relationship of the wolves and moose help the vegetation on the island to expand primarily because wolves are the moose only predator. Losing the vegetation wouldn't just directly affect the physical appearance of the island but also indirectly affect the animals that use the vegetation to build their habitats. Found from https://www.nps.gov/isro/learn/nature/upload/Population_ver7.pdf one animal such as the beaver are affected by the loss of vegetation to build their habitat. With this plant based habitat being gone the size in population of the beavers will soon decline.

Also affected by the decline of over the next twenty years are any prey of the beavers, population will rise as a result of their predator being gone. It is clear to see how the absence of the wolves not only affects the wolves but also the life all around the island. With regulating the amount of wolves on the island vegetation can grow at a controlled ratio of moose to plants which will benefit to the entire ecosystem.

In conclusion it is easy to see why alternative C is the best choice in helping the growth and development in the Isle Royale ecosystem. It would help the moose population be stable along with the population of vegetation and overall appearance of the island. Alternative A also aids in protection and security that if anything does happen to the wolves carrying capacity, the option to bring more wolves is available. Other alternatives may be helpful for a short amount of time but do not assist in the needs of the island for the next twenty years. Alternative A discusses how nothing should be done with the current size in population with the wolves. Looking into choice A it contains the possibility of the current wolf population dying out. This would be a horrible thing to see for the wolves and entire ecosystem for the island. Letting the wolves die out would ruin the island as a whole due to all the other life that need the wolves to support their stable populations. Alternative B explains how the NPS would bring wolves to the Island as a one-time event over a longer amount of time. The action would occur as soon as possible. This Alternative is not the right choice for Isle Royale because it is too similar to events that have happened in the past. Only bringing the wolves to the island one time instead of like Alternative C; bringing the wolves to the island whenever needed, threatens possibility in population size decreasing. If a disease ever broke out and a long term effect occurred that affected the reaction of the carrying capacity of the island's ecosystem, it could potentially lead in where we are standing today. Lastly, Alternative D isn't the best fit in terms of Isle Royale's ecosystem over the next 20 years because of immediate action that won't be taking place. Choice D describes how the NPS will allow the natural process to occur and the possibility of thresholds being formed. This choice is similar to alternative A because it brings up the dilemma of the current wolf population dying out. Even with the threshold formed it is not a guarantee that a new population will grow and survive. I really hope that the people working for the Isle Royale National Park after reading this understand why bringing wolves to the island immediately and whenever necessary can truly help the ecosystem of Isle Royale. After researching about this Island I have realized that there are not many quiet, isolated and limited human areas that exist in the modern world we live in today. It would truly be a shame if the ecosystem fell apart due to the choosing of the incorrect option for this island's future. Thank you for reading and I hope this persuades you to consider alternative C.

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Correspondence: My fellow classmates and I have been very moved over the past months while studying ecology; specifically the changes occurring in Isle Royale National Park. At the start of our studies, we were given promising information on the balance of wolves and moose living on the island. We got to study the growth of the wolf population; while they were still thriving. From seeing the wolf population drop from its peak of 50 to a low of a lonely 3 wolves, I got to thinking. Thinking about the effect we as humans have on our planet and how that relates to the effect the wolves have on the ecosystem of Isle Royale. By watching videos, reading articles, viewing photos, and developing a knowledge for the situation, I found myself troubled and saddened by the current situation of the wolves and future of the island if nothing is done. As a citizen of this country and someone who is concerned for the planet we inhabit, I would like to give my input on what should be done for these Isle Royale Wolves. I believe that the best option right now, considering how dire the situation has become, is to immediately put a new pack of wolves onto the island and do so when needed in the future; this is alternative C that was sent out by you, the National Park System.

Considering that the most recent data sent out by the Isle Royale National Park is that there are three wolves left (2015 data), the situation is dire for this species. According to Science Magazine, over the last 16 years, an ice bridge has formed only two times. This information expands on the effect of climate change to the island and provides reason for a claim to be made that an ice bridge will likely not form in winters to come. If a new pack of wolves was introduced to the island, this would immediately be beneficial. Wolves tend to feed on 10 pounds of meat per day, but they don't hunt each day; they may starve themselves, and then consume a large amount of meat when they finally make a kill. If wolves are immediately introduced onto the island, they will be able to bring in a new line of genes, though it is highly unlikely that they would mate with the existing wolves on the island. According to the annual report done by Rolf Peterson and John Vukovich, predation rates on the island have basically been slim to none over the past four years. The moose population is growing at an average of 22% per year, which means that their size will be doubled in three years time. Predation would rise if new wolves were introduced, which would regulate the moose population.

The wolves of Isle Royale have a huge impact on the ecosystem. By not being able to successfully hunt the moose, the moose will overrun the island, which will have a delayed effect on all abiotic and biotic factors of this ecosystem. By looking at the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park, it is easy to see the general effects wolves can have on a system. During the time of not having wolves in Yellowstone, the elk population grazed down the Aspen trees, and ate shrubs and vegetation on the banks of the Yellowstone river. This in turn made water levels of the river go down to little natural shade of the river, causing many aquatic animals to die as well. When wolves were reintroduced in 1995, the ecosystem went through positive changes to fix the things that had deteriorated the ecosystem. The same changes could be expected for Isle Royale. If wolves are no longer in the ecosystem, preying on the moose, negative changes will occur. We see some of these changes happening already, referencing the wild growth of the moose population. The vegetation in the lake surrounding the island will be eaten, vegetation in the water on the island will be eaten, as well as the trees and plants on the island. This will cause many other species who prey on the vegetation to die, and even could change the way water flows around the island, which is shown in the video How Wolves Change Rivers.

There are other options on the table for Isle Royale which were proposed by the NPS. Alternative A is not the right choice because if nothing is done, this beautiful ecosystem will collapse right before our eyes. The existing wolves will die off, leaving the moose to roam, reproduce, and graze down all of the vegetation. Alternative B is similar to C, but will not be as effective as needed. It is ideal that wolves be placed on the island as soon as a decision is made, but who says that the same inbreeding problem will not happen in another 50 years? As mentioned before, climate change is making a big impact on the decline of the Isle Royale wolves, so they will most likely remain isolated from a natural genetic rescue if needed down the road. That is why alternative C will provide them with a genetic rescue when one is needed again. Alternative D is not ideal as well because the implication will not happen immediately. If a solution is not found soon, this ecosystem will fold on itself.

As you can see, these wolves and this island need your help. Without the introduction of new wolves to this island, moose will overrun and ruin the ecosystem of Isle Royale. Alternative C needs to be implemented for the safety and insurance that these wolves will never go extinct from Isle Royale. Your influence, passion and love for the environment, and dedication to the National Park Services are needed and greatly appreciated in this dire situation. The wolves of Isle Royale have influenced the way I treat the environment around me and I hope that in years to come, other people can be moved as well.

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Correspondence: I am an [REDACTED] Biology student at [REDACTED]. We are learning about the history of Isle Royale, and how the populations have fluctuated in the past. As you know, recently, the population has been extremely low. I am writing this in response to the National Park Service because I am concerned about the future of the Isle Royale ecosystem. The wolf population affects not only the moose population, but indirectly affects the vegetation population, which then affects other animals on the island. If wolves went extinct on the island, then it would have a devastating effect on the island. That is why I think Alternative B would be best for the ecosystem.

Over the next 20 years, I believe that bringing wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event would be best both for the ecosystem, and the study. As a one-time event, it will not disrupt the study as much as bringing wolves over the next 20 years as needed, since it would be marked one time, and would be just like when the wolves first came to this Island. Predators and prey keep ecosystems in balance. If we remove predators from an ecosystem in can have awful effects to the ecosystem. A previous event in 1986 in Venezuela proves this idea. When a dam flooded that turned into Lake Guri, it wiped out predators such as jaguars, harpy eagles, and armadillos. This caused prey, such as howler monkeys, iguanas, and leaf-cutting ants populations to multiply rapidly. The increased population devoured the entirety of a one "pristine" forest. (National Geographic, 2005) This irrecoverable event could happen in Isle Royale unless we introduce new wolves onto the island.

Alternative B is best for the island, and can be proven by contradiction. If we did nothing, as Alternative A suggests, inbreeding and genetic deformations would catch up with the wolves even more than it has already, and the wolves would die out. If we continue current management, such as Alternative D suggests, and wait until it's absolutely necessary to bring new wolves to the island, the moose population will be high, and the vegetation population will be low, which will upset the balance of the ecosystem, and may be an irrecoverable ecological disaster such as when the predator-prey system was upset when the Guri Dam flooded. What differentiates Alternative B from C, is that B would be a one-time event. When Isle Royale was first studied, the wolves came as a one time event, and wolves came and went naturally. Even though wolves came and went, it was a natural occurrence so it could be included in the population graph. If we kept bringing in wolves to Isle Royale, it wouldn't be a natural occurrence, and would disrupt the study, and would have to be noted, and would make the population graph incorrect, because previous years populations have all been natural, and not introduced by man.

Alternative B is the best for both the study and the ecosystem, and unlike others, it does not have to compromise the ecosystem for the study, or vice versa. It's the best choice for both those concerned for the ecosystem and those concerned for the study. That is why I believe Alternative B is the best decision to make to save Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Hi, my name is Colleen [REDACTED], I am [REDACTED] Park Ridge, IL. I am writing to you to say my opinion on what should be done for the wolves on Isle Royale. For the last couple of weeks my biology class has been studying Isle Royale and the interactions between the wolves and the moose. After studying this and learning about the relationship between the animals and the current condition of the wolves I believe the best option is option D. The option where we should wait until the threshold is met and then intervene and help the population.

I believe that this is the best option for many reasons. My first reason is that we need to do something to help this situation, we can't go with option A because if the wolf population dies then the moose population will grow to unhealthy numbers, ruining the wildlife. Once these numbers get over the carrying capacity then the moose population will start to die too. The elimination of the predator, in the case of Isle Royale, the wolves, doesn't only have an effect on the moose but on the vegetation. Since the moose population will be higher, then they will be eating more, causing a decrease in vegetation and over time a decrease in the moose population due to the lack of vegetation. If option B is chosen then what happens if in the future the population starts to become more in danger, we won't be able to do anything because we said we would only add new wolves in once. We would just be in the same spot in the future having to decide whether we should intervene again or not. With option D we have the possibility of putting new wolves in the ecosystem as many times as needed. So if the population ever does get close to extinction again we can save it without having to go through a long process debating on if we should or shouldn't. If we do option B or C, the disease within the younger wolf as of 2015 will still be in the gene pool. If the disease is still there then that will just carry on through the rest of the gene pool causing poor hunting and deaths. Another reason we can't do this is because what if the new population decides to mate with the old population, like Old Gray Guy. Then the disease will still be in the gene pool. Another reason we shouldn't rely on options b or c is that when you released the new options you also released the estimated schedule for making the decision. You say that you won't release the final plan until approximately Summer/Fall 2017, by this time the wolf population on the island may be gone already. Then you will have to go through the whole process of asking what we should do again which will take a long time. By the time that decision is made it may be too late, the moose population may be ruining the island like we have seen in other instances where there the predator is eliminated from the ecosystem. The predator population and the prey population balance each other out making it stable, but when one is removed the other population either explodes or dies. We can see that with what happened in Venezuela's Caroni River, the flood wiped out key predators like jaguars, harpy eagles and armadillos. With these animals gone their prey practically destroyed the once pristine forest.

We need to wait to see what happens with the wolves and then come and help. There have been low points in the wolf population where they bounce back, so they could possibly do it now. We need to go with choice d for this reason. In the MINNPOST article, What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say, David Mech exclaimed "We have cried wolf for 25 years. Let's just wait and see what happens!". The couple of wolves on the island are older also, so they won't survive much longer unless they somehow find a way to keep the population alive, which has happened in the past. And said in the MINNPOST article, Howling pups show Isle Royale wolves are reproducing, but not out of danger, it is said that "the howls of new wolf pups have been heard for the first time in two years." This shows that the wolves are still trying to reproduce and save their population without anyone intervening. They may be able to save their population without our help, so we should stay back and watch how the wolves handle the situation. However this may not be the case because later in the article it says, "it's not uncommon to have a half-dozen pups born and none survive - or, on the hand, for all of them to survive. So it's a wait-and-see kind of thing". This describes exactly what we need to do, but instead of dealing with pups, we are dealing with a whole population. It isn't necessary for us to get involved until the population is gone. So we just have to wait until then before we do anything. In conclusion, option D is the best option, where we should wait until the threshold is met and then intervene and help the population. Having the possibility to put new wolves onto the island either just one time, or as many times as needed to fulfill the wolf population. If we choose to follow through with option A, the moose population and vegetation on the island could become extinct. If we choose option B, what happens if the wolf population comes near extinction in the future, we won't be able to do anything. Lastly, if we choose option C there is the possibility of the new wolves mating with the old wolves and passing on the disease into the gene pool still. When you look at all of these different aspects it is easy to see that option D is the best option for the wolves, moose, and overall the island.

Thank you for taking your time to read this.

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Correspondence: My name is Hannah [REDACTED], a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois, and I am writing in regards to the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan. The motive behind my response is the desire to have my opinions and thoughts heard on the problem at hand. My biology class has been studying the Isle Royale predator-prey case as our current unit. The research we have done on ecology and the specific case study has given me the opportunity to have a voice in what happens to the wolf population. I hope that my input is read and taken into consideration by the National Park Service. I have contemplated all of the alternatives that the NPS has provided the public with and have come to the conclusion that alternative A, in my opinion, is best for the betterment of the island. Alternative A states that the NPS would not intervene and would continue its current management. This allows for the introduction of new wolves through natural processes, such as migration.

The wolf population has been decreasing for a couple years now from thirty in 2006 to three in 2015. This decrease in wolf population has led to the

increase of a very low moose population. If the wolves were to go extinct the moose population would skyrocket and grow exponentially. The spike in moose would endanger the foliage and plants that the moose feed on. Eventually, the moose would run out of plants and foliage to feed on and would go extinct. This would allow for the plants and foliage to grow back and the island would become healthy again. A new species would be able to find a home and thrive there. If we were to intervene and add new wolves to the island experts say that 82 percent of the heterozygosity would be lost within a fifty year period. The same problems of inbreeding would occur. This is if the new reintroduced wolves even mate with the wolves of Isle Royale. There is the possibility that the two different packs won't mate and inbreeding would occur even quicker.

This is not the first time something like this has happened. In the early nineteenth century, the lynx and caribou were in the same situation and nothing was done about it. Species are constantly disappearing and reappearing on Isle Royale. This cycle has been going on for years, and the vegetation has been able to grow back during the period of species' absences. Just because humans now know about these disappearances of certain species, this does not mean that humans have to intervene. "What we are protecting and preserving here, so far as it is possible and practical to do so, are actually the processes of nature in which the only permanent thing is change, - change which is permitted to take place with the very minimum of human guidance or control. The essence of place is its wild beauty..." This is a statement is a direct quote from the NPS Isle Royale website under laws and policies. By reintroducing wolves into nature the NPS would be hindering the process of change that the Isle Royale environment is going through right now.

Other Alternatives may use the Yellowstone reintroduction of wolves to support their claim. However, using the Yellowstone project and its success is not a fair comparison for the Isle Royale situation. Yellowstone geography is one major difference between itself and Isle Royale. Isle Royale is an island in the middle of Superior Lake with an area of 206.7 miles, while Yellowstone National Park is 3,468 miles in area. The secludedness of Isle Royale and difference in size will not bring about the same results or changes as those in Yellowstone. The Yellowstone wolves had a much more vast selection for breeding mates allowing for genetic diversity and healthier offspring since the park is a part of the mainland. However, on Isle Royale the wolves would not have the option of new wolf packs migrating to mate with. The process of inbreeding and malformations would be inevitable unless reintroduction happened every couple of years. One can understand the reasons behind reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone, but just because it was successful there does not mean the same results will occur elsewhere.

The other options may seem appealing to those who have a hard time letting a population go extinct. However, the reality of reintroducing new wolves into the population will cause the same problems in years to come. At first things may seem great with the population of the wolves increasing, the moose population decreasing, and the vegetation growing back. Eventually, the problem of inbreeding will find its way back to the front of the problems on Isle Royale. Yes, some may say that wolves with different genes could keep being reintroduced every couple of years, but one must consider the costs.

Taxpayers' money would be the one funding this reintroduction of wolves. Reintroducing wolves can be expensive, ranging from 200,000 to one million dollars per wolf. Reintroducing wolves every couple of years would add up year after year. The cost of not reintroducing wolves would be the decrease in vegetation and plant populations and increase in moose populations. This would lead to the cycle talked to the cycle talked was mentioned above. Finally, the reintroduction process could easily be a ten to twelve year process in which the wolves could go extinct and the moose population would grow larger and larger causing more problems for the NPS. Is it worth it to save the wolf species on this island? Why make the wolves suffer from more genetic malformations or deformities? Or should we allow a new predator-prey relationship make its way to Isle Royale?

Is this more for our benefit than for the wolves? Is the intervention only to save the wolves? Or is it for the park service and the tourists? The disappearance of the wolf population does not mean the end of the Isle Royale ecosystem or the end of a scientific study of ecology. Think of the data and observations that could be collected from the extinction of the wolves such as moose population, moose behavior, plant population, effects on the island, etc. We can't let our emotions get in the way of natural processes. Things we care about are constantly appearing and disappearing for better or for worse. Intervening means the start of perpetual manipulation of the wolf population and the island. For these reasons I personally believe that alternative A would be best for the island and its future. Thank you for the opportunity to respond and voice my opinions on this unique situation.

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Correspondence: My name is Alexa [REDACTED] and I am writing from [REDACTED]. I am offering my response to the declining wolf population problem in Isle Royale because I am concerned with the decreasing population and the future of the ecosystem. Since my biology class has been studying the wolf and moose population of Isle Royale, I have a very good understanding of the ecosystem on the island and how the populations affect each other. I have seen the populations fluctuate over time, on a graph, and I have seen the highs and lows of each population. The wolf population has had a high of fifty wolves in 1980, but right now they are at an all time low, with only three wolves on the island in 2015, including one malformed pup and the two parents that will likely not mate again. There has been a malformation in the wolves that causes damage to the nerves that control hind legs and tails in the wolves. This malformation is a cause of inbreeding among the wolves and there is a 33% incidence of this happening to Isle Royale wolves and only a 1% incidence of it happening to wolves in other packs (data obtained from isleroyalewolf.org). This is why the wolf population on the island is in danger and something needs to be done as soon as possible to save it from extinction. I have considered all of the options that the National Park Service has introduced to the public and I have decided that the best option at this point, is to implement Alternative C (introducing wolves as often as needed for the next twenty years) to save the wolf population of Isle Royale. If wolves continue to enter the island as often as needed for the next twenty years, they will have time to adjust to the island and begin to thrive before more wolves come. By pursuing this option, the wolves have a significantly better chance of not only surviving, but thriving on the island with the moose.

If Alternative C is introduced and used on Isle Royale, the island's ecosystem will begin to regulate more. Over the past couple of years, the instances of ice bridges have decreased by 70%, and without these ice bridges it is impossible for new wolf packs to come onto the island. There has also been an increase in catastrophic events such as wildfires and a forest blow down, which makes it more difficult for wolves to not only reproduce, but even find and hunt down food. This is why we need to introduce new wolves onto the island or else the moose population will increase dramatically. As of 2015, there are three wolves on Isle Royale, one pup and two parents. These parents will likely not mate again, which will cause the extinction of the wolf population on Isle Royale. This will have a chain reaction that will next affect the moose, and then the vegetation on the island. Since the wolves that are still on the island do not hunt moose anymore, the moose population has been steadily increasing. Once the wolves are gone, the size of the moose population will only continue to increase. The moose population has been increasing at a steady rate since 2011 (over 500 moose), to 2015 (over 1200 moose), which has been since the wolf population has continued to decline in 2011 (19 wolves) to 2015 (3 wolves). Moose are herbivores, which means that they will alter the forests and vegetation on the island. The moose will continue to eat the grass and plants until the ecosystem on the island is significantly diminished. The moose will reach their carrying capacity quickly once all the vegetation on the island is either gone or severely damaged. Once there is little to no vegetation on the island, other species and populations will begin to decrease. Having a decrease in the moose population will allow some vegetation to grow back but, when this happens the moose population will begin to increase as well. This will continue to go on with each population coming very close to extinction. After the moose population rises, the future of the island's vegetation will also be in danger. Due to having so little or no wolves on Isle Royale, the whole island's ecosystem could be wiped out. If one population is taken out of the food web that is on the island, there will be an effect on almost every other population that is part of this food web because wolves are on the top of the food web. Alternative C would prevent this issue with the ecosystem because the new introduction of wolves to the island would help to regulate the moose population before it got so large that the ecosystem couldn't handle it.

The population of wolves on Isle Royale is in danger and for it to be saved, Alternative C needs to be introduced on Isle Royale. If this option is not pursued, the oldest running predator/prey trial in the world would have to end. This would be a terrible reason for this study to end because it has provided us with a much better understanding of ecosystems and predator/prey relationships. Alternative C is the best option because it lets wolves be introduced to

the island for a long period of time. Since this option lets wolves enter the island as often as needed to maintain a healthy population, it guarantees a steady wolf population for at least twenty years. Even John Vucetich, the leading researcher of the fifty-five-year-old Isle Royale Wolf-Moose study, has said that he believes that genetic rescue by introducing a new gene pool of wolves is the best option. For the wolves to have a real chance of survival before their population becomes too low for them to save on their own, more wolves need to be presented on the island, as in the terms of Alternative C.

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Correspondence: My name is Emma [REDACTED], and I attend [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am a freshman in [REDACTED] biology class, and we have been graphing and studying your data from Isle Royale for the past couple of weeks, as well as studying populations, and the effects different relationships in the environment have on an ecosystem. After completing our studies of population behavior, and looking at all the data you have collected, I have become concerned for the Isle Royale ecosystem. We are writing to you giving our opinions on what to do regarding the current wolf situation, and I believe strongly that option D is the best out of the four options given to us.

Overall, all of these options are flawed in one way or another, but I believe that option D is the best, and here's why. The three wolves native to the island have suffered from years and years of inbreeding, and because of that, they suffer from spinal deformities, making it very difficult to hunt, breed, and do pretty much everything that the average wolf needs to do to survive. Letting nature take its course and seeing if the three wolves either die out, or if natural genetic rescue occurs, makes the most sense because of how doomed the wolves are. Even though the wolves currently living on the island carry the genes that show the adaptations they have made to the island, I don't think that other wolves, if introduced, would want to breed with the native wolves because of how weak they are, and because of the spinal deformities, the native wolves would not be able to breed with any wolves. Seeing the effect that the absence of wolves have on an ecosystem would be very interesting for study, and future understanding of ecosystems. If and when the native wolves die out, the moose will not have any predators, and their population will increase, because of no predation, and how much food is available to them. Because of how much vegetation is being consumed, the banks of the lakes and rivers within Isle Royale will decrease, and possibly even the island's banks itself will decrease because the vegetation will be gone, and the soil will seep into the water bodies. At the same time, the vegetation population will decrease because of the moose eating it more frequently, and in greater numbers. Should an ice bridge form in the future, and new wolves cross over, the population of moose would decrease, and the vegetation population would increase, and no interference would be necessary. This is, however, highly unlikely because of how much the average surface temperature of the lake has risen over the past couple of years by a few degrees, and is estimated to continue to do so, according to the USEPA. Higher temperatures means it less likely that an ice bridge will form, and new wolves will cross over. If after an ice bridge does not form, and/or wolves do not cross over, then new wolves should be introduced to the island. Depending on future data for not only the ecosystem of Isle Royale, but Lake Superior and how it changes, wolves should be added as necessary, whether that means only introducing them once, or possibly again if a similar situation arises. Saying this, I understand that the gene pool that has adapted to the island will have been eradicated, but again, there was a low chance of that being passed on because of the deformities.

Other options, while I can see the sense in putting those options forth, do not make as much sense to me as option D. Option A states that the NPS would not intervene and let nature take its course. No human intervention would be involved, eliminating that factor from the data and study. While this may be interesting to see how nature reacts to the possible eradication of the wolves, and it eliminates the factor of human intervention, we lose the world-wide recognized predator/prey study. This has bettered the science community's understanding of how an ecosystem works, and has advanced the study of ecology. Without the wolves, the ecosystem would crash. Since the temperatures of Lake Superior are rising, it is unlikely that an ice bridge will form, and new wolves will populate Isle Royale. Option B states that the NPS would introduce new wolves over a set period of time only once, and then let nature take its course. Once again, there is very little human intervention which almost completely eliminates that factor on the ecosystem. While I agree that introducing the wolves over a period of time will increase the likelihood that the wolves will survive, eventually, I think that the same problem of inbreeding will occur, and the same situation will be brought up in a few years. The data the NPS service provided on their website shows the wolf population had a peak of 50 wolves, and ice bridges were able to form, but eventually, those numbers came down, ice bridges were formed less often, and inbreeding occurred. The data from the USEPA suggests that temperatures will continue to climb, and in the future, if nothing is done about preserving our climate, ice bridges will no longer be able to form, and wolves can never cross over. Option C states that the NPS would immediately bring in new wolves, and would continue to maintain the wolf population for at least the next 20 years. I agree that new wolves should be introduced, and continue to be introduced if/when necessary, but I don't think that introducing new wolves immediately would be very effective. The native wolves would not be able to breed with the new wolves, and more than likely the new wolves would not want to breed with the natives because of how deformed they are, and either way, the existing gene pool is destroyed, and a new gene pool is created. The native wolves would die out, and the ecosystem would be maintained. This also has a lot of human interference in the ecosystem. All of these options have pros to them, but overall, the cons out-weigh the pros, and that is not the case for option D.

All in all, out of all the options for what to do regarding the wolf situation on Isle Royale, option D is the best because it gives the possibility for new wolves to cross over naturally before taking action, it can show the effects the absence of wolves has on an ecosystem, and it also, in the future, allows for the maintenance of the island. Quoted from the National Park Service's website, "The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world." If options A, B, or C are chosen, then no one will be able to enjoy the beauty of Isle Royale anymore, education about predator/prey relationships, and the effect that has on an ecosystem has, is no longer put in the simplest terms the world has seen, and the inspiration that I have personally felt about learning about ecosystems and the relationships held within, is diminished. From this experience, my first true experience with ecology, I have learned so much, and has really sparked my interest in biology and ecology, both of which I had never really had an interest in before now. If any of the options other than D are chosen, the conservation of an ecosystem will not have been met, and future students, or just people in general, may not get to understand ecology and the effects of the relationships on a smaller scale in an ecosystem, leading to understanding of the relationships in the world around us.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Cristina [REDACTED] and I am a freshman [REDACTED]. I have been studying Isle royale in my biology class and we have tracking the population of the moose and wolves. It has come to my attention that unfortunately, the wolf population is dangerously low at only 3 wolves which, according to Isle Royales Annual Report for 2014-2015, is an 88% drop in wolf population and at its lowest point ever recorded. Of course, you know that this is not looking good for the wolves. The wolves can not continue to carry on in this manner on Isle Royale. They are in great danger of dying off and never coming back to Isle Royale. I am writing to you because I strongly believe we need to do something. We can not just sit back and let the wolves go on like this. Their population will continue to drop until they are completely wiped off the island. And without the wolves, the entire ecosystem of isle royale would be thrown off balance, the environment altered, and the 50 year old study ended. In order to prevent this, I suggest option C (bringing wolves in as often as needed for at least the next 20 years), be implemented. The wolves will not survive on the island the rate that their going and isle royale needs the wolves to keep everything in check. If the wolves die off, there is a high chance that wolves will never come

back to Isle Royale on their own. Option C is the only option will truly allow the study to continue and prosper. I chose option C because it is best for choice the environment and the study. The wolves will not last much longer on Isle Royale. According to the NPSs annual report for 2015, the population of the wolves was only three wolves; a brother and sister and their deformed pup. Their chances of survival on the island any longer is slim to none because of their inability to efficiently hunt. C is the best option because it makes permanent adjustments that will help the wolves thrive on the island for years years to come. We all know how food chains work. Removing the smallest organism can alter the whole thing in time. Knowing this, imagine removing the wolves, the top predators of Isle Royale. Wolves are the keystone species of Isle Royale. This will immediately affect many organisms. First off, it will affect the moose, who are preyed upon by the wolves. We have already begun to see the effects of this. . Since the wolves are small and weakened, they cant hunt any moose. So the moose population is skyrocketing. Without the continuous predation from the wolves, the moose population will only rise higher and higher. This may not seem harmful, but it is very bad for the island. Moose are herbivores. This means they do not eat meat. They feed on the vegetation of the land, like twigs, leaves, and aquatic plants. Each moose can eat up to 40 pounds of vegetation each day. Multiply that by 10,000, which is roughly the population of the moose now, and thats how much vegetation is consumed on the island by the moose alone every day. And with so many moose and nothing to limit the population, they will continue to feast on the land and that number will grow. As the moose population rises, the population of the producers on Isle Royale will drop. The producers will follow a steady decline until they are virtually gone on the island. Then, when there is so little food left for the moose, their population will drop as well. It will be a constant battle between the moose and the producers. Both would be in danger of becoming extinct. This could end the study. But even more importantly, it could ruin the island. Isle royale, as of today, is a prepossessing island not only known for its study of wolves and moose, but for its vast diversity and beauty of vegetation. The island is home to many types of trees, flowers, grasses, and aquatic plants, just to name a few. The moose have the capability to destroy this ecosystem. We need wolves on Isle Royale to keep everything in check.

I also believe that Options A, B, and D will not work. We have already established how Isle royale needs the wolves. Without them, the whole ecosystem goes into complete chaos. So sitting back and letting nature take its course will definitely not work. And we cant rely on wolves to bounce back or come over on ice bridges. The spinal deformation is affecting 33% o the wolves on Isle Royale and only 1% o the wolves in the rest of the world. There is a 70% lss chance of ice bridges forming now and that percentage will only get higher as time goes on. It will be harder and harder for wolves to come on to the island. And even if they could, why would they? There was an instance where one female wolf came on the island through an ice bridge that formed during an unusually cold winter. She stayed for a little while but then decide to leave and did not mate with any of the wolves on the island. To make matters worse, when she left the island, some other wolves left with her. So even if another ice bridge formed and wolves came over to the island, more than likely they would not stay and the wolves on the island would leave with them in order to find better mates. Options B and D are closer to C but still not the best option. Option B would not work because it is not a permanent solution. After the 36 months are over, it will not be long until the wolves start in-breeding again and die off. So then we are back to where we started. Option D would not work because it is too long of a delay. We need to take action, now. By the time they implement option D, the moose population would have already skyrocketed to dangerously high numbers. They would start altering the ecosystem before the wolves even got there, let alone had time to adapt and start learning how to kill the moose.

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Correspondence: I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. In class, we have been learning about the history and current situation on Isle Royale. I am writing this to you today to try and help with the wolf crisis on Isle Royale. The wolf population is at its lowest numbers ever recorded. The remaining wolves are weak and genetically unhealthy. Now is the time for action. After carefully thinking over the options you have come up with, I have come to the conclusion that the best course of action is Alternative C. Alternative C would bring wolves to the island as much as needed. This means that for the next 20 years, humans could help to continue the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Alternative C would have a big impact on all biotic and abiotic factors of Isle Royale. The wolf population on Isle Royale would grow and become more genetically diverse. I believe that the National Parks should take gray wolves from other places, places where there are an abundance of wolves if possible, and release them on Isle Royale. I believe that the few remaining mutated wolves will most likely not interact with the new arrivals. The inbred wolves will most likely die, their spinal defect dying with them. Historically, the average number of wolves inhabiting Isle Royale is 22, but in the past their numbers have been as high as 50. In 2015, there were only 3 wolves still living on the island. Their numbers are now too low for genetic rescue to even be an option, the addition of wolves to the island as needed will bring new life to this population. However, the wolves will not be the only organism affected. The moose population of Isle Royale are directly affected by the wolves. According to the Isle Royale website, the predation rate of the moose is the main decider as to whether their population will decline or increase. The predation rate is driven more so by wolf abundance, than severity in winters. But the wolves affects do not end at the moose, everything in nature is connected. The large numbers of moose have caused havoc on the plant life of Isle Royale. This island is home to hundreds of different types of plants, about 40 of which are endangered or threatened. The reintroduction of wolves to the island will allow for both aquatic and terrestrial to flourish, giving more food to the other primary consumers on the island. As well as, make the island more aesthetically pleasing, thus drawing in more visitors who could help fund the operations and research. Hares and beavers feed on plants, while ravens and foxes scavenge off the wolves leftovers. Wolves also benefit abiotic factors of an ecosystem. The increased vegetation would prevent soil erosion and make banks more sturdy and defined. Alternative C is the best option for Isle Royale, as a whole.

While you have released four plans that you plan to decide between, there is really only one viable option, Alternative C. Alternative A proposes that nothing be done, to "let nature take it's course". This would throw the precious ecosystem of Isle Royale into chaos. The moose would grow uncontrollably and destroy the vegetation. The chances of other wolves finding their way onto the island decreases every year as global warming increases the earth's temperature. Some may argue that humans shouldn't interfere, but it is already too late for that. It is the human's burning of fossil fuels that have cause the world to slowly warm up and decrease the likeliness of ice bridges, and it was the humans that introduced canine parvovirus that lead to the great population drop of 1981-82. Alternative B would bring wolves to the island as an one-time event. This wouldn't be the best option because later on we may likely find ourselves facing another dying inbred population of wolves. Finally, Alternative D which would set a threshold and only once that threshold is met Alternatives C or B would be put in effect. The current population of wolves on Isle Royale is as good as dead and there is no point in letting moose destroy any more of the environment. Now is the time for action, waiting only makes things worse. Rolf Peterson, who has studied Isle Royale for over 40 years, has said that he believes that several wolves need to be added and that we have to be open to doing this more than once. Clearly, Alternative C is the best choice for Isle Royale.

The National Parks Service "has been entrusted with the care of our national parks". The wolves and all life on Isle Royale need your help more than ever. If the wolf population is decimated, and it wouldn't be the first to become extinct on the island, than the moose would become totally unregulated. This is not natural. In nature everything is connected and controlled. Unfortunately, humanity as a whole has made it impossible for the wolves to survive unassisted on the island. Alternative C is the best way to save this national jewel that is Isle Royale. The best situation is that we only have to do this once, but realistically we have to be prepared to take this action again. It is our duty as citizens and more importantly, humans to save the wolf population of Isle Royale. Thank you for reading my suggestion and I hope you make the right decision to allow for balance on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Isle Royale has been home to the most extensive research on mammal predator-prey relationships for the past 5 decades. I, Caroline [REDACTED] from [REDACTED], have been researching the Isle Royale case study in my 9th grade biology class. Sadly, it has come to the point where people have to intervene to save this fragile ecosystem. This letter is for me to have a voice in your decision that could very well impact other final solutions to future biological problems. I am writing to save the Isle Royale ecosystem and take my stance on this situation. The wolves are dangerously low and to save them, the scientists at Isle Royale need to implement Alternative C.

Since 2015, there has only been three wolves on Isle Royale. The two adults are closely related and as said in the Isle Royale Annual Report 2014-2015, their pup is deformed. Introducing new wolf genetics consistently will save the wolf population, bringing it stability. In an article on Inbreeding Adapted in the Isle Royale website, it says a major problem that the Isle Royale wolves have is inbreeding, which has brought a weakening spine mutation. A new gene pool has saved these wolves in the past. The article goes on to say that "Old grey guy", also known as no. 93, came to the Island from Canada in 1997. The wolf population was erratic afterwards, but considering the population had been projected to drop, no. 93 was the main reason the population increased with limited food. In 1996 the wolf population was 22, and only ten years later it went up to 30 after the introduction of no. 93 as stated by isleroyalewolf.org. It has been proven in the past of Isle Royale that introducing new wolves strengthens the future generations. With human supervision and constant establishment of new wolves in Alternative C, the population can be healthy again.

The vegetation on Isle Royale will be threatened if scientists do not implement Alternative C. Producers and plants are an important aspect of an ecosystem. The rising numbers of moose in recent years (isleroyalewolf.org shows that from 2007 to 2015 the moose population went from around 400 to about 1,250) is troubling to many biologist around the globe. The Yellowstone National Park reintroduced wolves in 1995, and saw positive changes. According to yellowstonepark.com, since the wolves were controlling the population of the elk, vegetation like the willow tree was much stronger than before. Scientists observed that elk abstained from areas of the park near wolf packs, allowing vegetation to flourish where it had not before. This shows us the destruction of vegetation in Isle Royale's ecosystem can be avoided by Alternative C. It advocates for keeping wolves, who control the moose, on the island which has been proven to help stop harm to vegetation.

The moose population has soared since the wolves drastic decline in 2007. At 2015 there were around 1,250 moose to 3 wolves, as told by isleroyalewolf.org, creating a huge imbalance in the predator-prey relationship. A high population of moose can be deadly to Isle Royale's vegetation and therefore threaten the species that have made their home on the island. Whenever there is an increase in wolves, a decrease in moose must follow suit. A prime example of this from isleroyalewolf.org in Isle Royale occurred during 1973 to 1980. The wolf population increased 19 wolves reaching their peak of 50, while the moose population steadily dropped from around 1,200 to almost 800. A situation opposite of this transpired in the years 1982-1996 when the wolf population dropped 16 wolves, the moose population rose to its high of almost 2,400. If we introduce wolves in Alternative C, the moose population will be back under control because of their predator-prey relationship. It has been shown many times in Isle Royale's history as well as many other studies.

Abiotic factors of an ecosystem have been known to change in the absence and presence of wolves. Yellowstone is yet another illustration of this. Sustainable Man made a video on a trophic cascade that the reintroduction of wolves caused. He explained how rivers were less winding, there was less erosion, and how ripple areas and pools formed. The growing forest stabilized the banks and therefore less collapse occurred. It was all connected to the introduction of the wolves. Of course, many other factors are in play but the wolves obviously had an impact. Isle Royale is losing wolves. This will have an impact on biotic factors in the Isle Royale ecosystem. There is no way to predict what will happen, or if it will be negative but there will be an impact. To keep this ecosystem in balance, Alternative C is the best option.

At 2015 there are only three wolves left. John Vucetich in an interview with the MinnPost said that letting these wolves go extinct in Alternative A would bring absolutely no new findings to biology. Scientists are unable to predict what would happen to the ecosystem once nothing is stopping the moose from obliterating their food resources and therefore themselves in the process. Introducing wolves one time in Alternative B will not help. The ice bridge from Canada to Isle Royale does not form consistently, meaning the probability of wolves coming to the isolated island has been destroyed by global warming. The wolves will end up inbreeding again and pass around the same spine mutation as the original wolves. The Isle Royale ecosystem has waited long enough, and Alternative D is just prolonging the process of bringing the ecosystem back to normal. Why wait for something even worse to happen than the current situation?

The wolves at Isle Royale need to be saved by implementing Alternative C. This study has a greater purpose than observing a predator-prey relationship. It inspires people like me, a fourteen year old girl in a suburban town, to be interested in biology. Never have I ever felt closer to being an actual biologist than I have writing this letter to you, I, and my classmates, do not want this experience of researching Isle Royale to end for the future generations of students.

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Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Hello. My name is Sophie [REDACTED] and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am providing my thoughts and comments on the wolves on Isle Royale because my biology class has been studying Isle Royale and the animals who inhabit it. I believe that Alternative D is the best method of management for the island because it would be the most natural approach while still helping to save the wolves. The natural state of the island would be preserved longer than Alternative B and Alternative C, where wolves would be brought over as soon as possible. It would be best to wait and watch the wolves to see if their population can naturally rise again.

The wolves on Isle Royale need to be helped and kept alive because of how the wolves determine the state of almost all other animals and plants in their ecosystem. Without them, the amounts of other species would become too high, or they would die off. As you can see in graphs of the moose and wolf populations on this island, there are only three wolves alive right now. As a result, the moose population is continuing to grow at higher rate. By looking at this data, you can tell that the wolves directly affect the other animals on Isle Royal, and they help keep their populations stable. These wolves need to be kept alive so that the island and its inhabitants do not spiral out of control.

Another reason why Alternative D is the best option for Isle Royale is because of an issue called lumbosacral transitional vertebrae, which is a hereditary malformation in the spines of the wolves on Isle Royale. According to an article called Inbreeding within the Wolf Population (obtained from <http://www.isleroyalewolf.org/data/data/home.html>), this is caused by the increasing inbreeding of the wolf pack, as there are so few wolves. The addition of new wolves to the island will stop or help this problem by bringing in the genes that do not have this malformation.

Alternative A would be problematic because if the wolves die out, the moose population would increase, as there would be no more predators for them. This would then lead to a decrease in vegetation. These fluctuations would eventually become stable, but there would be no more interactions between the wolves and the moose animals to study. There should not be too much human interference on Isle Royale so that things stay natural, but the populations should also be helped a bit (if needed) to stay alive so that animal interactions can continue to be studied.

With Alternative B, having wolves brought to the island as soon as possible, one would not be able to see if the wolf population could have naturally risen back to a healthy number. It would be better to wait and see if this happens and then take emergency action if their numbers get too low, per Alternative D.

If Alternative C was put into place, wolves would be brought over to the island as often as needed. This constant human interference would make it harder to study the natural processes of the island. People would not be able to see the full natural effect of a low population of wolves on the ecosystem of Isle Royale. Also, similar to the problem with Alternative B, one would not be able to see if the wolf population can naturally rise back to a healthy number on its own.

Overall, Alternative D will have the most natural effect on the wolves, the moose, and the vegetation, yet it will still allow the island to thrive so that it can continue to be studied. Taking no action until more wolves are really needed is best so that the most naturally fluctuating animal populations can be studied. This is a very important issue that must be addressed as soon as possible, and in the right way in order to preserve the beauty of Isle Royale for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Sophie [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Hello National Park Service. My name is Victoria [REDACTED]. I am a freshman [REDACTED]. In my biology class, we have been examining the Isle Royale case study. I was fascinated by the relationship between the wolves and the moose, but I feared for the survival of the wolves. If the wolves die out, the entire Isle Royale ecosystem will be destroyed. I am offering this response because I strongly believe we can help protect the Isle Royale ecosystem from catastrophic destruction by implementing alternative D into the ecosystem. Alternative D, just to recap, calls for no immediate action until one or two indicators are met, then wolves will be brought to the island, either only once, or as many times as necessary. Here is my suggestion for how alternative D should be carried out. The indicator for action is the current wolf population's death. As tragic as that is, the current wolves living on Isle Royale are too mutated to breed with other wolves. It is too late for a genetic rescue, but wolves are needed on Isle Royale. The new wolves should be added immediately after the current ones die. No longer than two weeks should go by on Isle Royale without wolves, so the moose population has no time to greatly increase and harm the vegetation. I suggest 16 new wolves are added, 8 male and 8 female, as this is a good starting size for a wolf pack. The actions taken after the new wolves are added will have to be carefully timed and planned out. I believe it is best to add more wolves at specific intervals and add wolves at multiple times. These wolves will serve as periodic genetic rescue, and will help keep the inbreeding at a very low level, possibly even eradicate inbreeding entirely. This will make sure that Isle Royale wolves are no longer isolated from other wolves and have more breeding options than just their family. This genetic rescue should be right before the breeding season, possibly one month before, and the wolves taken would be of breeding age. The wolves taken should also be from separate areas and should not be alphas, because diminishing the size of packs elsewhere could greatly affect these ecosystems as well. However, the set time intervals in which outside wolves would be taken and brought to Isle Royale would have to be large enough not to upset the wolf or the moose population significantly. I suggest to add two wolves (one male and one female) and add them every seven years, since this is the average lifespan of a wolf. Again, this is just my suggestion, and it is possible that doing genetic rescues so often could be costly, so feel free to change any of these limitations.

Taking into consideration the stability of each population and the entire Isle Royale ecosystem, I believe that alternative D is the best because it will produce the greatest stability for all populations in the Isle Royale ecosystem. By adding 16 new wolves shortly after the current wolves die out, it will stabilize the Isle Royale wolf population as well as prevent competition between the new and the old wolves for food and territory. Plus, this option will give you more time to gather all 16 wolves, because the current wolf population will not immediately die out. The genetic rescues will also help the wolf population survive, and prevent them from inbreeding. This will increase competition for food between the wolves, but not by much, because the genetic rescue (possibly adding two wolves) is not enough to catastrophically change a population. This was shown in 1971, when the wolf population increased by 2 from 1970. From 1971-1976, the wolf population continued to steadily increase, and went from 20 in 1971 to 44 in 1976 (isleroyalewolf.org). The two additional wolves in 1971 had almost no effect on the wolf population as a whole.

By keeping the wolf population in check, the moose population is also stabilized. There will be a slight drop in moose population after the first group of sixteen wolves are added, and every time a genetic rescue occurs. But, this is to be expected, since more predators mean more prey is eaten. However, these 16 new wolves will not be enough to completely eliminate the moose population, considering the current moose population has around 1250 moose. Also, there have been times where the wolf population was much greater than 16 and the moose population was much smaller than 1250, yet the moose did not die out. An example of this was in 1980, when there were 50 wolves and 788 moose, yet six years later in 1986, the moose were flourishing with a population of 1041. In addition, two wolves used for a genetic rescue is also not a big enough change to drastically decrease the moose population. This is shown in the years 1964-65. The wolf population in these years changed by two from 26 in 1964 to 28 in 1965. However, the moose population in 1964 was 620, while in 1965 it was 634, an increase of 14 moose. This is also shown in the years 1970-71. The wolf population in 1970 was 18, and in 1971 the population consisted of 20 wolves, again, an increase of two wolves. In 1970, the moose population was 1045 and in 1971, the population was 1183, an increase of 138 moose (isleroyalewolf.org). In both instances, two more wolves did not decrease the moose population at all, and the moose population kept steadily growing.

As I previously mentioned, there will also be a slight increase in the vegetation population after the two wolves are added. This is due to the fact that the moose population will decrease for a short amount of time after the wolves are added. This decrease means less predators for the vegetation, which will allow the vegetation population to flourish, at least until the moose population can bounce back from this temporary disturbance.

Alternatives A, B and C are not optimal choices for many reasons. Alternative A, which states to take no action and let nature take its course, is probably the worst option. No intervention would result in the wolf population dying, and ultimately the collapse of the entire Isle Royale ecosystem. If there are no more wolves, then the moose population will grow very large and nothing, except for disease and natural disasters, can prevent their growth. Isle Royale will be left with very little vegetation because of this moose increase, causing Isle Royale to lose its lush green beauty, and with that, it would also lose some other herbivorous species, and a good percent of its tourists. Alternative B, which calls for intervening once and one time only, is also not the best option. Bringing new wolves into the ecosystem only once might seem helpful at first, but without constant genetic rescue, the new wolves on the island will be forced to inbreed, and will eventually endure the same harsh fate that the current wolves are experiencing. Alternative C, which calls for constant genetic rescue, is not enough either. The current wolf population has to die out before new wolves can be added. As morbid as that sounds, it must be done. The current wolves are horribly mutated from years of inbreeding, and introducing new wolves to the population would not help the current population. No matter how many new wolves are introduced, if they continue to breed with mutated wolves, the Isle Royale wolf population will never fully recover. And, who knows if the new wolves are even willing to breed with the current wolves? In 2013, an ice bridge formed and a single female wolf came over. She did not breed with any of the mutated wolves on Isle Royale, and left the next winter.

In conclusion, alternative D is the only reasonable choice, because it allows the wolf population to be renewed and eliminates the inbreeding problem that wolves on Isle Royale are forced to face. But, in order for the moose population and the vegetation population to remain stable as well, new wolves must be

added immediately after the current wolves die out, so the moose population has no time to exponentially grow. Alternatives A, B, and C are not sufficient enough to save the Isle Royale wolves, and these alternatives will all end up in the destruction of the Isle Royale ecosystem. Think about this. In 50 years, do you want to be dealing with this same problem all over again, because you chose alternative A, B, or C? Or do you want to be happily observing and studying the healthy wolves and beautiful green landscape of Isle Royale, smiling to yourself because you know that alternative D was the correct choice? The choice is yours. And remember, the fate of Isle Royale is at stake.

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Correspondence: As a college student studying environmental biology, based on what I've learned about ecosystems and ecology, I think it's important to control the moose population so that the vegetation population can remain viable and sufficient for supporting all species in the ecosystem. Introducing more wolves would help control the moose population so that the vegetation population may remain viable, so, that in turn, all other species of the ecosystem who rely on the vegetation as a food or habitat source may remain viable.

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Correspondence: As a college student studying environmental biology, based on what I've learned about ecosystems and ecology, I think it's important to control the moose population so that the vegetation population can remain viable and sufficient for supporting all species in the ecosystem. Introducing more wolves would help control the moose population so that the vegetation population may remain viable, so, that in turn, all other species of the ecosystem who rely on the vegetation as a food or habitat source may remain viable.

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Correspondence: Hello, Im Aidan [REDACTED], a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. Im a person who likes nature a lot and I care about whats happening in Isle Royale National Park. Im writing this to give my opinion on this devastating event that is happening on the island about the wolves. You gave us an opportunity to write our opinion on what should be done about the wolves with 4 alternatives (A-D). Im following up with this opportunity and using this letter to express my opinion on the wolf population. I believe that Alternative D is the best option for the islands wolf population to be saved for at least the next 20 years. According to the information you have shared with the public over the different alternatives given, Alternative D states that immediate action would not be taken and would allow natural processes to continue unless thresholds or resource indicators that were developed before are met over moose or vegetation-based parameters. If this happens, Alternative B or Alternative C would be used, B being bringing in wolves as a one-time event, or C, bringing in wolves continuously for at least the next 20 years.

I believe that the best way to handle this is to play it by ear. According to isleroyalewolf.org, the moose population has been rising from 2007-2015 on a steep incline, from around 385 to 1,250 and continuing. The wolf population, on the other hand, has decreased a lot from 2007-2015, or a mere decrease of 21 to 3. Concluding, there are 3 wolves to face against 1,250 moose. This small population of wolves on this island is due to the spinal malformation, lumbosacral transitional vertebrae, according to admi.mtu.edu. This malformation has been spread widely across the Isle Royale wolves because of the large amount of inbreeding that takes place considering the wolves are breeding with their siblings, passing on this malformity to their offspring. This disease is killing off wolves as it decreases the wolves effectiveness of catching and eating their prey, moose. According to tomremington.com, the population of moose has been on an increase of 22% lately and the wolves arent impacting the moose population. Dr. Charles Kay, in an article on tomremington.com, explains that something like this situation of a large population of moose and basically no wolves could cause a similar situation in 1934, as a population of around 3,000 moose plummeted to around 500. This was caused by a large increase in moose, and then a steep decline because of the limited amount of forage available. This was without wolves and with the population of wolves dwindling like this today, it seems like moose will have a time without wolves once again. We also know from National Geographic that two wolves arrived on Isle Royale following a 14-mile journey on an icebridge last year as they saw the situation of 3 wolves who had a deformed pup, and left a few days later. This wasnt the first time wolves had crossed ice bridges, as the Old Gray Guy crossed around 1997 and added new genes into the wolf pool, significantly helping the population according to isleroyalewolf.org. It didnt save the population for more than 20 years, though, as it only lasted around 15 years, until the effects really started to roll in. It leads me to believe that adding wolves while there are still 3 wolves left isnt a good idea. It seems that if we were to add more wolves, they may try and leave to mainland Canada on an icebridge, just like last year when the two wolves went on, saw the situation, and left. If we add wolves now on a one-time event as Alternative B suggests, they may fight and lose a wolf or two with the other wolves, or just leave like last year. If one mate is lost, after two wolves are added as a one-time event, one wolf cant just make a pup by itself, so that wouldnt help. If we add them over and over again starting now as it says in Alternative C, that could lead to an overpopulation of wolves. An overpopulation of wolves could lead to a very low moose population that isnt in its best shape right now because of the ineffectiveness of the wolves. That could lead to the same situation we are stressing about now, except for moose. In both cases in adding wolves as well, the other wolves could breed with each other, even though its unlikely, and could just lead to be similar to the Old Gray Guys case, which helps for the short-term, but not for 20 years. Finally if you just let nature's course take on its role in Alternative A, the wolves will most likely die out now, and then the moose population would grow uncontrollably to way above its carrying capacity, and then suddenly drop like 1934, because of the extreme decrease in available forage. Also counting on wolves to cross over and save the population is not a substantial reason for picking Alternative A as counting on a guess that most likely wont happen could end up really hurting Isle Royale. Its better to be safe than sorry as the situation of the Old Gray Guy in 1997 was a miracle to the wolf population, and even if something like that were to happen, it would most likely not help for more than 20 years, as the Old Gray Guy stalled the major effects for only around 15 years. I believe that waiting for the wolves to die out or somehow be rescued, and play it by ear is the best alternative. If we wait it out and the wolves die out, their genes will be out of the gene pool, and then we can take action with Alternatives B or C. New wolves will be added in well health, and should help the Isle Royale ecosystem stay strong for at least the next 20 years. After thresholds would be set up for the amount of moose and grass available such as something like 1,750 moose, and if that threshold or another grass-based threshold is met without wolves occupying the island, then new wolves would be added in most likely no more than a year or two after the thresholds are set up. With these thresholds, it allows the situation of 1934 not to repeat itself. This short amount of time of only around 2 years will allow the moose not to grow out of their carrying capacity, or let the forage get so low, they would start to die from starvation. They will also not lose all of their adaptation skills to the wolves, so they could still fight off the wolves sometimes, and not become extinct or a very low population from their lack of adaptation. Moose could eventually grow better adapted to the wolves and could create a new, more stable Isle Royale ecosystem for at least 20 years with available moose, forage, and wolves.

We need Isle Royale, and its moose and wolf study to keep going, as it has gone through so much, and is one of the most well studied and one of the longest studied predator-prey relationship. We dont want to stop that at all, and Alternative D is the best way to allow the tradition to continue. Even

though there may be a couple years of stoppage, its the best way to save two great, elegant animals, in moose and wolves in its natural habitat of the great Isle Royale. It may be sad if the wolves now do die out, but theres not really much you can do at this point with the 3 wolves left. It seems that waiting it out for a little bit for them to die out peacefully, and then reintroduce wolves when its the best time to do so, is the best idea. Its the safest choice to the Isle Royale ecosystem to play it by ear and choose Alternative D.

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Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

Greetings, I am Shannon [REDACTED]. I am a ninth grade student [REDACTED] and enrolled in [REDACTED] Biology. I am writing this response due to genuine concern for the wolf population on Isle Royale National Park. My class has been studying the unique relationship between the wolves and moose, and I take interest in what should be done regarding the extremely low wolf population. I support Alternative C, which is to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves for the next twenty years. Alternative C would be the best option for not only the wolves on the island, but the entire ecosystem. Wolves affect not only the moose population, but vegetation and the physical makeup of the area. Ron Meador for the MINNPOST reports that in the 1940s Aldo Leopold and other scientists urged that park managers should import wolves to save the island's forests from the increasing moose population. The wolves are on the island to keep the moose 'in check' so that they do not completely destroy the ecosystem. From 1959-1996, the wolf and moose population experienced fluctuation, but nothing endangering the ecosystem. Recently, attention has been brought to the rapid decline in the wolf population from 2005-2015 where the population has dropped from 30 to 3. Isolation and inbreeding has introduced vulnerabilities to the wolves, and canine parvovirus has taken a toll on the population as well. By bringing some wolves to the island before the population goes extinct would help preserve the ecosystem. I think action needs to be taken immediately before the moose population grows too much. If the moose population are out of control, then the fir and aspen population will decrease dramatically which will hurt the entire ecosystem. A decrease in fir and aspen would lower the carrying capacities for other species on the island that eat these. The increasing global temperatures have made the ice bridges, which wolves used to travel to the island on, less frequent. This decreases the chance for a genetic rescue such as the one wolf no. 93 performed. If Alternative C were to be performed, there would be fluctuation in the populations, but I believe that the carrying capacities of both the moose and vegetation would be maintained. The average wolf population is 22 on Isle Royale, which is why only three wolves is alarming. I think that the goal should be to maintain and preserve this ecosystem, which is what Alternative C would do. I oppose Alternative A, to not intervene to help the wolf population, because if the wolves died out and were no longer on the island, the consequences would be grave. The moose population would continue to increase due to a lack of predators. This is already being seen, the moose population rising from 510 to an estimated 1,300 from 2009-2016. If this continues to happen then the fir and aspen populations will suffer. The moose will damage the ecosystem. A reintroduction of wolves is not a wise choice. This was already done in Yellowstone and there is evidence that shows a change in the ecosystem. The wolves affect the physical makeup of the land, and if they were gone it would affect the entire island. Alternative B, to bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one time event, is also not a wise option because it does not ensure that the wolf population be maintained. If the wolves brought were to die out due to a disturbance, then we would be back to either Alternative A or a reintroduction of wolves. I disagree with Alternative D, which is to not take immediate action and allow natural processes to occur, but keep an eye on the vegetation and moose populations and reintroduce wolves if deemed necessary. I disagree with this because action needs to be taken now. I think it is time for intervention, seeing that Kim Kozlowski from the Detroit News reports only two wolves left on the island. It is the responsibility of the National Park Service to protect the Isle Royale ecosystem, and Alternative C, bringing wolves to the island as often as needed in order to maintain the wolf population for the next twenty years.

Sincerely,

Shannon [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Isle Royale Case Study Response

The National Park System's website says that their mission statement is that they have "been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, we safeguard these special places and share their stories..." Since then they have done such a great job so far at protecting nature around us with every means they are available to. My name is Abbey and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. We have been studying ecology in our Biology class and have used your experiment on Isle Royale as an example and study tool many times in this unit. The struggle of the wolf population and the undoubted effects the wolf population has on the whole ecosystem's functioning is definitely in my and many of my other classmate's attention. Therefore I am writing to place my input about what you should do. All the options make sense but there is always one that sticks out in every situation. In this situation I believe the best option is "The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment this action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision," or "option C" as put by The Isle Royale National Park letter.

The option of placing in new wolves when the ecosystem needs it for 20 years into the future is the best option given to us by the NPS in Isle Royale. This option would first and foremost, keep the wolf population on the island from completely disappearing. Without placing new wolves in the wolf population, and the current population at the low number of 3 wolves with no predictions of reproducing again they might disappear from the island. The wolf reproduction has been severely affected by inbreeding over time. Because of the isolation of these wolves, the gene pool was too similar and diseases spread leaving the wolves weak with barely any pups surviving in the usual pupping season. This all caused the wolf population to drop from the highest population they've had, 50, to continually go down to only 3. The only exception to this is the times when new wolves entered the island's ecosystem to introduce new genes to the pool. This caused small rises in population until inbreeding caught up with them once again decreasing the population. Introducing new wolves to the population will create a diverse gene pool in the population and maybe increase the wolves' desire to reproduce all leading to a rise in wolf population. If the wolf population increases, then the rest of Isle Royale will be affected. The aberrant growing moose population has been an issue on the island. The greater impact on the vegetation in the environment, natural selection not occurring leaving the weak moose around to end up dead and rotting on the park trails all over the island, and the smaller animals being affected by the change in the vegetation and their environment. The growth in wolf population will be able to control the moose population and bring it down to a more normal number leaving the vegetation on the island able to regenerate itself with less moose constantly there needing to eat. When the vegetation revives itself the other animals who need that vegetation to survive also are able to access it and the environment around other living things on the island is returning to normal because of the decrease in random moose carcasses on the trails and such unregulated by the usual wolves. Eventually this means that the environment is able to stabilize itself once again. I have learned that populations of all kinds of species will fluctuate over and over again all the time to keep an environment balanced. Because of the isolation of the island nature isn't just going to 'take its course'. The isolation of the island leaves a few of its inhabitants unable to fluctuate and restabilize. If we take the course of leaving the island alone and 'letting nature take its course' not just the wolf population is going to disappear but the rest of the ecosystem that the wolves effect will be 'out of whack' so to speak. Also if the NPS were to take the course of bringing wolves to the island as a one time

event, then there will be no point of doing anything. Because of OUR mistakes as humans who were originally entrusted with the power and ability to take care of the environment, global warming has made it so the population is unable to fluctuate without destroying itself because of the inability for an ice bridge to form allowing new wolves to travel over to the island. Because of this, even if we introduce new wolves once, there is a possibility that it won't be enough diversity and, while fixing the issue for a little while, won't help in the long run. The other alternative states to let things go for a little while and keep measuring and evaluating and wait to make a decision doesn't make sense either because it is basically procrastination on an ultimate scale of the lives of animals and growth of plants in nature. The only option with the best results is the path where the NPS introduces wolves whenever necessary for 20 years giving the environment the ability to re stabilize itself for the long run. There is the possible counter argument that as soon as the 20 year period ends, the situation we are facing right now will repeat itself but maybe then the population has grown enough to survive long enough without our help. Plus, who knows, maybe even then our intelligence has increased and there are new ways to help the wolves or we have possibly been able to fix our previous mistakes dealing with global warming letting the wolves save themselves when necessary.

We, as humans, have somehow made it our responsibility to take care of the world we live in. I don't know why we were the ones given the ability to care for our natural world or why we are the one species with the power to do this. For whatever reason we were given this power, I know that we need to use it to protect ecosystems like Isle Royale. We don't know how greatly our power might change in the future or how what we are doing to the Earth currently will affect our future but if we have the power to save a species right now, why are we even discussing whether we should or should not? I really hope you not only see these wolves as "wolf number whatever" but as a living creature that needs help in this environment and the chain reaction to all the other organisms with it.

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern, my name is Mohammed [REDACTED] and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. Our class was studying the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. I would like to contribute my opinion on the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS. In response to the information you shared with the public on the different alternatives that can be taken I believe that the best alternative would be D. This would be where the NPS would not take immediate action but would continue to monitor the ecosystem and let the natural process occur. They would look to see if there was a threshold met by looking at different resource indicators in the ecosystem and based on that data they would take action by either introducing wolves to Isle Royale at a one-time event (like alternative B) or through multiple introductions (like alternative C). This would allow the continued monitoring and if the ecosystem is in any form of danger, would allow the NPS to save the wolf population in many multiple ways. If alternative D is to be chosen, the monitoring of the health of the ecosystem of Isle Royale would continue and wolves would be added based on the thresholds met and indicators in the environment. Being isolated from other wolves, the Isle Royale wolves were a victim to inbreeding. Due to the fact of global warming, no new wolves since no.93, were able to venture to the island over a naturally occurring ice bridge. Since no new genes were introduced to the wolf population on the island, inbreeding caused many recessive traits in the wolfs to become more prominent. In the document from the Isle Royale Wolf website many of the wolves suffered several different kinds of congenital malformation in the spine. One of these LSTV, which occurs in only 1% o a normal population, occurs 33% o the time for the wolves living in Isle Royale. This would cause problems hunting because they would not be able to run as quickly or be as efficient in taking down prey. The birth of new pups would also be difficult for these wolves. These problems have caused the wolf population to dwindle down to only 2 wolves remaining on the island. This has caused the moose population to rise significantly because there arent enough predators to hunt them and keep their population under control. If any number of wolves were to be added to Isle Royale, either on a one time basis or over multiple times as alternative D suggests, then the wolves would have plentiful food and no competition allowing the population to grow. This growth will also allow them to keep the moose population under control. Also, new wolves brought to the island would bring new genes and this would mean genetic variation and make the problems the current wolves are facing less prominent. Inbreeding wont occur as frequently and many more wolves will be healthy enough to hunt. 20 years gives these wolves plenty of time to rebound from near extinction and help to restabilize the ecosystem on the island. If there is nothing to stop the increasing moose population, the ecosystem of Isle Royale will be destroyed. As stated on the Isle Royale website, moose consume 30-40 pounds of vegetation per day. If the population continues to grow and each moose continues to eat this much food, soon there wont be enough food left on the island. This will not only cause a decline in the moose population due to lack of food but also many other herbivorous species that inhabit the island. This would end up causing a domino effect and eventually destroy the entire ecosystem. Not only would this cause a food shortage for organisms, it would also cause lack of nesting material for birds and natural hiding spots for smaller creatures such as voles and mice which hide from creatures such as foxes and coyotes. The lack of wolves on Isle Royale wouldnt just have an impact of the moose population but to the whole ecosystem. Not doing anything, which is what Alternative A suggests, would cause a complete collapse of the ecosystem on Isle Royale. Not only ending the study of the predator prey relationship but also causing the extinction of many different species that inhabit the island. Seeing how there are only 2 wolves on the island, which are also brother and sister as stated on the Isle Royale website, there is little chance of a natural wonder happening to bring the wolves back. Global warming has caused the formation of ice bridges to become very rare. This way no new wolves are going to be able to come to Isle Royale. Alternative A is just a waiting game to see when and how the island will end up destroying itself. Alternative B suggest the introduction of multiple wolves at a given time. Though this may sound like a good idea, the addition of multiple wolves at one given time may end up not having as large an effect. If the wolves arent part of the same pack, this would cause a lot of violent conflict to break out over territory. This would limit the population of wolves and since they might breed with the two that are already present on the island, inbreeding would just occur once more. Given 20 years a new genetic trait might appear between the wolves and ecologists will once again be faced with the same problem. Alternative C suggests that wolves be introduced to the island and the NPS would bring them as often as needed to maintain a population. This alternative might save the wolf population now but in 20 years it could be very harmful. If the NPS brings wolves to Isle Royale as frequently as they can to maintain a population on the island. This messes with the natural fluctuation that a population experiences in the wild. The wolf population would always be stable and would increase in size. Over a 20 year period, their population would stay stable and begin to increase due to the plethora of food. This would cause a large decline in the moose population and would end up hurting the ecosystem to a large extent. I believe that alternative D would be the best choice because it is a combination of Alternatives B and C. The NPS would monitor the ecosystem and then decide which option would be the most beneficial. This way they can be more open-minded with their decision and not be restricted to just one option. I believe that Alternative D will be the most successful in saving the ecosystem and the wolf population on Isle Royale. Alternative A would just cause the destruction of it and B and C could have a negative impact given the situation. To save Isle Royale and its wolves going with Alternative D would be in your best interests.

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Hello, I am Sarah [REDACTED], a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. After hearing about the opportunity to have a part in the concern about the Isle Royale case study, I would like to express my opinion about what should be done. According to the information that you have shared with the public recently, I believe that alternative D, waiting before taking immediate action and bringing wolves to the island, is the best option to keep Isle Royale in its beautiful state and allow the wolf population to increase its longevity.

The data collected shows a massive change in the ecosystem of Isle Royale. Detroit News states that as of April 11, 2016, only two adult wolves, a brother and sister, remain on the island. Both adult pups carry the gene for the spinal disorder lumbosacral transitional vertebrae, which causes a misshapen pelvis and vertebrae, thus inhibiting hunting skills. If the adult wolves happen to breed another litter of pups, there is a 1:4 ratio that their pups will also have the disorder. The recent data shows that the two adult wolves left are not breeding. This could be in part because they realize that their population is dwindling. The female and male wolves left are carriers for LSTV; if they do breed, the mother could die during labor from her deformed skeleton. According to the web site isleroyalewolf.org, there is the possibility that the two wolves left could breed, but without knowing the ages of the remaining wolves, it is hard to tell if that will occur. To prevent the spinal disorder from being passed on, the two wolves left will have to die naturally to end the gene progression. Since the ages of the wolves on the island are unknown, it is best to wait for them to perish naturally from old age or starvation. This would successfully end the LSTV gene in wolves on Isle Royale, thus allowing a new wolf pack to safely inbreed and increase the population.

When a pair of wolves crossed an ice bridge during the harsh winters of 2014, they turned back after a short stay on the island because they knew they would not be able to survive in that ecosystem. If new wolves are brought to the island during a 36 month period, they will have time to choose an alpha male, the leader of the pack and a territory, and they will start to inbreed to grow their population. If additional wolves are needed later, they could be brought over to stabilize the population. Although this might cause conflict over the alpha position, it is the best alternative to maintain the wolf population. To ensure that the wolf population will survive we have to allow the LSTV gene to be permanently removed from the Isle Royale population. We need to wait for the two remaining wolves to die before introducing new wolves and allowing breeding to occur. If we don't do anything, the moose population will continue to increase and will take over the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

There is a plentiful amount of food with the moose population nearing 1300. However, the wolf population is just not able to hunt and find the moose. We know that wolves will not be able to naturally migrate to the island because they will have no way to cross Lake Superior with the warmer climate. According to the website isleroyalewolf.org, the moose population has decreased from 2,400 in 1996 to 1,250 in 2015. An important factor in the decline of the moose population is the increased temperature. The moose are native to cooler parts of the country. The decade between 2000 and 2010 holds the record for warmest decade ever on Earth. Because of increased heat waves and warmer temperatures, the earth's temperature has gradually increased by about 1.4 degrees over the most recent century. According to USEPA, the warmer temperatures have forced the moose to spend more time in the water so they do not overheat. This also poses a problem to the wolf population because it is very difficult for them to hunt moose in water. Although there has been concern that the moose population will take over the island if wolves are not present, it is more likely that the Earth's increasing temperatures will cause the moose to die from heat exhaustion or starvation because they will be so weak that they will be unable to exit the water to find food.

Other organisms in the ecosystem have flourishing populations. The beaver population is increasing because of the fall of the wolf population, as the beavers are prey to the wolves. The red fox and snowshoe hare counts have been average in the past few years. River otters have been found in large quantities also, following the decline of the wolf population. This data from isleroyalewolf.org shows that there is plenty of food for a new wolf pack even if they will not be able to hunt the moose as easily as before. According to the National Park Services, the vegetation available to the moose has not been thriving as much as it has recently been. Because of the increased heat, the balsam fir is not in its ideal habitat and has a smaller growth rate. An increased amount of trees is shading more of the island. While that benefits the moose by lowering its body temperature, the added shade isn't beneficial to maintaining a food source for the moose population. Luckily, many other plants on the island have been thriving in new climate conditions, allowing for new food for the moose population.

If we do not intervene and add a wolf pack to the island, the island will likely be destroyed by the continually increasing moose population. If a pack of wolves is brought to the ecosystem of Isle Royale, it will decrease the moose population and allow for a more balanced ecosystem. The multiple packs of wolves are brought to the island over time, male wolves will fight each other for role of alpha, killing wolf pups and fighting over the females. Every time new wolves were introduced, this would occur and result in a decrease of the wolf population. If a wolf pack is brought over at the same time, there will not be continual conflict for the alpha position. If a disturbance kills plant life or organisms on the island, there may not be enough organisms to support the ecosystem for the next 20 years; most of the organisms left are plants, which could burn if there was a fire, for example, or be destroyed in severe weather conditions. A wolf's average lifespan is five to six years, so conflict over the alpha could also cause a problem to the wolf population every few years and could lead to another decline of the wolf population. We have to allow the wolf population to safely live in the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

If we want to ensure that the island will still be a beautiful tourist stop and habitat for wildlife, we have to keep the ecosystem alive. To do that, we have to allow a pack of wolves to acclimate to the island after the LSTV gene is removed from the wolf population. This will allow the Isle Royale wolf population to restart with a healthy, strong genome. This will decrease the moose population enough for other plants, especially aquatic plants, to thrive and re-grow from the previous years. The LSTV gene will be eliminated with the death of the two remaining wolves allowing for a strong, healthy wolf population. Climate change may not be able to be stopped, but we can take steps to prevent the island from being destroyed by making sure the ecosystem remains balanced.

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Correspondence: Dear Whomever this may concern,

My name is Jonathon [REDACTED], and I am a freshman at [REDACTED]. We have been learning about Isle Royale and the ecology of it in my biology class, and I would like to give my input on the current situation. I have seen your four alternatives, and thought of the possible outcomes for all of them and done a fair amount of research using isleroyalewolf.org. I believe the best option would be to continuously bring wolves to the island whenever needed for the next twenty years, as stated in alternative C. I believe this is the best choice if the intended outcome is to preserve the wolf population, help regulate the moose population, and protect the ecosystem as a whole.

I believe alternative C is the best option for many different reasons. I believe it will have the best effects on the island over the next two decades. First of all, although it may not save the current population of the wolves, it would absolutely help stabilize the moose population. The wolves have not been quite healthy enough to properly regulate the moose population in recent years, but normally they certainly help. They keep them from overfeeding in some areas, because they cannot stay there for too long without being hunted. They also help with natural selection, by picking out the weakest and killing them, leading to stronger better moose in future generations. It is also very unlikely that the National Park Service would need to bring more wolves to the island more than once in the next twenty years. As shown in the genetic rescue in the fifties with wolves from the Detroit Zoo, very few wolves can go a long way. It is doubtful that the NPS would even need to add wolves more than once for decades, much less within the next twenty years. The only reason it should be a viable option is in the case of some disaster that destroys the newly added wolf population.

The population of the balsam fir would also be stabilized for the time being. Without any wolves on the island, they could eat it until it no longer exists on the island, and then not only are there no balsam fir, but many moose would die off. With the balsam fir's population stable, this helps provide many homes

for smaller animals and other organisms, and keeps the ecosystem of the island stable as a whole. This can be figured out by just imagining the food chain that is the island's ecosystem, and how all these different factors affect one another.

I chose alternative C because I believe the other options don't adequately support the needs of the island. Alternative A would lead to the ecosystem going into a depression, which it may not recover from. The balsam fir population could be eradicated, because the moose population would grow exponentially until it ate it all away. Alternative B would absolutely be a good option, but in the case of some natural disaster, all the newly added wolves could be killed, and we would be back to where we started. Alternative C would make sure that if needed in the next twenty years, the island would have the wolf population it needs. Alternative D would maybe be a good option, but if we wait until circumstances make us add wolves to the ecosystem, it could be too late to fix the damage that has been done.

All in all, Isle Royale means a lot to thousands around the world, from the uniqueness of the ongoing project to the beauty of the ecosystem itself. It would be a shame to see it lose any of its current beauty. This is why I suggest that wolves be continually added when needed over the next twenty years. This will not only preserve the ecosystem, but help it thrive again like it has in the past. I would like to thank you for accepting my input, and I hope it goes to good use.

Sincerely,

Jonathon [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Hello esteemed readers of the NPS, Isle Royale, as you know, is having trouble with the near eradication of wolves on the island while the moose population, has almost doubled in the past five years. This worries me for if this pattern continues and all the wolves die, the instability that the island shall face may be too much for it to handle, and we may lose one of the few places left that is natural and almost completely free of human influence. I have reviewed the four options set by you and I have concluded that alternative B, bringing wolves over as a one-time event, is the best course of action, on the condition that the current wolf population dies out.

The increase in the moose population means a decrease in the amount of vegetation that grows on the 900 square mile island. According to the Isle Royale website, moose on average, eat around 30 to 40 pounds of vegetation each day. In all instances in the past 50 years except for one, whenever the moose population was near or exceeded 1200 moose, there was a decline. My belief though is that this number will rise once again during the next month of May, during the time when calves will be born. During this time, the amount of food that the moose will eat will increase to regain lost energy and prepare for winter once again. The rise in consumption may not only affect the moose, but other species such as hare, beavers, and even fish. All are organisms that need vegetation to thrive in order for their population to grow. Now if the moose population goes unchecked and we leave nature to the task, it may all work out, but it may not. If we bring a group of wolves to the island, ones who are less prone to having any genetic mishaps anytime soon and are adapted to living in the Royale environment, the moose population will quite possibly stabilize and new packs of wolves will emerge. But then again, why not bring wolves over to the island every year or two?

While it is true that bring wolves every couple of years might ensure that there is a genetic variation within the island so as to not come so close to having an entire population gone once again, there are other problems that stem from the primal urges of the wolves. Wolves are territorial animals. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, a wolf pack's territory ranges from 50 to as high as 1,000 square miles, depending on competition and food scarcity. Food is most certainly not a problem at the moment for a wolf pack and there is a large amount of space, but there is a problem. As I have noted before, wolves are territorial, and the loss of any real competition for the wolves to have leads to the wolves having a large amount of territory all to themselves. If new wolves are introduced after the first set of wolves arrives, they will be seen as a threat by the pack. Usually, there are two outcomes for wolves in foreign territory, assimilation, or war. If a pack feels hostile towards a new group of wolves they may attack and try to kill the wolves, and any wolves not killed will be left to roam alone, and if there is no ice bridge at the time, then the wolf may starve and the whole plan of putting in wolves every few years would have been a waste. There is also another way for the current predicament to be solved and that is by nature.

Ice bridges form naturally and have been observed a number of times just in these past years, bringing over new wolves who may help with genetic variation just as with the aptly named "Old Grey Guy" in '97. This belief, though, is not one that I am comfortable in having. If a new wolf arrives and mates with the wolves on the island, we would have to wait almost 2 years (1 for the actual process of birth, and about 6 months optimistically for an ice bridge to form according to data from previous years) for new pups to be born, and we would have to hope that they are born healthy and strong. Even if all this happens, there is still the very strong possibility that LSTV shall thrive again as it will still be present in the newborn pups. A way to counter this is to, unfortunately, let the few wolves remaining to stay amongst themselves, and bring in wolves that are less prone to having pups with LSTV. This will reduce the amount of cases we shall see for the foreseeable future.

Having these options laid out in front of me I tried to find what could be done better, what might happen if they were to do nothing? I finally feel that I can wholeheartedly stand behind my choice. Bringing in new wolves will not save the few that still live amongst the island, but it will help in the preservation of it. The island is filled with an intertwining group of organisms, living harmoniously, in a place where if there is a disruption, the whole ecosystem feels it. Right now there is a large population of moose, and I believe that if we did nothing that the ecosystem and its inhabitants will find a way, but it is that chance that something may occur, and it is a chance that I do not feel comfortable taking. We should fix the problem as soon as possible, not wait for nature or for there to be such a major crisis that we act upon it too late. We should act swiftly and decisively, to try and avoid such an event from occurring. The implementation of plan B, adding wolves as a one time deal, shall help to keep the moose population in check and causes the least amount of foreign intrusion on the island.

I will be looking forward to your response.

Scientifically yours,

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

My name is Eva [REDACTED] and I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the grim situation Isle Royale is facing due to the declining wolf population. My concern for Isle Royale grew as we studied the wolves of the island in my freshman biology class. After considering all four alternative solutions to the problem, I decided that alternative C was the most logical, and would be the most beneficial for Isle Royale's ecosystem.

Due to parvovirus and inbreeding, the wolf population is down to two wolves, who are not able to produce healthy offspring. Alternative C suggests that wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as often as needed to maintain a population of wolves for at least the next 20 years. Alternative C's plan would happen as soon as possible. This would not only reestablish the wolves, but it would benefit the moose and the vegetation as well. According to isleroyalewolf.org, in the last two years, the decreasing number of wolves has led to a rapid increase of moose, from 1050 to an estimated 1300 today. This is unnerving. An overabundance of moose is detrimental to both the moose and the entire island ecosystem. The more moose there are, the less vegetation will be present on the island. According to wildernessclassroom.com, moose have to eat a whopping 50-60 pounds of food in the spring and summer to survive, and one of the moose's main sources of food is the fir tree. In 2013, Rolf Peterson said that "some of the trees have been waiting for 60 or 70 years" to outgrow the moose population. This illustrates the destruction moose can wreak on the plant life, and once the vegetation is gone, the moose will be as well. The carrying capacity of Isle Royale will not increase. When there is little to no vegetation left due to heavy moose browsing, the moose population will, simply, fade to little or nothing as they starve. This lack of vegetation will also change the populations of smaller organisms on Isle Royale. When vegetation diminishes, smaller organisms that lived on that vegetation will dwindle in population size or vanish. A new population of wolves would keep the moose "in-check," and prevent the destruction of the island's ecosystem by moose.

Out of all the alternatives, alternative C would be the most beneficial to Isle Royale. Alternative A suggests that no action should be taken to reestablish a wolf population, since wolves may come and go through natural migration, but this assumption that wolves will come through natural migration is faulty. The only way wolves can migrate to Isle Royale is over an ice bridge, and ice bridges don't form that often. Over the last eight years, only two ice bridges have formed, one in 2008 and one in 2014. According to Michigan Tech, two wolves visited the island in the winter of 2014 and promptly left. This shows how backwards it is to assume that wolves will migrate to the island on ice bridges, and to then assume that they will stay. Alternative B isn't much better. Alternative B suggests that the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time to increase the longevity of the wolf population. This alternative is better than alternative A, but it still has its weak points. Wolves brought to the island for a defined period of time will increase the longevity of the wolf population, but will not increase the longevity as much as alternative C would. If the NPS brought wolves to the island over a defined period of time, the wolf population would decrease much earlier than the wolf population controlled by alternative C, since alternative C suggest that wolves be brought to the island to maintain a population for at least the next 20 years. Finally, alternative D suggests that immediate action should not be taken so natural processes can continue. If natural processes continue, the two remaining wolves will soon be gone, and the moose population will begin to increase dramatically. Alternative D then suggests that these natural processes should continue until resource indicators and thresholds are developed to evaluate the condition of key resources. When thresholds are met, a plan similar to alternative B or alternative C would be put into action. There are many faults to this. By the time a plan like alternative B or alternative C is put into action, the moose population will be too big for newly introduced wolves to control. A large amount of the vegetation will be gone, and the moose population would be very unstable. Unlike alternatives A, B, and D, alternative C would maintain a healthy wolf population for the longest amount of time while being put into action as soon as possible.

Immediate action should be taken immediately to maintain Isle Royale's rich ecosystem. If the wolves go, the wildlife will go as well, transforming the island from a wilderness overflowing with life into something desolate. People will stop visiting the island. No one will ever get the whole experience of Isle Royale ever again. It breaks my heart to think of such a beautiful island becoming a lifeless field. This bleak dystopian future can be prevented. Alternative C would keep the island lush and beautiful for the longest amount of time. There should be no time-wasting debate over the options. The island needs you as soon as possible. Please look into your heart and realize this.

Sincerely,

Eva [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Tommy [REDACTED] and I am a freshman in high school [REDACTED]. I am writing to you because I am concerned with the dwindling wolf population of Isle Royale National Park and believe that Alternative C would be the best option to solve the near-extinction of the wolves. Alternative C, the process of bringing in wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed would be the best option to maintain the well-being of the island. The wolf are essential because their predation of the moose prevents the moose from destroying the ecosystem. This plan would also guarantee that the wolves will not face the harmful LSTV deformity in eventuality. Alternative C is the best approach to ensuring the health of Isle Royale National Park.

Alternative C would prevent the moose of the island from growing in number and destroying the island. As shown by Isleroyalewolf.org, the moose population rose above 1200 while the wolf population hit three in 2015. Left unchecked, the moose would wreak havoc on the island. According to Rolf Peterson, researcher from Michigan Tech, the island's balsam fir across the western two-thirds of the island had been growing to heights which would put them safe from the moose herd's reach. Unfortunately, this growth was prevented by the dwindling population of the wolves since 2010. The fir has not had a chance to grow to these heights that would prevent its destruction. Introducing wolves to the island would increase the wolf population, lowering the moose population with increased predation, which would give the fir the opportunity to reproduce and grow to their necessary heights. Without predation from the wolves, the moose population would increase to a point dangerous to the ecosystem as has been shown by recent data, with an increase of almost a thousand moose since 2007, which would only get worse over the next twenty years. This large moose population would need a larger food source, using up all the resources on the island, destroying the ecosystem fairly quickly. This island has been an instrumental tool in the study of ecology, but without the wolves, this world famous study would come to a close and one of ecology's essential tools would no longer be available.

Alternatives A, B, and D would not keep the island safe for the next twenty years. Alternative A's preposition of allowing nature to run its course would kill the wolf population off within a few years. There would likely be LSTV in any more offspring produced, which would eliminate the entire remaining wolf population in a few years. The only way any predators would be able to reemerge onto the island would be by using ice bridges. These bridges have become very uncommon and even if a predator was to come to the island, they would likely leave upon finding no mates, as has happened in the past, when two wolves came to the island and left within a period of five days. With Alternative B, the idea of introducing wolves once to the ecosystem, the wolf population would increase to a safe level within the first few years. When "Old Grey Guy" came to the island in 1997, the population rose within two years from sixteen to twenty-five wolves, however, this growth did not last. Within 14 years, the wolf population started a steep decline in size, and of late has hit near-extinction resulting from the LSTV deformity. An article discussing the wolf inbreeding showed that before "Old Grey Guy" came to the island, one third of the wolves in Isle Royale had the LSTV deformity. While the genetic rescue saved them, the effects were not permanent. Introducing wolves one time into the ecosystem would not prevent the deformity from hitting the wolves again and driving them to extinction within a short period of time. Only introducing the wolves periodically as proposed by Alternative C would ensure that LSTV would not drive them to extinction within the next twenty years. Alternative D, proposing the monitoring of the situation on the island and introducing wolves if and when necessary, would hurt and possibly destroy the island to a point beyond saving. By the time the situation turned bad enough to act, the island would be suffering, and the introduction of wolves would take awhile. John Vucetich, associate professor from Michigan Tech stated to Minnpost in "As Isle Royale Wolves Slide toward Extinction, a Call for

"Genetic Rescue" that it may take a couple of years to decide on whether to reintroduce the wolves to the island, and the best way of doing it. If the situation were to turn bad enough for intervention, it would undoubtedly take too much time to reintroduce the wolves, gravely damaging the ecosystem with the moose running unchecked. As Vucetich said to the Minnpost, when Yellowstone was missing wolves, beavers flourished and destroyed the island in ways that prevented new wolves from restoring the previous condition of the park. Alternative C is the only option that would keep the island safe and maintain the population of the wolves at a sufficient amount for at least the next twenty years.

Isle Royale National Park in recent years has had a dwindling wolf population to the point of extinction; only Alternative C would save the ecosystem. This alternative, proposing bringing wolves to the island whenever necessary, would keep the wolf population from dying out within twenty years and would save the island from the uncontrolled growth of the moose which could increase exponentially. It would also prevent the LSTV deformity and other problems from affecting populations again for at least twenty years as wolves would be introduced if the deformity were to rise again, saving the wolves with new genes. The uncontrolled growth of the moose would have a catastrophic effect on the island, as Vucetich and Peterson said, it would destroy the balsam fir of the island and damage the island past the point of saving. Alternative C is the best option to save Isle Royale from a dwindling wolf population and save the island. I believe that the National Park Service should utilize this alternative to save Isle Royale from destruction.

Sincerely,

Tommy [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: My name is Austin [REDACTED] and I am a student [REDACTED] studying ecology, specifically predator-prey relationships on Isle Royale. I am writing this response out of concern for the welfare of Isle Royale, and for the welfare of the experiment that has been running on Isle Royale for the last 65 years. The current problem with the dwindling wolf population on Isle Royale could lead to uncontrollable growth in the moose population, and the loss of the predator in the study of the predator-prey relationship. The NPS has provided four alternative solutions to this problem. Of these alternatives, I think Alternative D, not taking action until one or more resource indicators or thresholds are met is best.

I think based on evidence from the study of Isle Royale, that Alternative D would result in the most positive implications on the wolf, moose and plant populations on Isle Royale. Alternative D would be very beneficial for the wolf population of Isle Royale. According to the Detroit News, the Isle Royale wolf population is currently down to two wolves. Inbreeding over decades has left those wolves weak and likely to be suffering from LSTV, a condition that by 2009 was already affecting a third of the wolves on Isle Royale compared to 1% in normal wolf populations (isleroyalewolf.org). To get a strong population of wolves on Isle Royale new wolves with new genes must be brought to the island. Without the hindrance of the genetic disorders caused by inbreeding the wolves should be successful on Isle Royale. In 1997 genetic rescue occurred on Isle Royale. Because of LSTV affecting the wolves, the population had fallen to 12 wolves in 1992. As the new wolf, old grey guy began to produce offspring unaffected by LSTV, the population jumped to 29 in 2000. I think new wolves on Isle Royale will see similar success. Although there are many factors that contribute to the success of the wolf population, over the years healthy wolves have been successful on Isle Royale. In the last 65 years the wolf population had rarely dropped below 15 wolves until problems with inbreeding began. I think new wolves on the island will be equally as successful. I predict that when the wolves are first introduced the population will grow steadily because of the current abundance of moose on the island. Eventually the moose population will fall, and both populations will stabilize.

I think Alternative D would also be beneficial for the moose. According the 2014-2015 Isle Royale Annual Report, if the current moose growth rate continues the moose population will double in the next three years. An over abundance of moose is bad for the moose on the island. In 1996 the moose population had been growing for 13 years and was up to almost 2400 moose. Then there was a severe winter and a tick outbreak and the fierce competition between the overpopulated moose caused the population to plummet to 900 over the course of that one year. This is an example of how overpopulation can be negative for the moose. If the moose population continues to grow they will be vulnerable to another situation like that. Also, according to Rolf Peterson the moose population could cause long term damage to the forests of Isle Royale which would reduce the size of their food supply. All these problems with overpopulation could likely be solved by introducing a wolf population to keep the moose population stable. Introducing new wolves to the island also has other benefits for the moose. According to John Vucetich in an article in the Minnesota Post wolves prey on the weakest moose in the population. This keeps the population strong and acts as natural selection for the moose. I predict that early on when the wolves are introduced the moose population will fall, but over the next twenty years the population will become more stable and healthy than it would be without the wolves.

Vegetation will also benefit from Alternative D. Alternative D is created around the idea that if the amount of vegetation on Isle Royale falls too low, action must be taken. The Balsam Fir is the Mooses main source of food over the winter. When moose population is high, browsing rate of the Balsam Fir is high. In the mid 1990s when moose population was very high, many fir trees were killed. In 1996 17% of fir trees were killed by moose browsing. Afterwards, severe winter and genetic rescue lowered the moose population and allowed the trees to recover. According to the Isle Royale 2013-1014 annual report moose abundance is likely to a level where it could cause long term damage to the Balsam Firs. Introducing new wolves to the island would prevent this by reducing the moose population as genetic rescue did in 1997.

I think Alternative D, waiting to take immediate action until immediate action is necessary, is the best option. I believe that this gives the best opportunity for the wolves of Isle Royale to recover, and save the ecosystem from possible harm. Not only are the wolves of Isle Royale in trouble, but the entire ecosystem and all of the species it supports are in danger of collapse. Bringing wolves back to the island would not only add beauty to the park, it could save it from destruction.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is George [REDACTED] and I am from Chicago, Illinois. I am writing to you because I would like to provide my input about the conflict at Isle Royale National Park. Through my own individual research, I have come to appreciate the island and its beauty. But, as of right now, there are only two wolves left on the island. As it is known, the wolves are a crucial part of the Isle Royale ecosystem, because they control the moose population, and help preserve the plant life. It is necessary that something is done about this conflict, and I think the best course of action is Alternative C. Four approaches to handling this problem were offered, but Alternative C is the most practical and realistic. This approach includes bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a healthy population of moose on the island. The Isle Royale ecosystem needs to be sustained for years to come, and this is the most pragmatic way to accomplish this task.

According to Ron Meador of MINNPOST, three major species live on Isle Royale, and these include wolves, moose, and balsam fir, which is a type of plant that the moose eat. The first population that Alternative C directly affects is obviously the wolf population. Data accumulated from isleroyalewolf.org states that in 2015, there were three wolves left on the island. As of today, there are only two wolves left on the island. Because the wolf population has been declining over the years, inbreeding has been more and more prevalent. A special type of deformity known as lumbosacral transitional vertebrae, or

LSTV, has appeared in many wolves since 1990. In fact, more data taken from isleroyalewolf.org states that between 1994 and 1998, a third of the wolves on Isle Royale suffered from LSTV, due to heavy inbreeding. However, Alternative C would definitely help combat the negative effects of inbreeding. In fact, according to John Vucetich, of MI Tech U, the main reason why wolves on Isle Royale started inbreeding, was because the population was so low. Siblings had to mate with each other, and the result was a sickly and deformed pup. Another reason for inbreeding was that no new wolves arrived on the island, which is exactly what Alternative C would do. Ron Meador of MINNPOST wrote that in 2015, a pair of wolves walked on to the island, but did not stay, and soon left to return to the mainland of Canada. This proves that even if the wolves naturally walk onto the island, they might not stay, and the population will not increase. This is why Alternative C is the best option for the wolves. Whenever it is necessary over the next 20 years, new wolves will be put on the island to introduce new genes into the population, and to prevent inbreeding.

The second major population on the island that Alternative C would affect is the moose. In data from isleroyalewolf.org, the moose population in early 2015 was about 1250, and on the rise. The wolf population was 30 in 2004, but has declined to three in a span of 11 years. In 2007, the moose population was at an all time low of about 360 wolves. In a nine year time frame, the moose population has risen to about 1300 moose. This shows that as the wolf population has decreased in the last ten years, the moose population has dramatically increased, and will continue to do so, until something is done. This is where Alternative C can come into to help preserve the moose population. If there are no wolves present to restrict the moose population, then the moose will grow and reproduce beyond the island's capacity, and run out of food. According to Rolf Peterson of MI Tech U, once the moose run out of food, then they will quickly die off, and Isle Royale will have no predator-prey relationship on it anymore.

The third and final population that will be affected by Alternative C is the vegetation on Isle Royale. The National Park Service states that there are over 600 flowering plant species and 100 species of grass on the island. These plants are producers, which are vital for any ecosystem, and the vegetation on Isle Royale serves as a food source for the moose, which are primary consumers. However, the main food source for Isle Royale moose is balsam fir, which has been around long before the arrival of the wolves and moose. John Vucetich of MI Tech U stated than between 2000 and 2010, the western two-thirds of Isle Royale had a surging balsam fir population that was safe from overconsumption by the moose. But since then, as the moose population has been increasing, and the wolf population has been decreasing, the population of balsam fir is declining. This shows that the wolf population indirectly affects the balsam fir population. Wolf predation is vital to the survival of balsam fir, and the survival of moose as well. If all the wolves on Isle Royale die off, then the moose will consume all the balsam fir, and they will run out of food. In a recent video titled, Wolves on Isle Royale, Rolf Peterson of MI Tech U stated that once the wolves disappeared on the island, the moose would constantly reproduce until they ran out of food, then quickly die off. Alternative C would prevent this from happening because if a healthy, consistent population of wolves was present, then they could regulate the moose population, and thus the balsam fir population would be safe.

It is very important to cover why Alternative A, B, and D are not a good idea for the twenty year future of this island. Alternative A is the no-action alternative, so no wolves would be added on the island, and the goal of this idea is the hope that maybe wolves will migrate over an ice bridge. However, as it was previously discussed, it is very unlikely for wolves to migrate and actually stay on the island. Rolf Peterson of MI Tech U estimated that if no intervention occurred on the island, then the wolf population could die out in two years. Alternative B will not be effective, because it is just a one time intervention on the island. There could be a disease outbreak, or another short-term disturbance that could lower the wolf population to what it is right now, and another intervention would be needed. Alternative D includes waiting to rescue the wolf population until certain thresholds are met. This would not be successful, because the wolves could die out before the thresholds are met, and then nothing could be done to save the island.

In conclusion, the Isle Royale wolf population is in deep danger. Out of the four alternatives offered, Alternative C is by far the best option in terms of 20 years, which is how much longer the study will continue. Again, this option includes bringing wolves onto the island whenever it is necessary. Alternative C will ensure that a healthy wolf population is maintained, that can regulate other populations on the island. I would really like to see this alternative work, because I enjoy and appreciate nature. I have traveled to many national parks such as Yellowstone, Acadia, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, and the Grand Canyon, to name a few. I would love to see the island's wolf population restored to its natural state, and to see the other populations on the island thriving. It has been a pleasure providing my input to you, and I would like to thank you for providing me the opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,

George [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Lucy [REDACTED], and I am writing to you to address the dire situation of the Isle Royale wolves. Recently, my high school biology class has been studying ecosystems, including that of Isle Royale. After learning about ecology and the predator-prey relationship, I have realized that the Isle Royale wolves are extremely important to the stability of the rest of their ecosystem. Due to their rapidly declining population, I am writing this letter to the NPS to offer my opinion on what should be done. Not only does what happens to the wolves affect the other populations on the island, but it will influence the scientific study that has been going on in Isle Royale since 1958. I believe that Alternative C is the best of the four offered options. In Alternative C, outside wolves will be brought to the island as many times as necessary for the next 20 years in order to maintain a stable population. This choice ensures the ecosystems long-term stability.

Wolves arrived on Isle Royale in the late 1940s, according to MINNPOST, even though the moose had already been there for almost half a century. Though the average wolf population size is 22, Detroit News reports that there are currently only 2 wolves left after the death of a malformed pup. The wolf population has long kept the moose population in check. Since the moose eat the vegetation on the island, the trees and plants on the island are suffering due to the mooses increasing numbers. John Vucetich, the director of the Isle Royale study, asserted that the balsam fir trees have been growing to heights that would be safely above the mooses reach after the moose population hit a historic low in the 2000s. However, if the wolves die out and can no longer manage the moose population, the island vegetation would be in danger of being over consumed. The vegetation is not only in danger from moose - - MINNPOST reports that the number of beavers, who both eat and use trees for their dams, has increased 70% since 2010 because of the declining wolf population. According to Rolf Peterson, a lack of wolves on the island would end up in a moose population that would soar and crash and an unstable and possibly ruined balsam fir population. As the firs grow much slower than the moose do, once all the trees were gone, the moose would starve. Instead, a stable and constant wolf population, like the one described in Alternative C, would also stabilize the moose and vegetation. Prior to the rapid decline of wolves, the moose population was stable and bounced back from short-term disturbances such as harsh winters and parasites. However, based on data from isleroyalewolf.org, as soon as the wolf population dipped below 12, their prior all-time low, the numbers of moose increased from 700 to an estimated 1300, as they were no longer held back by predation. If wolves are reintroduced to the island, the moose will return to their stable population size, and the vegetation and balsam firs will no longer be in danger of over consumption. With the constant threat of predation, the moose will also have to be more fit and therefore more healthy than if there werent wolves.

However, the actual wolf population also must be considered. Due to the isolation of Isle Royale, wolves are forced to inbreed. Over time, mutations add up and can have disastrous results. According to Inbreeding within the Wolf Population on isleroyalewolf.org, wolves on Isle Royale have a high rate of spinal malformations because of inbreeding. These deformations have lowered their hunting and reproductive abilities. The same article states that, in 1997, after the wolves had been near the brink of dying out, a mainland wolf known as the old grey guy walked to the island across an ice bridge and saved the local population by introducing new, healthy genes. Due to the effects of global warming, such ice bridges have not been appearing as regularly. Alternative C then simulates the natural migration of wolves that has been happening at least every 12-15 years, according to Phil Hendrick, a wolf

geneticist at Arizona State University. If wolves are regularly introduced, it assures their long-term healthiness. The wolves are able to rebound from short-term disturbances, like diseases, but Alternative C makes sure that there will be a fit and stable population of wolves for at least the next 20 years. However, it is also necessary to address the other options. As established, the wolves are vital to the ecosystems health, as well as the scientific study that has been going on in Isle Royale. There is little chance of natural rescue due to the decreasing frequency of the ice bridges. Even if a bridge was to form, as one did last year, wolves who crossed the bridge may not remain on Isle Royale. Last year, two individuals migrated across, looked around at Isle Royales desperate and moribund wolves, and then left. The necessity of the wolf population combined with its dwindling chances of natural recovery make Alternative A, where there is no interference, an inferior option. If the wolves died out, it would be unlikely that the wolves, moose, or vegetation would stabilize again. Alternative B would help the population only for the next few years. Once the effects of constant inbreeding accumulate, the wolves will once again be adversely affected. In a few decades, the wolf population may again be on the brink. John Vucetich addressed the negative consequences that could happen in Alternative D by referencing the similar case that happened in Yellowstone National Park, where wolves were absent for several decades in the 1900s. By the time they were brought back to combat the overly large elk population and the damaged vegetation and land, the ecosystem had changed in an irreversible way. Alternative D suggests waiting until the reintroduction of wolves is absolutely necessary, but it doesnt account for how that may not always be possible.

Ultimately, I believe that Alternative C is the best chance that the Isle Royale ecosystem has. In this plan, which lasts 20 years, the Isle Royale wolf population will be repopulated as often as it is needed for the island to continue to have wolves. This will not only stabilize the wolves and protect them from accumulated effects of isolated inbreeding, but also will stabilize the moose and vegetation on the island. The predation of the wolves keeps the moose population down, which prevents the flora from being over consumed. What happens to the wolves on Isle Royale affects not only the ecosystem of the island, but the longstanding Isle Royale wolf and moose study, as well as the actual tourists who come to the island. More than most of the animals on the island, people care about the wolves and continue to donate and back Isle Royale and the NPS in part due to them. To preserve Isle Royale, its ecosystem, and the support of its visitors, I believe that something must be done and that the best choice is to reintroduce the wolves. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this letter.

Sincerely,

Lucy [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: My name is Connolly [REDACTED]. I am a student [REDACTED], located in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing to provide my input in regards to the development of the drastically low population of wolves on Isle Royale. I believe that this is a serious problem, and that the all possible options should be evaluated before any final decisions are made. However I firmly support Alternative C, the plan which calls for periodic deliveries of wolves to the island over a period of about 20 years. I feel that the time has come to implement a plan which will fix the balance of wolves and moose for years to come. The wolf population as it stands now has almost no hope of revival. The constant inbreeding and genetic mutations that have occurred in the current population of wolves has caused this unfortunate situation.

I believe that Alternative C is the correct choice to restore the wolf population back to its natural level, and to restore a favorable balance between the moose and wolf population. According to professor John Vucetich, the wolves play an extremely important part in regulating the island, and its population of moose. The moose population on the island browse heavily on fir trees on the island. Without a healthy wolf population to manage the moose, the island is in danger of becoming deforested by a rampant moose population. In the past, ecologists had advocated to import more wolves in order to allow fir trees to reach their normal heights, according to the Minnesota Post. Their arguments still hold true today on Isle Royale where the fir tree population is being decimated by the unchecked moose. Not only is the wolf population important in just preserving the natural state of the island, but it is imperative in maintaining the entire ecosystem of Isle Royale. As of right now, there are only two wolves left on the island. Moose predation has fallen to a near-zero level. Both wolves on the island are reported to have the LSTV spinal condition, according to the Minnesota Post, and because of this condition it is questionable if they can even reproduce. This shows that genetic rescue is out of the question and that the wolf population will almost certainly not rebound. Also, if the population were to recover, the LSTV mutation would become even more common and pronounced within the wolf population, due to the inbreeding of the pack. All of these factors combined would create a wolf pack that would be highly unstable and likely to collapse again. Taking all of these variables into account, it is clear that the population of wolves must be carefully restarted by the National Park Service.

The wolf reintroduction would have to be done precisely, with wolves that are known to be friendly with one another. The conditions on Isle Royale are hospitable for wolves, and the abundance of moose would also help the wolves gain a foothold. After the wolves have been established we should see the moose level drop back down to around the 1200s and stabilize there, due to the increased wolf predation. The moose carrying capacity is around 1200, and by looking at the graph of wolf and moose population from isleroyalewolf.org it can be seen that both populations were relatively stable when there are 1200 moose. Finally we would begin to see the fir trees make a comeback, due to the smaller moose population.

Dating all the way back to the 1940s, people, such as Aldo Leopold the famed ecologist, realized the importance of a healthy stable wolf population on the island. Alternative C provides a solution that is both long term, and quick acting. This type of reintroduction on such a large scale has only really ever been attempted once, during the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park, however with careful planning, and quick action, Alternative C could be the solution to the island's problems. I believe that the short term reintroduction of wolves, paired with the continued addition of wolves and observation of them over the next twenty years is a critical step that must be taken in order to maintain the delicate balance between the wolves, moose, and fir tree forests on Isle Royale.

In comparison to Alternatives A, B and D, Alternative C is the clear choice for the future of Isle Royale. Alternative A calls for non intervention from the National Park Service. I believe that this would be one of the worst choices for the wolves of Isle Royale. With no intervention, it is almost certain that the wolves would die out. Inbreeding and genetic mutations has led to the wolf population becoming unstable. The only real hope of continued wolf presence on the island with Alternative A would be if more wolves naturally came to the island across an ice bridge between Isle Royale and the mainland.

However, this outcome is highly unlikely due to global warming, which has made ice bridges between Isle Royale and the mainland a very rare occurrence. Without any action the wolf population and possibly the entire ecosystem of Isle Royale would die out within years. Alternative B is very similar to Alternative C. The reason that Alternative B, the one-time addition of wolves to the Isle Royale ecosystem, is not a viable option, is due to the amount of variables that could adversely affect the wolves during their introduction to Isle Royale. Examples would include the wolves not forming a pack, or possible fighting between wolves on the island. Another possible variable could be a virus impacting the wolf population, similar to when the canine parvovirus decreased the wolf population from 50 to 14 wolves between 1980 and 1982 according to the graph on isleroyalewolf.org. With so many variables working against the wolves it isn't in the island's best interest to only do a one-time transfer of wolves. Finally, we get to Alternative D. This Alternative, which calls for the continued monitoring of the wolves and then a possible reintroduction, is almost irrelevant now. As of now the wolf population is down to two wolves, who may not even be able to produce viable offspring. If there was ever a time for action, it would be now.

Isle Royale is an important National Park, not only for it's beauty and grandeur, but because of the view it provides us into what the world looks like in it's natural state. The wolves of Isle Royale are one of the most important features of the ecosystem there. They prevent the occurrence "the balsam fir forest,

teetering on the edge of ruin" as predicted by Rolf Peterson in the Minnesota Post. In my opinion, Alternative C represents the salvation of both the wolves and the ecosystem of the island.

Cordially,
Connolly [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

My name is Luke [REDACTED]. I am a highschool student and I have been studying the ecology of the Isle Royale national park throughout the past few weeks. I am writing this response out of concern for the island's current predicament in which the wolf population dwindles dangerously low and the moose population could possibly grow out of control, which would devastate the vegetation and overall ecology of the island. To control this situation I think it would be best to use alternative B out of the four that were provided. This is the option where the current management would continue until a threshold is met, in which case wolves would be reintroduced to the island. If/When the island is in danger of being destroyed and wolves need to be reintroduced to the island I think that it would be best to do so per option B, which is a one time introduction of wolves to the island. I feel that this solution would be the best way to preserve the overall ecology of the island, as well as allow the studies of wolf and moose relationships to continue with as little human interaction as possible.

This solution would be a good choice for the island because it will be beneficial for all populations of animals on the island. The moose threshold should be high enough that as long as the current population of wolves remains on the island it will never be met. This would ensure that the current population of wolves would be wiped out. Although this may sound harsh, it wouldn't make sense to attempt genetic rescue before these wolves are gone, because then their various deformities might still have an opportunity to circulate throughout the gene pool if the new wolves decide to reproduce with them, and with time we would be faced with this problem again. Just like in 1997 when wolf number 93 was introduced to the island, the wolf population experienced temporary improvement with the wolf's new genes, however, in a little over 10 years the population was experiencing the same problems and declining again. By allowing the current population to die out we would be ensuring that their undesirable genes would be eliminated and the new population of wolves that would be introduced to the island would be able to thrive without these deformities. Because the new wolf population would be completely healthy they would be able to survive on the island for a long time. This is why only one introduction would be necessary. From there we can leave it to nature to determine the number of wolves that should be on the island and let the population recover on its own. There is no sense in continuing to introduce more wolves than is necessary or than the island's carrying capacity can handle because they would just die off from starvation or lack of resources needed to survive. It is best to introduce wolves once and let the wolf population recover itself on its own. This would save the wolf population and allow ecological studies to continue with limited human intervention.

The wolf population is the key to controlling all the other populations on the island. Once a stable wolf population was reestablished, the population of moose would be brought under control by the wolves predation. As we know from data already recorded on the island, whenever there is a strong wolf population on the island the moose population will be controlled. However, when the effects of inbreeding started to really affect the wolves and the wolf population went down in the late 1980's and early 1990's the moose population skyrocketed. The reintroduction of wolves will be able to bring the moose population down under control. Less moose means that there are less animals on the island to eat the plants. Just like in any ecosystem, plants are very important and we need the plants to survive at all costs. The excessive eating of plants by moose would devastate the plant population if the moose population was not controlled. Without the plants which are the producers that fuel the entire ecosystem, the ecosystem would collapse, which we definitely don't want to happen to this fantastic example of ecology. Controlling the moose with wolves would allow the plant population to survive and recover because they would no longer be eaten in excess by the moose.

Once order is restored to all the populations of the island, beginning with the wolves, the ecology of the island will be able to recover and progress and will be able to be preserved for years to come. Our beloved national park will remain as beautiful as it is for future generations to enjoy and we will be able to continue learning more about ecology from the plant and animal relationships that exist on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence:
Dear National Parks Service,

I am Audrey [REDACTED], a freshman [REDACTED]. I am writing this response because I am concerned with the decreasing population of wolves on Isle Royale. Of the four options the National Parks Service has provided, I believe that the best option for the wolves on Isle Royale is Option C. Option C describes a plan in which a group of wolves is introduced to the island to steadily increase the population of wolves. When the wolf population gets too low, more are added.

Opting to go with this plan would increase the population of wolves, moose, and vegetation on the island. The wolf population would obviously increase because if you only have three wolves on the island, like the graph from the national parks service has shown, if you add more wolves there will be more mates who do not have this genetic problem. This is a problem where there is asymmetry between vertebrae S1 and S2 would mean the wolves with this problem would suffer damage to the nerves controlling its tail and hind legs. The rate of malformations concerning this issue had been relatively low but has increased over the decades as the population became increasingly inbred. However in 1997 the declining wolf population was saved by an immigrant wolf coming from Canada who is known as the old gray guy. This immigrant wolf gave an input of new genes to the gene pool, and because this wolf did not have the abnormal genetic problem, his genes created new wolf pups with no abnormality, increasing the wolf population. So having more genes without this genetic defect added to the gene pool will mean less wolves become sick, or have a more difficult time running and reproducing. All these changes will make the wolf population healthier, better at hunting, and having more pups, thus increasing the wolf population dramatically. The wolves aren't the only population affected though. By now we are already at a point where there are so little wolves on the island that wolf predation no longer has an impact on the moose population. According to the MinnPost, the percentage of moose killed by wolves each year averages 15 percent but can be as high as 24%. However in the last two years only 2% of moose were killed by wolves. This brings me to my next point- how is the wolf population affected by the decreased number of wolves on Isle Royale? Since so little moose are killed, none of the weak are killed off by natural selection. This weakens the moose population as a whole. Even the vegetation on Isle Royale is affected by the lacking number of wolves. With no wolves to kill the moose, that abundance of moose need to eat something, and according to the MinnPost, the primary source of food for moose is Balsam Fir. So the population of Balsam Firs on Isle Royale gets used as a major food source, making the amount of vegetation on the island decrease.

If the National Parks Service decided to go with option A, which is no intervention, the wolf population would die out. Based on the Annual Report from the national parks service, since 2009, the wolf population has gone from around 25 wolves to today having only 2. There is no evidence of anything in the future to occur which may change this decrease in population. Secondly, Alternate B says that the NPS would bring wolves to the island only once over a

defined period of time. The issue with this option is that after the wolves are introduced, the wolves may thrive but sooner or later the wolves will have the same problems with inbreeding. Then we will be in this same situation again deciding what to do. According to the National Parks Service, the event which almost wiped out the wolves was the introduction to a disease that caused a deformity to the wolves known as a lumbosacral transitional vertebrae. There is no evidence that this, or another, disease will not be brought to the island and when the wolf population starts dwindling the NPS won't be able to do anything about it because option says to only introduce new wolves once, causing the wolf population to die out. Lastly, Alternative D says that the NPS won't do anything to help the wolves until a threshold is met and then introduce a pack of wolves. I do not believe this will work well for the island because the NPS don't know exactly when to introduce the wolves and may just keep procrastinating until the situation worsens and there are no more wolves on the island.

Overall, Alternative C is the option to save the wolves on Isle Royale. The National Parks Service must do something to help this population stay in their home where they have lived for many years; Despite many setbacks, the wolves have been able to bounce back, but this time they need our help. Thank you for your consideration and choosing to take action in order to save the wolves on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Audrey [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Nathan [REDACTED], and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. My biology class has been learning about the Isle Royale and the changing wolf and moose population. I would like to offer my perspective on the suffering wolf population. After learning quite a bit about the issues on the island, I firmly believe that bringing wolves to Isle Royale is the most beneficial and productive solution to solve the ecological problem that the island is facing.

Based on my research the wolf population is in dire need of rescue because of a skyrocketing rate of inbreeding. Today, the only wolf pup on Isle Royale has a spinal deformity known as lumbosacral transitional vertebrae (LSTV). LSTV deforms the vertebrae S1 and S2 and if deformed enough, the nerves that control the tail and hind legs would be severely damaged. This physical disorder affects 33% of the wolf population on Isle Royale, but just 1% of the rest of the planet. This is a very serious issue that needs to be addressed by a slow genetic rescue over the next 20 years. Consequently, the moose population is growing out of control because of the decline in wolves. Since 2009 when there were 24 wolves roaming, to the current population of three, the moose population has grown from 530 to roughly 1250. Because of their LSTV condition, they are not as good at hunting, and thus fewer moose are being eaten. Rolf Peterson has noted an increase in moose carcasses on the trails come springtime because there aren't enough wolves to eat them. Sadly, as the moose population continues to grow, there is a rising threat that the ecosystem will crash. The vegetation is also largely impacted because if it all gets eaten, it takes away the homes for populations of smaller organisms. A disruption at that trophic level will inevitably directly and indirectly impact the whole island, and could potentially harm other organisms and put them in danger on the island.

Alternative methods for assisting Isle Royale are inadequate because they do not maintain a balance between having the island save its own ecology, and adding organisms to the environment. The first option of no intervention is not a viable option. By doing nothing, the wolves will die off. With only three left on the island, the ages and conditions make reproduction impossible. There is an argument that wolves can cross over naturally. But the Earth is growing warmer year by year, the likelihood of an ice bridge forming in the winter is diminishing. If ice bridges can no longer form, the wolves will never again rule the island, and the moose population will forever run wild. The second alternative suggests introducing one more wolf every month for roughly three years. However, by only introducing one per month, the reproductive cycle will take time and will not yield more healthy pups in a timeline effective to increase the population. Additionally, for an animal that hunts and lives in a pack, a lonely life could easily become no life. The final option is the worst option of them all. The final option suggests intervening when environmental conditions fall to dangerous levels. This includes too much vegetation being consumed due to the vast moose population on the island which can result in a lack of consumable nutrition for the moose. Then, the moose die, there are no wolves to eat the dead moose, the trails get polluted by dead carcasses and the tourists are turned away.

We must help Isle Royale as soon as possible because it is in dire need of saving. The ecosystem is dying as well as island life. Because there are no wolves to feed off of the moose, the moose's food source is diminishing, and those vulnerable creatures are dropping dead all over the island. Isle Royale is becoming covered in a blanket of death, and the only way to save it and revive the island is to introduce one or two packs of wolves to help preserve the existing pack, and create generations of wolves to thrive in the future.

Sincerely,
Nathan [REDACTED]

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To National Park Service,

Isle Royale Park Management

My name is Peter [REDACTED]. I am a student [REDACTED], currently investigating the Isle Royale case study. It has been brought to my attention that the wolf population has severely dropped, and I intend to help solve this issue. The following response is my choice on your "Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives." Being a freshman, my knowledge may not be as efficient as others, but I think my outlook could really drive the case study. In my opinion, "Alternative B" is the best option for the trial because it will revive the wolf population, and it won't ruin the case study. "Alternative B" states that wolves would be brought to Isle Royale over a one-time event. This will revive the population of the wolves. Annual reports given by John Vucetich and Rolf Peterson show that the wolf population has been rapidly decreasing since 2009. As of mid 2015, there are only three wolves left. There are more deaths rather than births, therefore there's been a decline in the wolf population. This diminishes of wolves doesn't just affect them, but other animals in the ecosystem; especially moose. Since wolves are main predators of moose, and there are so little wolves, the moose population has been thriving. When there are so many moose on the island, there is more competition for food. This leads to less food for other herbivores, and

vegetation problems in general. Soon, the moose population will grow so high, that they will be starving to death with the lack of vegetation. Choosing "Alternative B" would drastically increase the amount of wolves, which will slightly have a decrease on the moose population. According to our graphs, whenever there is an abundance of wolves, the moose still have a pretty stable community. Since the moose will now have more predators, there will be more vegetation.

"Alternative B" has more positives than every other option. "Alternative A" is very risky. Doing nothing will most likely cause all the wolves to die out. As said previously, this means there will be a ton of moose, and they will begin to die too. "Alternative C" is a very good option because, the wolves will always have a stable population. Although this would be the best for the wolves, it will essentially ruin the case study. If there is always a stable amount of wolves, then the case study won't make sense. As soon as wolves begin to die, the NPS will add more, and the data will be false. We won't let nature take its course with this option. "Alternative D" says that the NPS will continue to study Isle Royale, until they are ready to choose C or B. This seems like a mix between each alternative, but Isle Royale doesn't have time. They need to take immediate action.

If the population of wolves on Isle Royale doesn't increase soon, the entire island will diminish. We need to act fast, in order to save this magnificent environment. Choosing "Alternative B" would be the best course of action because, it will revive the wolves, keep the moose population stable, and it won't ruin the case study.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is John, and I'm fifteen years old. I [REDACTED] In Northern Illinois. I am writing this paper, because I am recently became very interested in Isle Royale after we learned about it in school, and I would like to voice my opinion. We are currently in an ecosystem unit in biology, and my teacher used Isle Royale for many examples of how ecosystems can fluctuate, and how certain animal populations are affected by short term and long term disturbances. I have found all of what we learned about Isle Royale to be very interesting, and I would like to share my thoughts about what should be done to save this ecosystem. I believe that we should let nature take it's course and let the wolf population die out, and when the moose become overly dominant in the ecosystem, new wolves should be added consistently, however many are needed, as in alternative D.

Alternative D should be used, because it would save the remaining ecosystem, as well as filter out the current wolf gene pool. This long term disturbance of mutations, and constant inbreeding has nearly wiped out the entire population of wolves on the island, but this disturbance shouldn't automatically represent the end of wolves on Isle Royale. If no wolves are added to the current population, there is little to no chance that wolves will ever naturally settle on the island again, due to the increasing temperatures over the past years that have made the ice bridges much more rare. Even with the ice bridge that formed in 2015, the two wolves that crossed it to look at the island left it, because there weren't enough wolves to start a pack with, or breed with. Not only would adding wolves be good for balancing out the ecosystem, but it could also provide a new generation of wolves countless years of thriving. Until recently, Isle Royale has proven to be a suitable hunting ground for the wolves for the past fifty five years. At one point, Isle Royale even contained one of the largest wolf packs ever recorded, which proves that enough resources are present on the island for wolves to thrive. If no wolves are added to Isle Royale, then this potential wolf utopia may go unused. However, if wolves are added to Isle Royale, the new generation of wolves could live on the island for years.

Not only would the wolves experience hardship, but the moose would also become more susceptible to trouble. With wolves in this ecosystem, it forces moose to remain active, strong, and fast. However, with the recent drop in the wolf population, weaker moose are living longer and passing on their genes. This may sound good for the moose, but if the moose are exposed to a long term disturbance, such as drought, or new predators, this population will have a very hard time adapting to the new conditions, which will take a major chunk out of the existing moose population. This could ultimately make the moose population go extinct as well, if the disturbance is big enough. However, even without a major disturbance, it is highly likely that the moose will surpass the carrying capacity if new wolves are not added, which would also wipe out a major chunk of the population. For example, in 1995, the wolf population was only at 22, and the moose population was at 2150. Two years later, after the moose population climbed even higher, 1500 moose disappeared, and the population is still recovering from that loss today. However, if more wolves are added to the ecosystem consistently, the weaker moose genes will be much more rare, and the moose will never outgrow the carrying capacity.

Lastly, the rest of the ecosystem would be drastically affected by the loss of wolves. If the wolf population dies out, and the moose population climbs as high as it did in 1996, there will be a great shortage in vegetation, which would impact the entire ecosystem. With an increased number of moose, the vegetation will have no chance to grow back fast enough, which would cause widespread disaster within the ecosystem. However, if wolves are added consistently, the moose population will never get too big, which will leave the vegetation enough time to grow back, in order to feed the entire ecosystem on the island.

Taking no action would not be a good idea, because the moose population would explode, causing the entire ecosystem to crash. There is a carrying capacity in all ecosystems for all animals, and the moose have already experienced exceeding the carrying capacity in 1996, in which the year after, more than half of the moose perished. Bringing in wolves as a one time event as in option B, would not be successful either, because the few wolves left on the island will mate with each other, passing on the genes that has caused the wolf population to be in the state it's in. Finally, option C wouldn't work either for the same reason. The genes from the, "physically disabled" wolves would continue to be passed down, which would lead to another plunge in the population.

While adding new wolves would definitely, "contaminate," the long going study of this ecosystem, it is clear that adding new wolves constantly after the current wolves die out is the only way to ensure the ecosystem survives, which is clearly much more important than the actual study of the Isle Royale ecosystem. Also, there could easily be a new study of the same ecosystem after the new wolves are added. This ecosystem has been giving us fantastic data and great knowledge of how ecosystems are run, but now it needs to be helped out. We need to add the wolves, in order to save the wolves.

Regards
John [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: To the National Park Service,

I am Molly [REDACTED] and I [REDACTED] [REDACTED], near Chicago. I am a freshman and my biology class is learning about ecology. We have been studying the wolves and moose of Isle Royale specifically. I have always had an interest in wolves and dogs. Wolves are amazing creatures that are I am writing this letter to you because I believe that wolves are invaluable to the Isle Royale ecosystem. The lack of a predator for the moose could change Isle Royale as we know it. The moose population is already inclining steeply. I support alternative C, which is bringing wolves over from the mainland for the next twenty years whenever required.

Isle Royale is an island in the middle of Lake Superior, near Canada and Minnesota. Wolves have made Isle Royale their home for over 60 years, and moose have been there longer. Before the wolves arrived on the island, the moose had no predators. The wolves arrived via an ice bridge from the mainland and flourished on the abundant supply of moose. The wolves and moose of Isle Royale are in a unique situation. The wolves are the only predator of the moose. There is also little to no human interaction, such as hunting. There have been several instances where there were disruptions that were only short-term. Between 1996 and 1997 the moose population dropped from 2398 to 900 due to harsh winters. A dog brought to the island brought Canine Parvovirus to the island and due to that the wolf population dropped from 50 wolves to 14 wolves between 1980 and 1982. Both populations dropped significantly, fluctuated for a while because of the disruption, and then stabilized. The wolf population has experienced a long-term disruption in recent years. Decades of inbreeding have had an impact. Vertebrae on the lower back have become asymmetrical, leading to less pups born and less successful hunting. Since 2005, the population has been declining, with the lowest number ever recorded in 2015, only 3 wolves.

All of these facts have led to my support of alternative C. As I said before, alternative C is the National Parks Service bringing wolves to Isle Royale whenever the population may need it. According to isleroyalewolf.org, the moose population has been climbing higher and higher in recent years. Without the wolves preying on the moose, the moose population is left unchecked. The moose population as a whole will infact suffer. The wolves prey on the weak moose, leading to an overall stronger moose population. Now the weaker moose will not be eaten, and the moose population will become weaker. Introducing wolves when necessary would help to keep the moose population healthy. It would keep the moose population from getting too large. Also, the rising levels of moose will have an effect on the vegetation of Isle Royale, specifically the Balsam Fir. Rolf Peterson, one of the men conducting the study, said that the Balsam Fir had the chance to grow and survive when the wolves were preying on the moose. Now, as the moose population grows, the fir are suffering. If wolves are brought back to the island, and more are brought when needed, it would help the fir. There will be less moose to destroy the forest, and such, the Balsam Fir will once again grow. If wolves are brought in soon enough, they can mate with the wolves currently on the island. Unfortunately, that may be possible, as the wolf population was last recorded only at 3 wolves.

The other alternatives each have their weaknesses or flaws. Alternative A does not teach us anything more about predator prey relationships. As John Vucetich, lead researcher from Michigan Tech said, we already know many things about how species go extinct. The study of the interactions between wolves and moose cannot continue without the wolves. The next option, alternative B is similar to alternative C, but it has its flaws. Wolves would only be brought onto the island for a set amount of time. If the wolves decide to leave, or all die off, there will be no predators for the moose once again. The moose will grow in size again and decimate the forest. Alternative D also has flaws. Wolves will only be introduced to the island once certain parameters are reached. The problem with this is that the moose will already have wreak havoc on the Balsam Fir population. By the time wolves are brought onto the island and start controlling the moose population, the forest could be damaged irrevocably. Also, with alternative A or D, moose will be dying of starvation. Having rotting moose lying around the island will not help increase tourism. As you can see, all the other plans of action have weaknesses. I feel strongly that with the history of wolves and moose on Isle Royale, we need to take my suggested course to sustain a wolf population. Wolves are the only large predator on the island and they keep both the moose and small mammal populations in control. I believe we must protect the wolves of Isle Royale as we work to restore their populations in their natural habitats. We have accomplished so much in this study, yet we have much more to learn. A simple ecosystem can prove insight into a complex ecosystem. I hope to someday visit the island and experience the revival of the wolf population. The study of the wolves and moose of Isle Royale has not reached its finale.

Thank you for your consideration,
Molly [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: To the National Park Service,

Hello! I am a 9th grade Biology [REDACTED] student from [REDACTED]. I am writing to you to express my concern about the Isle Royale wolf population and give you my opinion on what should be done out of the allowed alternatives of (A) not intervening, (B) reintroducing wolves in a one-time event, (C) reintroducing wolves as needed or (D) not taking immediate action until emergency parameters are met. In my class we have been using the Isle Royale as real world case study during our ecology unit. I have done extensive research into the topic and I believe that the best alternative is alternative (C), to bring wolves to the island as often as needed.

Alternative (C) is my preferred alternative because it most closely mimics what happened on Isle Royale in the past and it prevents interbreeding by continuously introducing new genes into the Isle Royal gene pool. For example, in the past a large population of wolves were introduced to the island, followed by several immigrations of wolves to the island. This was a regular introduction of new genes that prevented the negative effects of inbreeding. The now-absent ice bridges in the winter have stopped the introduction of new genes, and the inbreeding has taken its toll on the wolf population. Alternative (C) mimics what naturally would have happened if not for the lack of ice bridges.

The implications of this plan for the next twenty years include repopulating the island in one large event, and then adding more wolves to the population as needed over the span of the next twenty years. This will have several effects on the wolf, moose, and vegetation populations over the next twenty years, and beyond.

The wolf population would be affected positively by this change. The genetic adaptations of the Isle Royale wolves would most likely be saved by this option, preserving some of the uniqueness to the species of wolves from Isle Royale. In addition to this, the wolves would also have a genetic "refresh" as needed in order to prevent the negative effects of inbreeding. As in the case when a single wolf, the Old Gray Guy, entered the island and saved the entire failing wolf population, introducing more genetically unique wolves could save the remaining native wolves, thus providing the island with the wolf population it needs to maintain a stable ecosystem.

The moose population would be affected positively by this change. Without a strong presence of wolves on the island, the moose population will grow beyond control. Comparable to when wolves were absent in Yellowstone and the deer over-browsed upon the vegetation, causing the entire ecosystem to be thrown out of balance, the absence of wolves on Isle Royale will throw the entire ecosystem out of balance. The moose will also grow lethargic, without a wolf population to keep them alert and fit. The current moose population over-browsing the vegetation will make food less available for future generations of moose on the island. But with a reintroduced and healthy wolf population, the weak and unhealthy moose will be eliminated ensuring that

only the most healthy moose survive.

The effect on Isle Royale's vegetation will be a positive one. As the moose population is put under pressure by the predator-prey relationship with the wolves, their population will not experience unsustainable growth. With a healthy number of moose, the forest and surrounding aquatic plants will not be over browsed upon and therefore will create a healthier forest with more food guaranteed for future generations. The balsam fir in particular will have a chance to grow to a reproductive height and continue to expand. As the balsam fir are the longest present and largest part of the Isle Royale ecosystem, according to lead researcher Rolf Peterson, they are also the most important as they provide for the rest of the species on the island.

In my opinion alternative (C) is the best alternative. The other alternatives are all flawed in one way or another. Alternative (A) almost guarantees that the wolf population will die out. As inbreeding has shown in the past on Isle Royale, it leads to unhealthy or deformed pups and sometimes the death of the carrying mother. If the wolf population dies out, as it almost certainly will under alternative (A), then the moose will grow out of control to an unsustainable population. That population will over browse the island, and because they cannot leave or migrate to find more available food, the moose will then starve.

With alternative (B), the one-time introduction of new wolves will only temporarily fix the instability of the wolf population. Eventually, the wolf population will again experience inbreeding which will lead to another wolf population with genetic problems. Just as the inbreeding on Isle Royale has led to malformations in the vertebrae, the future wolves will experience an inbred malformation caused by the lack of a regularly renewed genepool. Whereas in alternative (C), the genepool is renewed as needed, as has taken place naturally in the past. According to researcher John Vucetich, the wolves had experienced a regular migration to the island that refreshed the genepool. However without the ice bridges forming consistently, that migration no longer takes place naturally.

With alternative (D), the current wolf population would die out and lose all the genetic identity to the island before a new action could take place. This would be unfortunate and cause the overpopulation of moose begin earlier.

In conclusion, my opinion is that the only course of action is alternative (C). Alternative (C) is to reintroduce wolves to the island only as necessary, to imitate the natural immigration that happened on Isle Royale. This alternative is the easiest and most effective way to preserve the natural adaptations to the island while ensuring that Isle Royale's ecosystem is healthily preserved. I would like to thank the National Park Service in advance for taking the time to hear the opinion of the public on this issue and hope that whatever conclusion is reached is the best conclusion for the inhabitants of Isle Royale National Park.

Sincerely,
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Isle Royale Ecosystem

My name is Danielle [REDACTED], I am from [REDACTED] in the Chicago area. The current conflict involving the wolves on Isle Royale is a very intriguing topic to me. My biology class has recently been studying Ecology. I am writing to you because I have strong opinions about this ecosystem's special situation. I believe that alternative D is the best option for all contributors to the Isle Royale ecosystem. Alternative D states that the National Park Service would not intervene immediately and would let the ecosystem remain in its natural state. However, if other organisms such as moose or other vegetation meet a certain threshold of deterioration, wolves would be reintroduced on behalf of either alternative B or C.

Making sure that Isle Royale stays as natural and preserved as possible is a key objective while making a decision about the ecosystem. As alternative D states, the park has an opportunity to stay preserved without humans intervening. Data from the Isle Royale case study shows that in 2011-2012, the wolf population dropped from 19 wolves all the way down to nine. No action was taken in order to give the ecosystem time to stabilize itself. At that time, genetic rescue was one possibility to help save the wolves that were left. However, 2015 data showed that there were only three remaining wolves left on the island. At this time, MinnPost published an article talking about how genetic rescue was off the table. Ron Meador says it is no longer an option for Isle Royale given the current low population of wolves. Information from MinnPost also says that for genetic rescue to take full effect, it should have been done 4-5 years ago. Now that genetic rescue is no longer an option, the most effective choice is alternative D.

Alternative D proves to be the best option in multiple ways, being helpful to both moose and vegetation on Isle royale, as well as, for wolves. Background information from the Isle Royale National Park Service states that vegetation on Isle Royale is also changing. Moose rely on balsam fir trees as a food source during the winter. However, temperatures are becoming warmer caused by climate change. If the wolf population happens to die out on behalf of alternative D, other populations may adapt to the new ecosystem without destroying the habitat and vegetation. The moose population may be reduced due to climate change and the vegetation would not be destroyed.

Resulting from generations of inbreeding, another MinnPost states that a spinal deformity is preventing wolves from hunting, or reproducing offspring without the deformity. That noted, with alternatives B and C, if new wolves are introduced, the spinal deformity may not resolve itself and the wolves will still not be able to produce healthy offspring. The National Park Service has fought for many years to ensure Isle Royale stays as natural as possible to study the ecosystem. If humans intervene right away, it does not give Isle Royale a chance to stabilize itself in different conditions. Letting nature take it's course on Isle Royale is very important. Another MinnPost article by Ron Meador shows that the last time humans were able to interact with the Isle Royale ecosystem, park rules were violated when pets were brought to the island exposing the wolves to canine parvovirus. During the 2 years of the virus, wolf populations fell from 50 to 14, a huge decline. The evidence shows that humans interfering with Isle Royale leads to more disturbances and instability of the ecosystem. Having humans intervene with the natural ecosystem again could risk accidentally introducing another vulnerability that will not help the wolves. However, if the wolf population dies out and the other inhabitants of the island such as moose, start to destroy the habitat and vegetation, action will need to be taken. That said, alternative A would not be an effective solution, since the whole ecosystem should still be protected as a National Park. Also, if alternative A is chosen, the moose population would surge and vegetation would fall to an ultimate low, resulting in the habitat being destroyed. In conclusion, Alternative D is the most effective solution for Isle Royale. It allows the National Park Service to observe the natural environment before interfering with the ecosystems natural process. Alternatives A, B, and C are not appropriate solutions considering the circumstances with Isle Royale. After reviewing all options, alternative D will allow all wolves, moose and vegetation to live the most natural life they can. In order to maintain Isle Royale's beautiful habitat, pure wildlife and the long studied ecosystem, I recommend moving forward with Alternative D.

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Correspondence: My name is Thomas [REDACTED]. I am a 15 year old high school freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. I may be young and possibly lack knowledge compared to many others, but I care about this issue just as much if not more. The idea of an entire ecosystem collapsing is

scary and should be taken lightly. The issue at hand could have dramatic effect on not only Isle Royale, but possibly over time could affect other ecosystems around the world. I am writing this particular response not because I have to, but because I care greatly about the future of Isle Royale. I have read over all of the currently available options and done a vast amount of research and decided on one liable option. I have concluded that the best option is option B, to introduce one sum of wolves immediately.

The implications of adding wolves to the population would be the most likely noticeable in the wolf population over the next 20 years. Before we can see the implications we must first understand how the population got to where it is in the first place. The main cause for such a large decrease in the population was not any short term disruption, it was most definitely a long term effect. I believe this because from what I know about ecology. I know that any population affected by a short term disruption will bounce back from the deficit and will remain within the carrying capacity. With the Isle Royale wolves we don't see that, in fact, we see continuous drops in the population. That definitely signals to more of a long term cause which has been found to be inbreeding which eventually lead to the spread of the LSTV. With this being said we must look at how long the wolves thrived before the spread of LSTV. That would help us to get a rough outline for how long the wolves will be able to survive on their own before LSTV becomes widespread again. Based on the annual reports given out each year on www.isleroyalewolf.org it appears that the wolf population began to descend right around 2009 give or take a few years. That would give us 50 years before LSTV spread since the beginning of the study of Isle Royale. So, based on that simple evaluation the wolves added to the population should last about another 50 years before another outbreak. Now that also may not be exact true because we must also consider the effects of not having an ice bridge during the winter months. Either way, the population would still extend itself past the 20 year mark before we possibly have to intervene again. With that being said effects of option B would most definitely outlast the minimum of 20 years required by the National Park Service. Therefore, in my opinion making it the most reliable option available as far as the impact on the wolf population.

As far as the moose are concerned, option B would have some affect on the current population over the next 20 years. Now, currently the moose population has been going up greatly since the outbreak of LSTV. This of course due to the fact that wolves affected by LSTV can not hunt effectively, making all deaths of moose purely natural. On www.isleroyalewolf.org it is noted that predication is very useful when it comes balancing birth rates with death rates. But, if there were no wolves the moose birth rate would far outweigh the death rate. Now, if new wolves are not introduced into the population, the moose population will continue to dramatically increase and possibly cause a lot of issues on Isle Royale. That is why I think that it is necessary to introduce wolves back into Isle Royale in order to stabilize the moose population.

Vegetation is another aspect that would be greatly affected by the loss of the wolf population. This purely because without wolves there is nothing restricting the moose population. The same moose population that consume the vegetation on Isle Royale. Rolf Peterson, a long time contributor to the study, noted that if the wolves were eliminated the vegetation would be destroyed due to moose overpopulation. In order to preserve the beauty and other herbivores on Isle Royale something needs to be done immediately before the moose population gets out of control and destroys the landscape. That is why I believe we need to take immediate action and go with option B.

Now why not go with any other of the 3 options. Well for option A it is our fault that the ice bridges won't form to allow a genetic rescue by other wolfs. This of course due to our over pollution that caused global warming. Because of this I believe it is our duty to fix the problem that we created. Option C could not work because it would be impossible to keep a stable population because of the amount of human interference. Option D would also not work because too much damage could be done to the landscape before we intervene. This is all of why I believe that option B is the clear choice when it comes to this issue.

To review, I believe that the best choice regarding the Isle Royale wolves would be option B. I believe this because it will produce long term results without risking the destruction of Isle Royale first. It also will eliminate LSTV for at least the next 50 years and preserve the beauty and simplicity of Isle Royale for future generations. I hope that those at the National Park Service will make the wise and effective decision and result to option B to resolve the wolf issue at Isle Royale.

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Isle Royale is the perfect example of the effects of both the human interference and natural mishaps on a once thriving population. I am a student researching the Isle Royale wolves in class and like many feel a connection to them already. I am writing this because I feel strongly about Isle Royale and the dying ecosystem and would like to give my feedback. However, I believe it would be most beneficial to not take immediate action on the current situation. We should let them continue as they are, setting a threshold, waiting for the most unfavorable conditions in which the NPS will act upon after that point. If no wolves were to migrate and renew the population naturally, and the threshold were to be met, new wolves would be sent in by the NPS once or as many times as necessary (alternative D). Even though a natural wolf rebound or a healthy ecosystem without wolves is not likely, I believe we should give both a chance before jumping to human intervention.

I think that alternative D would be the most beneficial to Isle Royale's ecosystem in the long term, though it may not show results immediately. Since us humans created the problem of global warming, it is necessary that we help correct this issue we caused in the first place. Had their been the annual returns of the lake Superior ice bridge, new wolves could have migrated to the island, giving Isle Royale's wolves a much better chance of survival. Without intervening, one of two things may happen to the wolves, they will either die out or get a chance at a new beginning if any new wolves were to come to the island. If the old, weak wolves on the island die out, the new generation will have a better chance of survival. Also, during this period of time the park could gain any funding they may need for future projects, like implementing new wolves if necessary. Currently there are only two wolves remaining on the island as stated in an article in The Detroit News titled "Just 2 Wolves Left on Isle Royale". The dramatic decrease in wolves has been caused by inbreeding which "has created weaknesses, most notably a spinal abnormality"(Ron Meador, Minnpost) in the wolf population. New wolves that come to the island, whether naturally or unnaturally will be stronger and will accustom themselves to the island over time just as the original Isle Royale Wolves had. At this point it is unlikely that any wolves would come across on an ice bridge since the ice bridge occurrences have become less frequent. Although, wolves just like wolf #93 have come across in the past, and their new genes helped, says Ron Meador from the Minnpost. The only major problem as a result of the temporary decrease of wolves is that the moose population will begin to grow. On Isle Royale, "the percentage of moose killed by wolves each year averages 15 percent and can be as high as 24 percent. The last two years it was more like 2 percent"(John Vucetich in Minnpost), this was due to the decline in wolves from the normal number of 24 in 2009 to 8 in 2013, and now 2 in 2015 as stated on isleroyale.org. However, once they reach the threshold and new wolves are introduced they will be regulated once again. We know the moose population decreases as a result of the wolf population increasing from data collected and shared on isleroyale.org, but as a result of moose increasing uncontrollably, on the island "where the moose browsing is heaviest, firs rarely grow more than two feet tall"(Rolf Peterson). As a result of the declining moose, the vegetation would decline even quicker. This is where the threshold comes in. Once a certain amount of damage has been done to the vegetation, the NPS would need to bring in more wolves to reduce the moose population consuming the grass. In the long run the vegetation would be affected slightly by the period of time without any wolves, but it is only

a small price to pay for the overall well-being of the ecosystem. In conclusion, we would see slight negative affects immediately, but the delayed revival of the Isle Royale ecosystem is worth the short-term discrepancies.

The option I chose is the best because it is thinking more for the future of the wolf population than the immediate benefits of toying with the current wolves. By leaving the ecosystem untouched completely (alternative A), we risk the permanent elimination of the Isle Royale ecosystem and make it very difficult for any populations to settle there. Leaving the ecosystem alone permanently may lead to the rise of moose as a result of the lack of wolves to keep the moose numbers down. As stated by Ron Meador in the Minnpost, "the wolves plummeting numbers have virtually stopped moose predation", causing the moose's numbers to soar. Ultimately, the moose would consume almost all the vegetation, causing permanent damage, and their population would again decline. The lack of new vegetation would also not allow for new ecosystems to thrive on the island, causing Isle Royale to remain eternally barren. Also, it would not be favorable to bring wolves to Isle Royale immediately (alternatives B and C) because if they were to mate with the remaining Isle Royale wolves the new gene pool would gain the malformations of the current wolf inhabitants. The current wolves have LSTV, a spinal abnormality, and Rolf Peterson, former director of the program, says "all wolves born on the island since 1994 have had it". There is still a chance that if we leave the wolves on their own they may attract a new pack of immigrant wolves to the island naturally. The other wolves may be tempted to stay if they find that wolves have been thriving on Isle Royale for so long. However, it would almost be more beneficial to not get the current wolves involved in the renewed gene pool at all. They have too many issues with malformations and the impacts this will have may ultimately cause more harm than help. It could be necessary to allow the current wolf population to die out completely so that the NPS could renew the population with new, healthy wolves. With alternatives B and C, the malformed wolves could possibly re-enter the gene pool and lead to the same downfall that we are currently experiencing. We don't want history to repeat itself, so we need a permanent solution, alternative D.

The Isle Royale ecosystem is a serious problem. The ignorance of people all over the world have interfered with its once healthy population. If it weren't for the decrease in wolf migration, the Isle Royale wolves would have had new genes introduced regularly, keeping them from getting to this point. Now, we need to fix our mess. In order to reverse the human affects entirely, we must leave the wolves alone until their population is either fixed on its own by new wolves or the unhealthy wolves are gone, and after that act as we must. The Isle Royale animals need a break to give their ecosystem a chance to correct itself, and we should be willing to give them one.

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Correspondence: Hello Scientists of Isle royale,

My name is Jakob [REDACTED], a student of [REDACTED]. I am currently a freshman taking biology, and I want to provide input into this research program from a biology student's perspective to the best of my ability. I also am writing this letter in the hope that the input provided will be useful in some sort of manner, and bring some perspective into the possible alternatives. Scientifically, I believe that the best choice for the management of the wolves of Isle royale is Alternative D. According to this alternative, the NPS would let the natural process on the island occur without intervention, until a resource threshold is met which would indicate the overall well being of the ecosystem. If the threshold is met, wolves can be brought to Isle royale as a one time event, or through numerous introductions.

According to the first part of alternative D, natural processes would be allowed to happen in the Isle royale ecosystem until an ecological threshold is met. The threshold would signal the need for an immediate reintroduction of wolves into the ecosystem. This implies that the continuous downfall of the population of wolves would persist, until the wolves would most likely entirely disappear. Although letting the wolves die may seem counterintuitive, it's the best decision as this Times Herald article shows, with Louise Ahern saying; The isolation has forced the wolves into generations of inbreeding. Every wolf on the island is now related in some way and has the health problems to show for it. This is especially problematic since many of the health problems that the Isle royale wolves encounter are not normally seen on mainland populations, and can be crippling to their abilities. By letting the Isle royale wolf population die off, the genepool of these wolves will also be erased, and so will the presence of the mutations that come with it. Considering the genetic problems facing the wolves, alternative B and C both suggest genetic rescue. In these situation, wolves from separate communities would be introduced into Isle Royale in order to widen the genepool of the existing wolves there, either as a singular event or as multiple events. However, as reported by Ron Meador in an article written in March 2016 for the Minnesota post, the wolf population is too late for; For genetic rescue to have had a chance, the park service would have had to act three, four or even five years ago, when the population started its current plunge toward extinction. This is so because even though it may rescue the wolf population on Isle royale for a short while, it wouldnt take long for genetic mutations to reappear in the wolf population, even if the wolves were introduced gradually. If there was a new gene pool in an entirety, than it would take a much longer time before researchers would have to intervene in order to maintain a genetically stable wolf population.

The wolf population directly correlates with the moose population. As a result, in the absence of wolves, the moose population would rise until intervention. With Alternative D, the moose population would continue to rise in numbers for a short amount of time, until the wolves are needed. Once NPS decides to introduce wolves back into the ecosystem, they would quickly cull out some of the moose population. However, if NPS decides to stick with the no action alternative, this could have devastating effects for the ecosystem. This was the case in Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland where the moose population wasnt controlled in any manner. In the News activist, Moose and deforestation, Borsich states; ...moose meadows are replacing areas that were once forested due to the moose over-grazing on young saplings that are supposed to take the place of the old trees. Evidence has shown that this deforestation in the park has resulted in a changing landscape that is no longer adequate for native species, such as some songbirds. This is significant since both Gros Morne and Isle royale are island ecosystems, similar in many ways. However, Gros Morne had no means of management of the existing moose population there which over a period of time brought devastating changes. These changes brought by the moose were so severe, that some would take decades to reverse. If the moose population of the isle royale ecosystem is left unchecked, the same could happen as did to Gros Morne. The wolves of Isle royale serve as a vital limiting factor to the Moose, and are much needed. Moving on, The moose of Isle Royale heavily depend on Balsam Fir for survival . According to Gary M. Forteir of Delaware valley college, balsam fir : is not considered optimal forage for moose but it can comprise up to 59% otheir winter diet. (<http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/files/isle.pdf>) This means that without this tree species, the moose population would have a very difficult time surviving the winter, and having enough energy to continue through harsher times. For the first part of Alternative D before wolf reintroduction, the moose would keep on eating the Balsam fir, without any restrictions, until the wolves would reappear. Then, the wolves would limit the moose numbers, which would indirectly affect the Balsam fir population, increasing it. This wouldnt be the case for Alternative A, the no action alternative. According to website ArboDay.org, the Balsam tree : grows at a slow rate, with height increases of less than 12" per year. This is significant, since if there are too many , moose on the island feeding on the Balsam fir, then it wouldnt regenerate fast enough to support the Moose population. This would be a disaster for both the fir and the moose, as the fir would most likely go extinct, along with a sharp decline in moose numbers. The only way to prevent this from happening would be decrease moose numbers through the means of the introduction of wolves.To conclude, I believe that the best choice for the management of the Isle Royale ecosystem is Alternative D. According to this alternative, the NPS wouldnt take immediate action, until an ecological indicator suggests otherwise, and reintroduce wolves as a singular event, or as multiple events. Alternative D is better than alternative B and C since both would allow for the passage of deadly genetic mutation affecting wolves, while choice D would greatly diminish the chance of that happening. Also, alternative D is better than alternative A, since A would allow for the unrestricted growth of the moose population, which would result in the destruction of vegetation, while choice D would prevent that by reintroducing wolves which would limit the moose population. This would also prevent the Balsam fir, a vital food source of moose, from being overgrazed on the island resulting in the decline of the moose population. In the end, I hope that Isle

royale will recover from this crisis, and serve as an example of excellent ecological management in future generations to come.

Yours faithfully, Jakub [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: I am a former resident of Michigan - I was born there and received my education there. Michigan is still very important to me. I am concerned about the wolf situation on Isle Royale. Sound science has proven there needs to be a viable number of these to reside on the island - for the soundness of the ecosystem - which includes ALL residents. Not enough wolves and everyone suffers, not just the wolves. Please consider your experts and do the right thing.

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Correspondence: Hello, I am Noah from [REDACTED]. I am writing to you because in my Biology class, we have done a unit on Ecology, and I wanted to have an input on how the Isle Royale wolf situation is handled. Isle Royale is a haven for the wolves and moose that live there, one that humans should not interfere in. However, if bad things start to happen in their safe zone, humans should help them out. I believe that the animals that live in Isle Royale should live there without interference, unless it gets too bad there or another catastrophic event happens. I believe Alternative D should be implemented on the island. The animals deserve their own space. As a matter of fact, that's what the parks were created for in the first place. But if they are in trouble, it is up to us to help them, and not let the National Park we created go to ruin.

The ecosystem of Isle Royale has changed since the data gathering started 57 years ago, which means the situation the wolves and moose are in is drastically different. Due to the global climate change, the amount of wolves that crossed over to the island is incredibly small, and due to the climate changing, it is becoming increasingly harder for the wolves to make it over to the island. Since the data gathering started, the overall temperature of the world has increased. Nasa said that climate change causes, "loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, and more intense heat waves." The only way wolves can make it to Isle Royale is by way of Ice Bridges, which don't form anymore.

New wolves not coming to the island is a bigger issue than it sounds as well. The same wolves breeding with each other means they have a small gene pool to work with, inbreeding is a common issue among the wolves. A lot of wolves suffer from LSTV which is a deforming disease that alters the spine of the wolf. This means the wolves are not as efficient at hunting, which in turn gives them access to less food. Without the new wolves to help cure this disease and help phase it out through generations, most wolves on the island will get it because both of their parents are passing it on to them. Also, the island needs more wolves so they can reproduce. Wolves do not like to reproduce within their own pack, so some new wolves should be introduced.

Isleroyalewolf.com said that, "Reproduction is very unlikely within the pack to which a wolf is born." It's important to have a large number of wolves so they can disperse.

The wolves should be left on the island and not interfered with, but if they reach zero, more wolves should be put on the island so moose population does not skyrocket. The wolves should try to fend for themselves, but with all the issues posed and the challenges they have to go through, I think it is important to monitor over the next 20 years and make sure that the population does not die out completely.

Moose on the island are in a different situation. They have it great on the island, with a huge population as well. Their numbers have remained steady over the past years of the study, only because the wolves preying on them has kept it in check. Without a main predator on the island, moose population could spiral out of control, and cause an epidemic on the island.

Moose numbers have always been high on Isle Royale, because the carrying capacity of the island is built around what they eat. They eat the vegetation on the island, which is always plentiful. But, without the presence of a predator, moose population would rise significantly, causing vegetation to be depleted at a rapid rate. In the data that has been gathered on Isle Royale, it shows that when there are a low number of predators, moose numbers are able to rise rapidly. Within time, the moose will eat all of the plants on the island, giving them no time to grow back, therefore destroying the entire ecosystem.

This is why there always needs to be wolves present on the island, so that they can keep the moose in check. Without wolves, the whole ecosystem would collapse, the island would be barren, the National Park of Isle Royale would essentially be destroyed. The number of wolves cannot drop below zero.

The other alternatives would not be good for the island as well. Alternative A has nothing happen, which is not good for the island. Like I stated earlier, moose numbers would spiral out of control then the ecosystem would be destroyed. B has wolves being introduced once, which also wouldn't work because the new wolves would pass on offspring with the LSTV defect, and they would all continue to die out again. Option C maintains both species which would help, but created a false ecosystem with too much meddling from us people. This is why I believe option D is the perfect one, because it doesn't tamper with the animals too much, but keeps the island's ecosystem in tact.

In conclusion, Alternative D needs to be implemented to save Isle Royale. All of the other options neglect the island, or tamper too much with the island. But option D finds a happy medium, by only changing things once, but changing everything for the better. Isle Royale is a place where animals live, and we need to protect them.

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Correspondence: Hello,

I'm Kinga and [REDACTED]. For the past couple of weeks we have been studying ecology and our biology teacher introduced us to the island of Isle Royale. From that point we learned about the moose and wolf situation. Toward the end of the unit we found out that there are only two wolves left and that there is a decision to be made on which plan of action should be chosen. I believe that alternative D should be chosen and that we should wait to see what will happen with the current wolf population and if they all die then we will have a one time edition of wolves but, if they survive then just let them be until there are no wolves on the island. This would be the appropriate choice because the new wolves would be free of LSTV and we would be able to make an equal male to female ratio between the wolves.

The main cause of LSTV is inbreeding which occurs when there is a small, isolated population with high rates of mating with relatives. LSTV causes a wolf or dog to suffer from different kinds of congenital malformations in the spine which causes them to have a struggle running and hunting down their food as stated on the Isle Royale website. If the wolves can't chase down their food, then the moose population will keep increasing. With an increasing moose population there will need to be more plants but if they are eating it constantly and not letting the plant rejuvenate then eventually there will be competition between the moose for food. John Vucetich said, "Balsam firs across the western two thirds of the island were growing to heights that would put them safely beyond the moose herd's reach for the first time in 100 years." This is showing that if the wolves wouldn't be on the island the moose would exceed the carrying capacity and the environment wouldn't be able to regrow in time for the moose population would start to die. This is why non intervention or alternative A is not the best choice. Also the whole point of the island is for learning purposes and letting them be isn't teaching us anything. If we let the population pass away before doing anything then we would be starting with a purely outbred population allowing the wolves to have no relatives to mate with and have no LSTV carrying wolves to reproduce with. If the National Park Service for Isle Royale would choose to go in and do a

genetic rescue then it would be a similar outcome that there was when "The Old Grey Guy" or no. 93 came over. He did give genetic rescue but, "In retrospect, these changes were likely the result, at least in part, of inbreeding and the resulting loss of genetic diversity and accumulation of trait malformation in the population." adapted from the Isle Royale website. This is saying that even with no. 93 coming to the island and providing genetic diversity, his offspring with so many wolves caused there to be a generation that was pretty much from his descendants, making them all related. With a generation practically all related to each other the reproduction of them would again cause them to have LSTV. If we have a fresh start we would be able to place wolves strategically on the island and make packs that would breed within themselves and then later be forced to out breed with other packs. This would last for the next 20 years because the wolves would have plenty of other non related wolves to mate with causing there to be unrelated offspring and so on but eventually there will be some overlap with fathers and mother that might lead to slight inbreeding but nothing major. Since there would be no wolves on the island the best choice would be to create an equal male to female ratio. An equal ratio will allow there to be enough male and females to reproduce and keep the population growing. If an unequal ratio of males and females is made then later there might be inbreeding caused by the lack of non related males or females. If we would put an unequal ratio then we might have a similar situation to which we have now. From a yearly census of the wolves that Isle Royale takes we are now left with 2 wolves the island and we don't know if they are related and if they plan on inbreeding. If the Park District decides on alternative B then they would be trying to do a genetic rescue but they will always have those two wolves that might or might not inbreed so then they will still have traces of LSTV. Similarly with option C you would again have those two wolves and when do you exactly know when you should bring in new wolves when there is low number of them, when there are two many moose or will it be scheduled. Also you won't be able to see the wolves try to recover or learn anything new if you keep bring in new wolves. The wolves are definitely needed on the island and are necessary to keep the moose and the vegetation at a regulated amount. If we choose alternative D and allow the remaining wolves to live the rest of their lives then we will be able to bring in a one time addition of unrelated wolves. This would lower the amount of LSTV caused by inbreeding and we would be able to make there be an equal male to female ratio of wolves.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Margaret and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. During our ecology unit in biology, our main focus has been the ecosystem of Isle Royale, more specifically the populations of both the moose and the wolves. While it is an assignment to choose an alternative and write about it, I have developed a strong interest in Isle Royale and would like to have a voice in what will happen to the wolves in the future. When my class found out that there have been just two wolves recorded this winter on the island, there were audible gasps from nearly everyone in the room, myself included. I personally think that Alternative C is the best option; bringing in wolves to the island as often as needed to maintain the wolf population on Isle Royale for at least the next 20 years.

Because Isle Royale is an isolated area, inbreeding has been a problem, especially over the past few decades. LSTV, a spinal deformation caused by inbreeding, has spread to every wolf on the island. In 1997, the Michigan Tech research team discovered a new wolf, no. 93, who brought new genes to the wolf population which helped their numbers increase and recover at least a little bit. But one wolf, as hard as he may have tried, could not save the population, not entirely. By bringing in as many wolves as needed over such a long time span, the diversity in the population would skyrocket. There are nearly 9,000 wolves in Ontario and hundreds of wolves present in the states surrounding Isle Royale. These thousands of wolves, and potentially hundreds of packs, have more genetic diversity among them than could ever exist on Isle Royale in its current state. If a genetic rescue is part of the plan, alternative C is the best option by far. I highly doubt there will be a shortage of wolves in Canada and the northern United States over the next 20 years, so why not spread some of the love? (And DNA of course.) The wolves of Isle Royale will be able to thrive without LSTV. And because wolves will be brought in over such a lengthy amount of time, new genes could potentially be brought in every year which would halt any inbreeding that could possibly arise. While the wolves will be able to reap the benefits of a genetic rescue, alternative C has even more to offer.

Wolves are a vital part of the Isle Royale ecosystem. According to data from the Michigan Tech research, over the past four years of the wolf population being nearly cut in half and then some, the moose population has steadily gone up with nothing to stop it. When the wolf population hit nine in 2012, the moose population was already on the rise at 750 compared to 515 the year before. But the wolf population fell even more when it hit three in 2015, giving the moose population the chance to keep its uphill streak going and reach 1,250 that same year. The facts don't lie; the wolf population keeps the moose population in check, and no wolves means a whole lot more moose. This might be thrilling to the moose, but to the rest of the ecosystem it's not such a great situation. Rolf Peterson told MinnPost in 2013 that on the parts of the island where moose population is the densest, the firs grow two or three feet tall at most. At nine feet, they could be out of the moose's reach, and at 12, the firs could reproduce. The firs aren't able to reproduce before they are eaten by the ever growing moose population. The wolves not only balance out the moose population, but also save an entirely different species, the firs. Alternative C, bringing in as many wolves as necessary over 20 years, would keep the moose population from getting out of hand, and would thus save the firs and animals besides moose that count on that vegetation as their main food source. The ecosystem on Isle Royale would only be able to function for so long without wolves keeping the wheels turning, which makes alternative C the best option. We could all rest easy knowing that every organism on Isle Royale is doing well thanks to the crucial role of the wolves.

Alternative C is, in my opinion, undoubtedly the best option. Alternative A is nonintervention. This makes sense in terms of sanctity of wilderness, but the idea seems a bit outdated. Humans have touched almost every inch of land on the planet, probably hurt some of it, but helped some as well. This is our chance to save a population that is imperative to the Isle Royale ecosystem. John Vucetich said in an interview with MinnPost that hunting would not be a sufficient way to combat the moose because it would not help the health of the ecosystem, so what would be done to keep the moose population in check? Alternative C is also a better choice than B because with B, there is no guarantee that a full genetic rescue could be accomplished in the time span in which the wolves would be brought in. If the decided number of wolves turned out to not be enough, what would be done? Alternative B is meant to be a one-time affair, but I think the ecosystem needs more than one shot, and alternative C allows for that. And finally, choosing alternative D would require waiting, and time seems to be of the essence. I feel that this problem is too serious to just wait for it to get so bad that something has to be done. By waiting for the moose population to reach a certain number or the amount of vegetation to plummet, we would be losing valuable time that could have been used to get wolves on the island and fix the problem before it got unimaginable. I really don't think that there is a better option than C.

It's safe to say that Isle Royale needs wolves. The wolves keep the ecosystem working like a perfectly oiled machine with all parts intact. The moose population could be kept at a constant which would save the vegetation and other animals that rely on said vegetation. And of course, there are the wolves themselves, who have been tirelessly fighting LSTV for decades. With alternative C, inbreeding could be nonexistent for a very, very long time since so many wolves (and DNA) would be brought in. I don't know either of the wolves on Isle Royale personally, but I would really like to save them, and I think alternative C is the best way to do it.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Yvette and I am writing to you from [REDACTED] in Illinois. In my freshman biology class, my classmates and I spent this past unit studying ecosystems, populations, and interactions. During this unit, we also learned about Isle Royale and the

interactions between the moose population and the declining wolf population. Over the past few weeks, I have developed a sincere interest in the wolves on Isle Royale and their fate, and would like to offer my opinion on how to handle the wolf population decline. The NPS Summer 2015 newsletter outlines numerous options for handling the wolf population and its precarious situation, now that it is down to two wolves. I believe that the best way to handle the situation is Alternative C, the genetic rescue plan that would introduce wolves to the island for the next 20 years. I believe that this is the best alternative because it will establish a strong, steady population of Isle Royale wolves.

Although Alternative C would benefit the entire ecosystem of Isle Royale, the immediate effect of the plan would be on the wolves. Right now, as of April 15th, it is unknown whether or not the two wolves left on the island would be compatible to breed with each other. But even if they could, this leads to the first problem the wolves face: inbreeding. According to John Vucetich, one in three wolves on Isle Royale suffers from lumbosacral transitional vertebrae (LSTV), a canine spinal deformity. This is an incredibly high number compared to the one in every hundred occurrences in a healthy population, and we could only imagine how that number would grow if the Isle Royale wolves continued to inbreed. This deformity inhibits the wolves' ability to hunt, which is a likely cause of the sharp population decline over the past years. Alternative C would result in not only more wolves on the island, but a population outbred enough that the rate of LSTV would plummet. This is why I believe that Alternative C is a better option than Alternative B, even though it may be more intrusive. A one-time genetic rescue would only be a short term solution, while bringing wolves to the island over a course of 20 years would allow for more genetic variability and allow the wolf population to stabilize.

As I mentioned previously, the wolves would not be the only ones to benefit from this plan. The moose and the vegetation populations on Isle have been unstable due to the fact the the only predator of the moose is the wolf. If wolves go extinct, the moose population will go unchecked. The moose would then eat the balsam fir that grow on the island, and reverse the recovery that the trees have been going through. Once the moose have eaten all of the fir, the moose population would once again drop due to lack of food. Without wolves on the Island, there would be severe instability in the populations of moose and fir. This is another reason why I believe in Alternative C over Alternatives A and D. Alternative A leads to an unavoidable wolf extinction on Isle Royale. Alternative D, reintroduction, would be a process that could take ten to twelve years, says John Vucetich.

The NPS has always taken an approach of non-intervention in our national parks, but in this case, it is human intervention that brought the Isle Royale wolves to the brink of extinction. Climate change has resulted in less frequent ice bridges, and it was a human that brought a dog, and along with it the disease that killed off a large portion of the wolf population, canine-parvovirus. Isle Royale is a prime example of a simple food chain and interactions between species, and the longest studied ecosystem. Allowing the wolves to die out, even for a short amount of time, would end this period of study. Alternative C would establish a stable and healthy wolf population, which in the long run would not only benefit the wolves, but also the moose and vegetation.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments and considering them in your decision.

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Correspondence: My name is Lily and in my [REDACTED] biology course [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois, we have been learning a lot about the declining wolf population on Isle Royale and how it is affecting the ecosystem. I am writing you this letter to hopefully impact the decision on what should be done about the population of wolves on the island. The Isle Royale wolf population is declining steadily and as of this past winter, there are only two wolves left on the island. In my opinion, the best way to bring back the wolf population is option B, to bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This would need to happen soon though, because it is very possible that at the wolf population on Isle Royale is going to go extinct in the near future.

The Isle Royale wolf population has been steadily going down for the past seven years. According to the National Park Service, in 2009 the wolf population was 24 animals. Since then the population has gone down 22 animals. This decline in wolves will have a severe impact on the island's balanced ecosystem. For example, the moose population is continuing to soar because wolves are the only predator of moose on the island, but there are almost no wolves to hunt the moose. With the moose population soaring to about 1,400 animals, the vegetation levels will be decreasing on the island because the vegetation is the main source of food for the moose. Soon, if the moose population keeps rising like it is now, it is very possible that the island will become barren. In the article "Howling Pups Show Isle Royale Wolves are Reproducing, but not out of Danger" by Ron Meador, John Vucetich who is an ecology professor at Michigan Tech, said "Wolves are necessary to the islands ecological balance not only as a check on the moose population but also as a critical factor for the health of a third species: balsam fir". Rolf Peterson who is a research professor at Michigan Tech agrees, saying that "Some of these trees have been waiting for 60 or 70 years to outgrow moose" in the article "What Should be done to Save Isle Royale's Wolves?". This will surely not happen if the moose population keeps rising. I believe that if you bring in more wolves as a one time event on Isle Royale, they will keep the moose population down and there will less of a chance that the rising number in moose will eat all of the island's vegetation, resulting in the island becoming barren.

Many of the reasons wolves may be dropping in number on Isle Royale are human caused problems. One of the most significant problems is climate change. There are many effects that climate change is having on the island. First is that because of the warming temperatures, there has been less of a chance for an ice bridge to form from the mainland to the island. This has an impact on the population of wolves. If no wolves can get across from the mainland to Isle Royale, there is no chance for genetic rescue like in the case of wolf #93. In the same article by Ron Meador, he states that "When inbreeding depression is severe the reproduction just stops". This is one major cause of the wolf population declining. Another effect of climate change is that there may be more vegetation growing on the island with warmer temperatures. When there is more vegetation, there are more moose to eat it which causes the moose population to rise. There are not currently enough wolves to keep the moose population balanced. The last human caused problem is the introduction of the parvovirus, which was introduced to the island in 1980 by a visitor's pet dog. This caused a huge decline in wolf numbers. Because of all the human caused problems on Isle Royale that have lead to the decline in wolves, I believe that humans should intervene and help the population recover as a one-time event.

I believe that bringing wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event is a better alternative than the other choices that were provided by the National Park Service for many reasons. With only two wolves left on the island, the alternative of not bringing any wolves to the island would most likely mean that the wolf population would die out which would impact the ecosystem in dramatic ways. Alternative C, which is bringing wolves to the island as often as needed could also change the ecosystem in dramatic ways. Though having a very little amount of wolves on the island is not good for the ecosystem, having more than enough is also not ideal. There will be fierce competition which may cause the wolf population to go down again. Lastly, the alternative of watching the island's natural processes until a threshold is met, then reintroducing wolves would be a very difficult choice. I do not believe this is the route to go because once the threshold is met, the ecosystem may have already suffered because of the lack of predators, being the wolves.

In all, I believe that the alternative of bringing wolves to Isle Royale as a one time event is the best course of action for reestablishing the wolf population on the island. In an article by Ron Meador of the MinnPost, he states that "the wolves are essential to the ecosystem health because of their effect on many other organisms on the island". With the wolf population being at its lowest level since the study of wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale began in 1958, the ecosystem's health may be suffering greatly because of the lack of a keystone species.

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Correspondence: My name is Violet. I [redacted] in Park Ridge. I am writing this because we have been studying the case of the wolf population on Isle Royale. Personally, I am interested in this issue because I would like to see what will happen to the entire ecosystem. For my case study, I will be investigating option D, which is "The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C)." For the second part of option D I will be choosing option C which will allow more wolves to be added as needed. I am selecting this option because one will be able to see the outcome of leaving the environment alone and also able to have the option to add more wolves and increase the population on the island if needed. The arguments in this essay will support why option D and follow up C is the best option for protecting the Isle Royale wolves.

Option D is the best path to take regarding the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS. It is the preferred path because it allows the setting of an ideal threshold and letting the wolves live naturally without any help. Then if needed, there is a possibility to add more wolves. The threshold allows the wolves to go along on the island normally, and who knows, another wolf could cross over an ice bridge. This has happened before. According to the article "What Should Be Done to Save Isle Royale Wolves? Maybe Nothing, Experts Say," wolves have come to the island using an ice bridge from Lake Superior's north shore. Knowing the past navigation of wolf #93 to the island via an ice bridge, another new wolf could aid the entire species on the island. Letting nature take its course may even result in an increase in the wolf population. Furthermore, leaving the wolves alone until the threshold is met is the first step in a mission that could save the entire ecosystem of Isle Royale. If an undesirable decline in the wolf population is seen, a more active approach can be taken. John Vucetich, an associate professor from Michigan Tech, in an article from Minnpost states, "Conserving something is preferable to restoring it. If something is valuable, why wouldn't you try to keep it rather than let it go extinct and try to put it back?" To summarize my support of option D, first natural change is observed and then intervention occurs only if necessary. Circumstances when the threshold of no wolves left on the island is met, more wolves would be added to the island, by choosing option C as a follow up. If the entire wolf population on the island goes extinct, there would be a possibility to have a fresh start.

As related to the moose population, the problem and the proposed solutions are different. The problem is that there are too many moose due to the decline in wolves. Too many moose means the population will rise above the carrying capacity. If there only remains a few wolves on the island, the moose population will continue to increase, eventually going over its carrying capacity. This may be of concern because the vegetation on the island will decrease, causing less food to support the moose. With less food, there will be more competition and more deaths. It is desirable to have a population that is neither too high nor too low.

The other important factor to consider is the vegetation. Moose are herbivores, adults can eat up to 60 pounds of food a day. According to the article "What Should Be Done to Save Isle Royale Wolves? Maybe Nothing, Experts Say", the western two-thirds of the island, where most moose eat, firs rarely grow more than three feet tall. Typical firs are nine feet tall and can withstand moose feeding on them. Once the firs are 12 feet tall they are able to reproduce. If the firs decline where the moose eat, soon enough there will be none left. The island will be nearly stripped of all its vegetation. From reading "Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS", I understand that firs, a type of boreal tree species, is struggling due to climate change. The effects of temperatures on the plants will cause this population of plants to decrease even further leaving less food for the moose.

The reason I did not choose the other options is because it seems option D is the most inclusive. I did not choose option A because I wanted to have some affect and see what happens to the population if wolves are necessary to be added. Option B is too restrictive

There is only a possibility to add a certain amount of wolves and if those die off there is nothing we can do. Option C is not preferable because there is no time to allow nature to take its course. Right away you would cause a disruption in the natural lives of the wolves currently on the island. By choosing option D more data is able to be collected out of the action of letting the population take its course and adding wolves to save the population only if needed. Above is a graph displaying the wolf and moose population over 50 years. As you can see from the graph, the lower the wolf population is the higher the moose population gets.

Wolves are keystone animals. When the wolves are impacted basically everything else is impacted. The slope of the wolf's population curve is negative from 1999 to present. Today, there are only three wolves left, two males and a female. According to my biology teacher [redacted], if this female is a brother or mother to the other wolves, she won't mate and there will be no new pups. If true, doing nothing about the wolves and just letting them die off without add more wolves would be bad for the entire ecosystem on Isle Royale. Starting with an increase in moose, then a decrease in plants, other organism that depend on plants would also suffer. Something has to be done to save this ecosystem, and I believe the best option is to wait for a threshold to be reached and then add as many wolves as needed.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Tymon [redacted] and I am student [redacted] in Park Ridge, IL. In our biology class, we are studying ecosystems, with our primary focus being on Isle Royale. During our explorations of Isle Royale's situation and environment, we learned of the many problems facing the island's wolf population. In your open letter addressed to those interested in the state of the island, you bring up four possible solutions to the possible problems the island's ecosystem faces due to its dwindling wolf population. After looking over the the possibilities you have presented, I believe that Alternative C is the best possible solution that will stabilize the ecosystem of Isle Royale in the long term since it will allow the NPS to introduce as many wolves as necessary in order to stabilize the ecosystem.

A major hinderance to the wolf population is their breeding and genetic situation. According to isleroyalewolf.org, due to the wolves' isolation on the island, the wolves have been forced to inbreed with close relations, resulting in the rise LSTV. A steady introduction of new wolves would diversify the gene pool, which would result in a healthier population that would have a better chance of survival and prevent constant inbreeding. The introduction of new genes into the population has proven to be effective when in 1997, wolf #93 crossed the ice bridge onto the island. His arrival boosted the wolf population significantly for the first time since the parvovirus spread through the island. Option C would also allow the NPS to add as many males or females as necessary in order to maintain a good balance.

The wolves are also needed to maintain a stable balance of the ecosystem. The wolves are the only real predators of the moose, and the moose are the largest vegetation consumers on the island. Since the wolves are keystone species, should they die out the consequences for the island ecosystem as whole would be severe. With nothing to control the moose, the moose would consume large amounts of the vegetation, depriving other animals of the food.

According to MinnPost, the recovery of the balsam fir trees would be hindered. The trees need time in order to grow to a height that is too high for moose to consume. Without the wolves, this recovery could easily stop. For these reasons, it is crucial to maintain a stable wolf population on the island in order to keep the ecosystem in balance.

There are also many concerns whether it would be better to just let nature take its course and not let humans interfere. In reality, humans have already interfered with every ecosystem on the planet. Due to the carbon emissions caused by the human expansion of carbon sources and destruction of natural carbon sinks, the global world temperature is rising. According to the MinnPost, climate change temperatures could prevent further ice bridges from forming. This would prevent any mainland species from migrating to the island. Natural genetic rescues like the arrival of wolf #93 would no longer be possible.

Since human action caused this problem, human action is needed to compensate for it. The biggest hit to the wolf population was caused by humans when the parvovirus was introduced to the population by a visitor to the island according to isleroyalewolf.org. During and after this time, the NPS did nothing to help the wolves even though it was human action that caused the crash. If the crash hadn't happened, the wolves would be far more genetically diverse than

they are now. LSTV, which all wolves on the island now have according to Rolf Peterson and is caused by inbreeding, is hindering the the wolves' ability to hunt. The NPS should strive to change its policy in order to be able to counteract human caused problems in the national parks. Of all the options that were presented, C is the most comprehensive one. The other 3 limit what the NPS could do to counteract problems that were caused by outside forces. Option A does nothing to counteract human activity, option B is very inflexible and can't be easily adjusted to unpredictable circumstances, and option D doesn't take into account that at this point there are only 2 known wolves on the island. Option C, which would allow the NPS to control the yearly inflow of wolves, would give the NPS the ability to directly and effectively stabilize Isle Royale's environment so that it continue to be one of the most unique and special locations in the world.

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Correspondence: My name is Grace and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Illinois. In my Biology course we have been studying ecology and the events occurring on Isle Royale. I'm writing this paper partly because I have to, but mostly because I think it's great that people can have a say in what happens on the island concerning the population of the wolves. Of the possible choices to make, I think the best course of action would be letter C, to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, as stated in the EIS Management Plan published in Summer of 2015.

It is essential to maintain the wolf population because they are a keystone species. Not only do they keep the moose population in check, but because they hunt moose, they maintain many other species such as the balsam fir, which moose eat. Without wolves, nothing would monitor the moose population because wolves are the only predators of moose. John Vucetich said in an interview that hunting moose in order to prevent overpopulation would not be beneficial to the ecosystem, so the best way to prevent the overpopulation of moose would be to make sure wolves are on Isle Royale. Because the moose population depends on wolves, not bringing them to Isle Royale for the sake of nonintervention in letter A would not suffice. Based on the rapidly growing population of the moose from 510 in the winter of 2010 to 1250 in the winter of 2015, without proper monitoring, the moose population will only go up until the ratio of moose to vegetation is too great for the ecosystem to balance. In order to protect the vegetation from overgrazing, wolves must be brought to the island because the current number there will not suffice. According to the 2014-2015 data, there are two wolves on the island, but the chances of sufficiently reproducing are nonexistent. If the two wolves are siblings or of other close family bonds, they will not reproduce with each other. To protect the vegetation and other species on the island that depend on the vegetation, option A (nonintervention) would not benefit the ecosystem of the island. Once the decision is made to bring wolves to Isle Royale, the manner in which they are brought must be decided. The wolves should be brought to the island as often and with as many wolves as needed, for the next twenty years to stabilize their population. However, we must consider the idea of nonintervention. While such a flexible plan can be categorized as too much interference, John Vucetich said in a video interview that while it is essential to let nature run its course, if humans have interfered in some way, it is best to fix the damage the best we can. I concur, and so in order to maintain a level of nonintervention, after twenty years of bringing wolves, humans should take a step back and return to being merely observers. In addition to nonintervention, the leniency of the plan must be decided. In option B: to bring wolves as a one-time event over a defined period of time, the plan is too rigid. In the early '80s, parvovirus swept the island and the wolf population dropped from 50 to 14. If another disaster such as disease sweeps the island like it did in the '80s and the set number of wolves brought to the island cannot accommodate the losses, it won't be much help at all. For example, if two female wolves and two male wolves are set to arrive every year, but a recent disease has wiped most of the population's males from the island, the sex ratio will be greatly distorted, but since the plan is unchangeable, not much can be done. Rolf Peterson stated in a 2012 interview that when the sex ratio of the wolves is unbalanced, the wolf population is "hanging on by its teeth" because the number of pups produced will be much fewer. With a flexible plan geared towards the return of nonintervention, the lives of the wolves can be better saved.

Time should not be wasted in the efforts to save the wolves on Isle Royale. Past data shows that within the span of a couple years, the population of a species can fall drastically. From 1981 to 1982, the wolf population went from 50 to 14. Plus, in 1996 alone, the moose population dropped from 2398 to 900! If time is spent waiting for a trigger to induce action, something could cause the population of the monitored species to drastically change, which could interfere with the plan to save the wolves. Because of this natural instability, letter D: to continue current management until one or more resource indicators is met, and wolves would be brought to the island as a one time event (per option B), or through multiple introductions (per option C), is not the best course of action. Another reason to not wait is because it takes much longer to rebuild a population than it does for one to drop. Before the previously mentioned drop in the wolf population, it had taken 10 years for the population to grow to 50, and only two years to fall. For the moose, it had taken nearly 15 years for the population to grow to 2398, and a single year to drop to 900. If the trigger is when the moose population reaches 3000, it may take a while for the population to grow to that size. In that time, overgrazing can lead to a decline in available vegetation, which provides other species besides the moose with a home and food source. The unknown factor of what could happen in the waiting time makes this plan less controlled. Taking action without hesitation will ensure the results of bringing in more wolves to be more controlled.

The best course of action to take to save the Isle Royale wolves is letter C, to bring as many wolves to the island as needed, as often as needed, for the next score, then backpedal into nonintervention. This is a flexible, controlled, and species-saving plan.

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Dear, National Park Service

I am a freshman from [REDACTED] and our biology class has been studying your research from 1959-2015 and I have become concerned about the state of which Isle Royale is in. The wolves suffer from extreme inbreeding and if reintroduced may suffer the same fate as before. I believe while it is necessary to have a predator of ungulate for the rest of the island to survive but I do not believe wolves are the right choice. I believe that black bears would better serve the ecosystem and preserve the island.

One of the problems with wolves is that they live 6-8 years and usually only the alphas mate and mortality rate of wolves is relatively high anywhere from 40-60% survive according to wolf.org. Leaving the chances of the packs survival to 4-6 pups every spring of which only 1-2 may survive. On the other hand black bears live up to 20s years and mate with different partners every other year typically having 2 or more cubs per litter with a low mortality rate ranging from 50-100% typically at the higher end according to bear.org. So because of this the bears genetic diversity will be much more than their wolf counterparts. Bears also will not exhibit the inevitable deformations from inbreeding that contributed to the ineffectiveness of the wolves and ultimately their diminishing population. Reintroducing wolves once for the next 20 years may help now but in the long run they will eventually succumb to inbreeding due to their isolation and lack of genetic diversity. While introducing them whenever necessary for genetic rescue could cause more packs to be made and as a result more pups born to alphas and other organisms could suffer as they are more heavily preyed on.

Nonintervention would mean the disappearance of wolves on Isle Royale which would leave the moose unchecked and will negatively impact the firs. While wolves did help keep moose population low they have not kept them low enough but john vucetich mentions that in recent years that when the

moose population fell to its low point...balsam fir across the western two-thirds of the island were growing to heights that would put them safely beyond the moose herds reach. With the integration of bears into the ecosystem it will keep the moose population from growing meaning that it would allow for the firs to grow to a height that would keep moose out of reach and be able to reproduce. Not only would it make the island look more beautiful but it would also provide habitats for the other Isle Royale animals . If we were to set up a threshold to be met before reacting it may still take several years before action is taken Vucetich says, the first attempts at reintroduction could end in failures and have to be repeated. It could easily be a 10 or 12 year process. While the NPS has narrowed the solution to 4 main solutions I highly urge you to open up more and consider other ideas. Bears on Isle Royale would better flourish than wolves due to their diverse mating habits, longer lifespan, and higher offspring survival rate. While wolves are the parks mascot and they will always have a place in our hearts maybe it would be better to let go and introduce a species that can bring real change.

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Correspondence: Why We Should Take Option D

Hello, members of the NPS. My name is Owen and I am a freshman from [REDACTED], and would like to share my opinion on what should be done about the wolves of Isle Royale. I am writing to you as both an assignment and because I would really appreciate having a say in the matter. I am in [REDACTED] biology class, and we have been studying the ecosystem of Isle Royale for some time, learning of the potential danger to the wolves, along with the entire ecosystem. I personally feel that the best course of action is Alternative D, meaning we should reintroduce wolves over a short period of time at certain triggers, such as a high percentage of birth defects, or an imbalance in male-female ratio.

First off, I'd like to address what the current problems are. According to data from isleroyalewolf.org, we've seen a steady decline in wolf population over the last 10 or so years. One possible cause for this decline is LSTV, a spinal defect from excessive inbreeding causing difficulty hunting for the wolves. Only one "genetic rescue" has occurred in the years of studying, due to a decreasing frequency of ice bridges. Also, the population has never recovered from its peak population of 50 in the year 1980. This was followed by a detrimental 36-wolf decline in 2 years due to human-introduced canine parvovirus, which may have presented lasting negative effects on the population size. With only 2 wolves left, I feel something must be done.

One of the biggest decisions the NPS faces is whether or not to intervene. It is well accepted that nonintervention is generally the best choice in most circumstances, unless the problem is man-made. This brings up a lot of controversy, but I feel humans are at least somewhat, if not mostly responsible for the decline in wolf population. The two major problems stated above can both be traced back to humans. Parvovirus was brought from a dog brought to the island by a human, and LSTV, caused by inbreeding, may be an issue due to a lack of ice bridges. This is most likely caused by global warming, assisted by man-made processes. Humans have clearly played a role in the declining wolf population, and should be allowed to intervene. With only two wolves left, Option A (nonintervention) will merely let the wolves die.

Another possible choice, Option B, is not the best solution for the wolves, either. Option B presents a one-time reintroduction of wolves, which would definitely help the wolves recover, and prevent LSTV, but will it last? With such an isolated island, a short term reintroduction can only help for so long, before the LSTV rates will begin to rise. The other alternative, Option C: a 20-year reintroduction of wolves, will also be ineffective. Though it will definitely last longer than Option B, the remaining ecosystem and the distant future must be taken into consideration. There are rapidly rising numbers of moose on the island, meaning more than enough resources for the wolves. If wolves are repeatedly added to the population, they will remain in low numbers for a period of time until the breeding starts to increase. With a surplus of resources, the wolf population may bounce back too far, exponentially growing well past their carrying capacity, which could prove to be harmful.

The best way to stabilize the population is Option D: taking action at certain resource thresholds. This plan will last a long time, and should stabilize any dangerous fluctuations in wolf population or its resources. As for wolf population, the main killer is LSTV. In a MINNPOST article, expert Rolf Peterson stated that since 1994, every wolf on the island has been born with the defect. These numbers could not be any worse, and the only thing to stop it would be wolves slowly introduced to the island. Extreme LSTV rates like this could be a threshold for the reintroduction of wolves to the island. Another thing to watch for in terms of the wolves, is the male-female ratio. There should always be a balance of wolves available to breed so the population can grow at a healthy rate.

Option D is also the best for the moose population. The moose population is rising at a quick pace. This could present problems for ecosystem health. In a 2013 interview, professor John Vucetich said that anywhere there are large ungulates, there should be large predators to keep the population in healthy numbers. Isle Royale is a perfect example of an ungulate-predator relationship, but the wolves are dwindling. Data from isleroyalewolf.org shows a rise in moose population from 515 to around 1250 in the past 4 years, with nothing to stop them. Although we've seen much higher numbers, this occurred for about 5 years starting in 1990, where the wolf population was around 10-20. The moose were later controlled by a lack of vegetation and a moose tick outbreak. This shows that moose population can rise too rapidly with few predators. If wolves are introduced at either a high moose population, or high moose-wolf ratio, Option D will allow the moose population to stay in check for the future, keeping the numbers in a good range.

The final aspect of the ecosystem to consider while making the decision is the vegetation. With wolves being a keystone species, they can have effects on every part of the island, including the plants. With over 600 species of flowering plants, a range of trees and shrubs, such an isolated place can be a delicate habitat for plants. By keeping the moose population in check, the wolves will allow vegetation on the island to flourish. According to nps.gov, Balsam fir trees may become less and less common due to moose browsing, which will only increase with a lack of wolves. Though the wolves do not directly affect the vegetation of Isle Royale, if thresholds are set for dangerously low plant life, adding wolves will help lower the moose population, allowing plants to grow and spread.

Being a big predator on the island, the wolf population affects everything on the island from their own survival to the isle vegetation, but with only two left, the decision for a course of action is very important. I believe that the best choice is to go with Option D, reintroducing wolves at dangerous thresholds. With this plan, problems with wolves, moose, and vegetation can all be fixed as needed. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you choose Option D.

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Correspondence: Dear National Parks Service,

My name is Cole [REDACTED] and I am currently a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. My [REDACTED] Biology class has been studying ecology and we have recently investigated the wolf/moose population on Isle Royale. Due to the low wolf population, I believe it is in the park's best interest to implement strategy D, which is to wait until one of the populations reach a threshold, which I believe should be when there are 0 wolves left the Island. Once there are 0 wolves, the park system should add wolves one time. I believe this is the best option for the island because the NPS can wait a couple of years without affecting the wolf or moose to see if the ecosystem bounces back. However, if the wolf population drops to zero, the National Park Service should add more wolves back into the ecosystem. Adding wolves would create a community that is not inbred. These wolves will not be affected by parvovirus, and will not have the same susceptibility to inbred caused illnesses like LSTV due to genetic restoration by the introduction of new wolves that were not as isolated.

Alternative D is the best option for Isle Royale. Alternative A would lead to the large increase in the moose population which would have a negative impact on vegetation. Alternative B would not be ideal because if you added the wolves once when there were already the two inbred ones, the wolves brought in would be exposed to LSTV. If the NPS added wolves often within the next 20 years, there would be too much human interference and the case study would not be controlled.

I believe that Isle Royale must add more wolves to the ecosystem if no wolves are left. One reason I believe these steps must be taken is because in Yellowstone, when wolves were reintroduced, the whole ecosystem stabilized. On the Yellowstone National Park website, an ecologist said that before the wolves were introduced, there was one beaver colony, and after the wolves were added, nine colonies of beavers were formed. For the next twenty years, reintroducing wolves will be the best option. The reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone also brought down the elk population which increased the amount of vegetation. Scott Creel said "When wolves are around, they're[elks] more vigilant and do less foraging." If Isle Royale adapts to the reestablishment of wolves like Yellowstone's ecosystem, within 20 years the wolf population will not be in danger and the moose will be more controlled. Also, according to Scott Creel, other animals will forage less so the vegetation population should bounce back. Another reason they should add wolves back into the park if the population now fails to survive is because when an immigrant wolf first came to the island(#93), the amount of inbreeding dropped and the first year he entered the park in 1997 and for the next couple years, the moose population was controlled. In 1997, the wolf population was 14 and after the next three years it rose to 29. During that time, the moose population also slowly increased and then dropped to 385 within ten years of Old Gray Guy's arrival. If multiple genetically pure wolves are added into the ecosystem, not only will the wolf population most likely be secure for at least the next 20 years, the moose population will drop and that will cause vegetation amount to flourish. Isle Royale will be best off if the NPS waits until there are no wolves left. Once there are no wolves left, we should interfere and add more wolves just one time. This would be the best option because the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone controlled the elk population and it is likely that the same thing will happen with the moose in Isle Royale. This would positively affect the wolves, moose and the vegetation because their will not be as many primary consumers once the moose population is at or below the carrying capacity.

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Correspondence: Hi my name is Maxwell. I am a 9th grade student [REDACTED] in Illinois. My Biology class and I have been studying Isle Royale's ecosystem for a while now and are startled by the drastic decrease in the wolf population. This decrease, while it is certainly startling for the researchers, has also affected our class. Now, each of us writes to you on behalf of our own opinions as to what should be done to study the ecosystem. We have read in the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS, and each of us has decided upon a solution.

My solution is with the understanding that the plan of committing to nonintervention will result in the ceasing of the wolves' existence on Isle Royale. On your website, www.isleroyalewolf.org, I've read that "The purposes of this project are to better understand the ecology of predation and what that knowledge can teach us about our relationship with nature." If this is the case, then the next step from here on out will be one that will keep the ecosystem as natural as possible, while also setting the stage for studying something of desire for the community and you, the researchers. I see this as the end of a first phase of a study that has opened doors to even more options. This lack of wolves has turned your scenario into a very manipulative opportunity. We all know, but have to believe, that the first phase of studying the wolves on Isle Royale will be coming to an end in the very near future. The absence of the wolves is just the end of the beginning. In order for the current experiment to end, we must let nature finish what it started. Only then can we gain the conclusion of the first phase of the study.

To start a second phase of research, we can do two things. First, when the wolves no longer exist on the island, we can study a much simpler relationship between the moose and the Balsam Fir. Another option is after a couple of years, when the moose stabilize a bit, we can reintroduce wolves to simulate the introduction of an alien species. I believe that combining the two options is the best way to approach this. This would be done by simply studying the relationship of the moose and firs after the wolves are gone, then we can reintroduce half a dozen wolves to the island several years later, and every couple of years after that if the wolves don't catch hold on the island.

This reintroduction of wolves would serve multiple purposes. Most obviously, we would be able to observe a replication in which a now invasive species is introduced to the island and what effects it will have on the moose and firs. This reintroduction I predict will be something similar to what occurred in Yellowstone, except more drastic as there will be a much larger density of moose per square mile than prey in Yellowstone. The wolf population will skyrocket upwards of about 60 to 50 wolves if not higher, then just as fast as they went up, they will fall to about 40 or 30 and proceed to jump back and forth for the next 20 years as they stabilize. The wolf population will no longer have the qualities of the previous Isle Royale wolves. This will result in them that being healthier. The current moose population should be allowed to peak and fall. The reintroduction of the wolves should be done as the moose population hits the carrying capacity upwards. This will better simulate what will happen to a flourishing moose population when an invasive species is introduced.

As we've seen in the previous graphings of Isle Royale's population, the Moose's population swing will be expected to be oppositely related to that of the wolves'. The moose will continue to go up for a little while after the wolves are introduced, then as food starts to dwindle and wolf predation starts to increase, their population will decrease to lower and lower heights until the wolf population starts to decrease as rival packs are formed, and the population of moose decreases. The Balsam firs this whole time will reproduce at a slightly lesser rate, as the moose cannot get to the matured 60 foot trees that will be reproducing for years with no interference. The Balsam firs will most likely decrease in population by 20 to 30 percent in the moose's big upswing, but will then start to gain more of their population back after the wolves are introduced.

The other options serve purposes, but they are not the purposes that heed our interests or purposes. Option A, which is non intervention and to let the wolves die out and come back naturally, isn't a bad idea, but it might take 50 years for another wolf pack to take roots. By that time, the moose might permanently scar the ecosystem through overpopulation. Option B, bring wolves over a 36 month period will be a simulate the growth of the population, but it might be at a different rate than what might happen if the wolves naturally reproduce. Option C, Maintain a population, is the just another way of trying to get the wolves to secure roots in Isle Royale, but it will happen too soon. We need more time to let the wolves settle in before we can simulate an invasive species. Option D, set parameters for the moose and vegetation and then send in wolves when those parameters are met, Is what my idea is based on, however I don't want to include parameters for the vegetation. Vegetation will be an indicator as to how the wolves' presence on Isle Royale is positive or negative to the environment.

While all alternatives are viable, they do not achieve the desired effect. As I previously stated, phase one of the experiment will soon be over, and the experiment is highly manipulable right now. During this opportunity, we should steer the project a different direction. By studying the moose and the Vegetation, we observe moose unchecked by predators, and the direct impact on the vegetation. Then, we will observe the introduction of an invasive species. The wolves will hold for many years to come and knowledge gained from them longer. Thank you for considering and taking my views into account, and I wish the park service the best of luck in the years to come.

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Correspondence: The wolves need to be saved immediately and efficiently on Isle Royale. My name is Cassandra [REDACTED], and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Chicago. In my [REDACTED] biology class, we have been studying the population and behavior of the wolves on the island, and I am greatly interested in their livelihood. It is impossible to ignore how the wolf population has been greatly depleted, and I would like to share which solution I think should be done. I believe that option C is the best alternative to save the wolves. Option C states there should be new wolves introduced whenever necessary over the next 20 years. This should be done in order to stabilize the ecosystem and continue to study the data from Isle Royale. If more wolves are introduced whenever necessary over two decades, then the moose population can stabilize and the vegetation levels will go up. Alternative C is the most efficient in saving the wolf population while maintaining the integrity of the study on Isle Royale. Genetic rescue will provide the next generation with a better quality of life as well as continuing with the same original wolves on the island. Inbreeding is a terrible issue on the island that has caused LSTV, a spinal irregularity in wolves. The Michigan Tech scientists say LSTV occurs in one out of 100 wolves and a third of the wolves suffer from the malformation on Isle Royale. The wolves will certainly go extinct because the deformities caused by inbreeding. However, the wolves there have qualities that are adapted to the environment on the island. It would be a horrible loss to have to wait another few generations just for them to re-acclimate to the environment. The best decision would be to reintroduce new wolves whenever necessary to eliminate the issue of inbreeding. The ineffective hunting by the leftover wolves on the island has left the moose population to skyrocket. They don't have a sufficient amount of predators to put a dent in their numbers and that has caused a negative chain reaction to the ecosystem of Isle Royale. The island isn't meant for so many moose which means that their food supply is inadequate. Moose primarily eat balsam fir trees which are becoming a rarity in that area. Rolf Peterson said that if the wolf and moose populations don't stabilize then the balsam fir trees will go extinct. They simply don't have enough recovery time between when they are eaten and when they grow. Without healthy wolves then those moose will demolish the vegetation on the island and destroy the ecosystem of Isle Royale. The three other options offered are not as efficient as option C in terms of creating the best outcome. Not interfering with conditions is inevitably going to lead to the extinction of the balsam fir trees and the extinction of the wolves on the island. Wolves need to be on Isle Royale because they are a keystone species. Because of the isolation of the environment and less frequent ice bridges that allow migration, wolves need to be continuously put back on the island. The problem would only be fixed for a short amount of time if wolves are only introduced once and then they would inbreed again. The wolves are quickly dying and may not even be able to reproduce in their current situation which means that waiting is not in their best interest. Immediate action must be taken in order to save the genes of the residing wolves and the entire ecosystem. I firmly believe that reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale and performing a genetic rescue with the remaining wolves is the optimum choice for the NPS to act on. Alternative C secures a healthy wolf population over the next 2 decades, along with a stabilized moose population and strong vegetation levels. The situation of the wolves on Isle Royale represents how even if we think we aren't affecting something, we are still indirectly changing it. We have caused global warming and that is why there are less ice bridges for wolf migration from Canada. The potential extinction of the Isle Royale wolves is a serious issue that must be attended to. I will stand by my choice that there should be swift reintroduction of wolves and they should be put on the island as many times as necessary. Alternative C is the clearest option for the NPS to choose at this time.

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Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am Elias [REDACTED]. I am a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. We are currently studying ecology and how the Isle Royale project has made a large impact on what we know about ecological patterns today. I am writing my letter of recommendation because it is a project in class, but I also care about wildlife and hope that it can be preserved for future generations. My recommendation is that you guys go with alternative D and do not insert wolves back into the population unless the moose population gets to a carrying capacity of 2,500 moose with no more wolves on the island for at least one year. The goal from the beginning of the experiment has been to let nature take its course, but sometimes it is necessary to intervene when the populations get too high. My reasoning for this is the fact that the wolf population had never died out so why should they now and that ecosystem health is also very important.

Wolves have been studied on Isle Royale since 1958. The interactions between the moose and wolves and the size of each population have been measured and tracked. We have been studying the populations in our class and looking at the data and it is obvious that there have been some major fluctuations throughout the years in both populations. In the year 1980, the wolf population was all the way up to 50, but plummeted to 14 just two years later. Despite this dramatic drop in population, the wolves have been able to survive. The wolf population has even gone back up to 30 in the year 2006. This shows that the wolves are accustomed to large fluctuations in population and are able to bounce back from them. Because the wolves have been able to balance out to the carrying capacity in the years past, what makes you think that they won't be able to do it again, despite being at the lowest point ever. I think that the wolves will be able to survive and reboot the population. That is one reason I picked alternative D. More wolves should not be placed onto Isle Royale unless all wolves die out and are extinct for at least one year.

This project's original goal was "to better understand the ecology of predation and what that knowledge can teach us about our relationship with nature." (isleroyalewolf.org). By not introducing new wolves into the population, the original intent of the project will stay in tact. If the last wolves die out, then the project could focus on what happens to the moose populations and how the moose interact with the firs and other plants in the area. The project has mainly focused on how the wolves and moose interact, but it would also be interesting to focus on how the moose and environment interact. This could give the Isle Royale staff reason to not place more wolves on the island. The moose can live comfortably on the island up to a certain point, but there is a carrying capacity on the island for moose. In my opinion, I think that when the moose population reaches a carrying capacity of 2,500, it will be time for the wolves to be reintroduced back onto the island. This will reinstate the original purpose of the project by once again tracking the predator-prey relationship.

Returning to the original goal of the project isn't the only reason that it is important for wolves to be brought back to Isle Royale. Ecosystem health is also important. In the research that my class has done about how the moose population affects the firs, it is evident that if the moose population gets high, then the firs will be negatively affected. It is also possible that a lot of the green areas of the island can be completely wiped of the plants. This is why I am saying the wolves should be brought back onto the island is the moose population gets too high. For me, the carrying capacity for moose on Isle Royale is 2,500. This seems like a reasonable number in order for the scientists to study how the moose interact with the land, but high enough so that wolves can be brought back in. A great example of restoring ecosystem health comes from Yellowstone National Park. When wolves were reintroduced in 1995, the whole ecosystem started to function better from many aspects. "So the wolves, small in number, transformed not just the ecosystem of Yellowstone National Park, this huge area of land, but also its physical geography." (How Wolves Changed Rivers). This quote shows that reintroducing wolves to an ecosystem can be beneficial to all life in that area. In this video, we saw that having too many herbivores in the area caused dying vegetation and fewer populations in Yellowstone as a result. This is why it is necessary for wolves to come back to the island if the moose population reaches 2,500.

For me, alternatives A, B, and C were not the best options for the following reasons. Alternative A was not the correct choice because it stated that no more wolves would be placed in Isle Royale. This is bad for the ecosystem health on the island for many reasons. The moose population will get too high and vegetation will get too low. This is bad for Isle Royale. Alternative B and C are not the right solution for similar reasons. In both of these options, it means bringing back the wolves as soon as possible. This would not leave time for research on different aspects of the island. You would not be able to see how the moose affect the vegetation growth and other things. For these reasons, Alternative D seems like the best choice.

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Correspondence: Greetings,

I am Kamila and I am currently a freshman [REDACTED]. The past couple of weeks, my class and I have been studying the data of wolf and moose population at Isle Royale. We also learned many things around that, such as keystone species, disturbances in environments, ecosystems, food webs, and much more. All of this knowledge helped us better understand the current situation at Isle Royale. We now have the opportunity to become short term ecologists to explain our own ideas on what is needed to be done to maintain an ideal ecosystem at Isle Royale. In my opinion, I believe that alternative C, introducing new wolves as often as needed for 20 years immediately, would be the best option. This will benefit wolves by introducing new genes to stop LSTV and it can possibly keep an even ratio of male wolves to female wolves. Adding wolves when needed will also help by maintaining the moose population because there would be more predators, which would also help the growth of vegetation. With the addition of wolves, the native blood of Isle Royale wolves will continue to thrive.

To begin, introducing wolves to Isle Royale whenever needed will be a genetic rescue for wolves that can steer away from LSTV. Alternative C can support this because there will be multiple generations to add newer, healthier genes that shift away from such deformities. We know that this can be successful because there has been an occurrence where a wolf has come to the island before, wolf #93 crossing an ice bridge in the winter of 1997. In an article titled Silence of the Wolves, it states [wolf 93] proved that stronger genes are necessary if wolves are to survive other factors in daily life. This same article states that wolf 93 made it possible for wolves to survive longer than expected. These statements support alternative C because new genes will allow wolves to live longer on the isle and to survive harsh conditions. With the new genes supplied by new wolves, many pups will begin to be born without the LSTV deformity, which will then help the wolves hunt better and increase the amount of moose killed. With more healthy wolves added, this can create an even ratio of male to female wolves. This will benefit the wolf pack because then more pups can be born and survive each year. This will keep the wolf population abundant and more wolf packs will also form, causing more competition for food and more dispersion of wolf throughout the Isle. With this said, Alternative B would not support this because introducing new wolves once can still put the wolves in danger of repeating the LSTV deformity throughout the pack. By introducing more wolves, they can continue their legacy at Isle Royale.

By adding more wolves when needed, the moose population can stabilize. Currently with only two wolves, there is an overabundance of moose on Isle Royale. With no predators, moose can easily reproduce and eat vegetation without being hunted. When new wolves would be added, the moose population will go down because they would be hunted by much greater and stronger wolf packs. The moose can move towards the northeast area of the island where they are mostly, and originally, found when more wolves are present. This allows vegetation to grow healthier and faster without being hunted by a mass population of moose. However, the population of moose is rising because of the wolves uncomfortable spinal deformity that diminishes their success of hunting moose. This spinal deformity and low population in wolves agree with their low statistics of predation. John Vucetich mentions in an article that the average of 15% moose killed yearly plummeted to only 2% with two wolves present. The same article states that a moose is more likely to die from pneumonia than die by getting hunted by a wolf. This means that with a growing moose population and limited resources, adding new wolves will eliminate competition and starvation between moose. In an article titled, What should be done to save Isle Royale Wolves? the author states that, On the Western two-thirds of, where moose browsing in the heaviest, firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall...Some of these trees have been waiting for 60 or 70 years to outgrow moose browsing& This means that with such a great population of moose, the balsam firs are unable to reproduce or grow enough to be healthy since the trees are a food source for the moose. This is why Alternative A would not work, letting nature take its toll, because without wolves the moose are in danger because of starvation. By adding wolves as frequently as needed, moose population can stabilize and vegetation conditions can improve.

In my opinion, alternative C is the ideal option for Isle Royale. Adding wolves when needed not only saves the unique genes of wolves but also helps vegetation and moose on the Isle to stabilize. With this addition, the study of Isle Royale can be continued for many more years. At this point, the health of the ecosystem at Isle Royale deserves an immediate response since the wolves are almost gone anyway. Alternative D would not be ideal because people would have to wait until the unique genetic makeup of the Isle Royale wolves is gone. Also, why should we wait even longer to intervene when Isle Royale is already in so much danger? Personally, I believe that the ecosystem of Isle Royale deserves an immediate response, and Alternative C is the best way to achieve this. I simply believe that wolves deserve a genetic rescue whenever they're in need to support ideal actions/behavior and to maintain both populations.

Hoping for the best,
Kamila

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Kevin, and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois [REDACTED], and I am studying [REDACTED] biology. Currently, we are study ecosystems and we have used Isle Royale as a case study to help us understand the complex nature of ecosystems. As an assignment, I am writing to voice my opinion about what to do on Isle Royale regarding the population of the wolves. Now while this is an assignment, our teacher has not assigned us to write about a certain solution, so in other words this is my true opinion.

I think that non-intervention should be maintained until mating is impossible. This means if no female wolves are on the island, then action would need to be taken. The reason why I think this way is based upon this one idea: keep the legacy alive. By keeping the original wolves on the island, the bloodline remains. However, in order to make sure that the opportunity to maintain a great study is not lost, wolves must be added somehow. Isle Royale has given the public so much useful data regarding wolves, population, and ecosystems. It would be a shame if they died off. I believe that this solution is a compromise, and it is the best action to take.

First off, I want to talk about how I would add wolves to the island. The overall goal of my solution is to maintain a wolf population on the island without completely replacing it. We have seen the effects of genetic rescue on the population before (old grey guy), and John Vucetich agrees that genetic rescue is the best option. To compromise the want to remain "natural" and the want to add wolves, I think we should "reenact" an ice bridge scenario. This way, the interaction cancels out what we, as humans, have done. Through global warming, we have made it tough for ice bridges to form, but adding one, two, or three wolves every other year would create a "natural" genetic rescue. In the same way that the old grey guy rescued the population, so could a couple of wolves added by NPS. As we know, the genes on Isle Royale are extremely inbred, and lstv has been ravaging the population. Adding wolves with new genes could be the solution to the problems caused by excessive inbreeding. My goal is not to force the population back up, it is to naturally and to gradually help it up.

Secondly, I need to mention the other key populations on the island. As John Vucetich mentioned in a video interview, "Wherever there are places with large ungulates, there should also be large predators". He is referring to the fact that without wolves to eat the moose population, the number of moose would boom. This would cause a lot of vegetation to disappear, because more moose eat more vegetation. Eventually, the vegetation will not be able to sustain the moose population, as the moose have passed their carrying capacity. So, if we don't get the wolf population up, the wolves will die, the moose

will not have enough food to eat, and the vegetation will also disappear.

Clearly we need wolves in some form or another to eat the moose, and, so permanent non-intervention is not the best option. Adding all the wolves in one go could result in a population boom then bust. Obviously that is not good for sustaining a wolf population in the long run. Also, things in nature are mostly gradual, so I think that addition of wolves should be too. Trying to keep some original wolves on the island is a good thing, this way the offspring are not completely replaced, and the "legacy" continues.

Thank you for reading my letter, and best of luck with the situation.

Kevin

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Correspondence: Isle Royale

My name is Kaitlyn [REDACTED], and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. Our [REDACTED] biology class has been learning a great deal about Isle Royale. We have been learning about the connections between wolves and moose, and their effect on one another. For the past few weeks, we have also been learning about the populations of the moose and wolves and how they have changed throughout the years. We have been made aware of the rapid decrease in the wolf population, and I would like to contribute to the decision making process of the wolf complication. I have a very strong belief that the best option is Alternative C: To bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for the next 20 years. I feel that this is the best alternative because this makes sure that there are always wolves, and if the environment is right, the wolves will reproduce. However, Isle Royale may have been changed throughout the years and it may no longer be suitable for these wolves, so this plan will ensure that the environment is right for them. Also, moose population will gradually increase since they have scarce predators, which leads to less food and less energy. Adding wolves from outside of Isle Royale will also bring genetic variety and reduce inbreeding.

The first reason why C is the best alternative is because it will show whether or not wolf life is sustainable on the Island. There has been such a tremendous drop of wolves over the recent years, and it is a possibility that vital resources could have decreased on Isle Royale or there could have been an increase in limiting factors. From 1960-1980, there was a significant increase in wolves, and then a steady population from 1985-2005. However, the population gradually decreased in the years after 2005. Experts say that wolves came to Isle Royale via ice bridge, and there have been multiple ice bridges to this Island from 2005 to 2016, however they did not cross over and there has to be a reason for this. Humans don't have a way of knowing all of the essential resources for wolves lives or their reproduction, so there is a possibility that Isle Royale does not suit all of these needs and we just do not know it.

Therefore, this plan will prove to us whether or not the Island is suitable. Since there will be wolves brought as often as needed in order to maintain a population, if they consistently die out and do not reproduce, the Isle Royale may not be the best place for this species. There is then the possibility to stop bringing the wolves, and there would not be any regret or loss. Although, if this environment is suitable, then the wolves will reproduce and the population will revive. To ensure this stability, if there is a disease or vital issue that affects these wolves, there will still be wolves that can be brought over so the population will not die out over the next twenty years.

The next reason why Alternative C is the best option because it ensures that there is always a wolf population, which further prevents an overpopulation of moose. Wolves prey on moose and without them on the island, there would be an overabundant amount of moose. They will not die from being hunted so they will continue to grow and reproduce, until there are too many to sustain a healthy life on the island. There is only a certain amount of food available to the animals, and there is high competition for this available food. There isn't enough food for the moose that will be living so they will not have energy and the moose population will die out. In order to prevent this, there needs to be a consistent population of wolves on the island so that the predation stays constant.

Another major reason why Alternative C is the best solution is because it will provide more genetic variety, and therefore prevent inbreeding. If there are only two wolves left in the population, then there is a likely chance of inbreeding, and this is very dangerous and produces deformed offspring, if anything. Also, inbreeding can cause LSTV, a spine deformity which will increase the wolf's chance of death at a young age because it will not be able to perform all of its necessary functions. Ryan Meador states that "when inbreeding depression is severe, that reproduction just stops." Therefore, if there is often inbreeding taking place, it will just stop and there will be no reproduction occurring whatsoever.

There are many reasons why Alternative C is the best solution compared to the others. Alternative A, no intervention, would not work because there would then be an overpopulation of moose, and then the moose population will eventually die out due to low food intake. Alternative B would not work because it is only a one time event, and if there is an interference or disruption that negatively affects them or kills them, then there is no longer hope for the wolf population. Finally, Alternative D would not work because they aren't doing anything until they think that the population is as low as it can get, which is most likely one, and then there is always a possibility that the last wolf is not able to reproduce, which would cause the extinction of Isle Royale wolf genes.

To conclude, I firmly believe that the best and only solution for the Isle Royale wolf complication is to bring wolves to the island as often as needed for the in order to maintain a population for the next twenty years. This is the only solution that is not flawed, and will solve the current problems with the wolf population. The reasons why Alternative C should be implemented is because it will ensure the environmental sustainability, prevent moose overpopulation, and bring genetic variety. I am very interested and care about this decision making process and what is going to happen to these wolves on Isle Royale, and I truly hope that I helped this decision making process.

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Correspondence: My name is John and I am a freshman in high school [REDACTED]. I am writing this paper because I want to show my opinion and I want to be heard about what is happening to the wolves on Isle Royale. I want to convince everyone that the alternative that I choose makes the most sense since it seems very reasonable to me that alternative B which is to bring wolves over to the island over a one time event so that we can increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island for the next 3 years, takes the most immediate action in order to actually save the wolves. That is the most important thing here which everyone wants to accomplish, to save the wolves. This option provides the stabilization of the moose population over the next 3 years which could save the species and also save the ecosystem as well.

As we have seen in recent years, through the major drop in population size in wolves which shows that the latest reports from the present year has shown 2 wolves that are still alive and roaming throughout the island. This is seen as the lowest population size ever recorded in Isle Royale history comparing to the moose population on Isle Royale, it seems to be skyrocketing due to the predator and prey relationship. We know that on Isle Royale when the wolf population has decreased the moose population has increased. It is important to take into account that this kind of predator and prey relationship is not only needed for the wolves but also for the ecosystem health. So by using alternative B it is possible to still be able to relink the relationship between predator and prey on the island so that we may still save the island that we once saw and see the wolf population at its highest as it was in the 1980s at a number of 50 wolves. This alternative that I choose also contradicts the alternative of non-intervention. According to the graph of data released by analysts for the moose and wolves on Isle Royale, the moose are always increasing when the wolves are decreasing but with the recent trends showed, if the wolf population does go extinct then at first it would seem that the species of moose would be saved and since there would be no predators of the moose. The

graph as it shows the trend going up and last data shown at 2015 with 1,250 moose. We then encounter a problem, since it would seem to think that the moose population would keep growing but the moose have a carrying capacity just as every other species does in any given ecosystem. So once the moose go over this capacity, it is possible that they will run out of vegetation and eventually the population will start to decrease and many will die. It is possible that the moose may eventually recover from this or it is also possible that they may not since the population could still be fluctuating and never reach stability. With stability our ecosystem may survive and everything may resume normally and also data collecting our wolves activities may all resume if we just allow and bring the wolves back into the island instead of not intervening. So that is why right now it is the time to act because as we know it, the ecosystem and the lives of the moose as well as the wolves are already in danger because according to Rolf Peterson, (A MTU Research Professor) the amount of predation on wolves in natural and normal terms should be big and the population of moose should go down and decrease but instead we know the low population may affect this since the wolves are not even making a dent into the population of the moose of Isle Royale since their trend seems to be increasing. Still some may argue that as long as there are wolves on the island then no action will take place, this is useless and does not make any sense since obviously the problem of predation is the indicator that the falling of the whole ecosystem is starting, and everything that has been worked for over the couple of decades would have all been for nothing. How can we just sit and let those wolves die? They have taught us again again the relationships that we humans need to have with nature in order to not completely destroy everything on the planet and most importantly ourselves. So intervention is a good idea for the time being but not necessarily for more than 3 years which brings me to my next reason of why alternative should be picked. Isle Royale was discovered and collected for data and experimented on because to see the life of how wolves and even a whole ecosystem acts while without human intervention. It is necessary to take intervention since the wolf population is at its ultimate low and we may save it by introducing new wolves and for reasons explained in the paragraph before. Even though we should take intervention, it is important to keep in mind that this island was made as stated before for seeing the interactions of wolves and moose on the island without humans intervening. So it wouldn't make sense in proposing alternative C which was to bring wolves to the island, which was sure, agreeable but to introduce them on and off over a span of 20 years would be inconsistent. This may start to get sloppy and eventually turn into another human invasion into habitat which quite frankly we have had enough of in the world. Climate change as a factor has changed a lot. Quoting from John Vucetich (An assistant professor at the school of forest resources and environmental science), it is said that humans have caused most of climate change around the world and Isle royale are one of the few places that we would like to protect from being inhibited or interacted by humans. So in order to protect the new wolves that could be potentially brought on the population, we have to be careful on our interference of time since in 20 years many things may change. People are able to change their minds and be convinced to do all of a sudden something else when they forget that a while ago their main goal was to do something important like saving the wolves through genetic rescue or the ecosystem. It is possible that humans would interfere with the vegetation and also wolf health. For example many wolves around the globe are hunted even a wolf that left isle royale was shot when it reached the mainland. That is why it is important that the level of intervention in isle royale should be minimal and kept at a low which for 3 years sounds like a good enough time frame. Alternative D states that if one or more thresholds are met then wolves will be brought to isle royale at either a one time event or multiple time events. This is the same thing as in alternative C, introducing wolves at multiple times would be like intervening every time. If we went with this alternative, we would have to introduce wolves every time that the population would be at low and this would cause breeding problems since two of the same species from different habitats don't usually interact so it would be very hard to get the two populations come together. So it would take longer every time that new wolves would be introduced and observations would have to be restarted and restarted again since nothing would be able to be taken down because we would have to wait for the human intervention to stop then continue. Inbreeding would probably have been a big problem according to one of the case studies that my class did(Case study #3), wolves experience the deformity named LSTV which causes wolves to experience nerve damage in their spine and affects their effectiveness to hunting. Alternative D would be actually continuing the deformity to the future generations because it would allow wolves to keep being introduced and passing it on if multiple different wolves are mixed can cause risk of also disease or any outsider wolves that may be that one out of the 100 wolves that could have it and pass it on to the Isle Royale and lead it again once to its downfall. While at alternative B introducing it at one point or time within 3 years would be more organized and would not extremely give a greater risk of giving the parvovirus from the outside, and introducing a bunch of the same kind of pups of wolves into the island without deformities to keep on the population from experiencing that kind of problem again. Also bringing in fresh genes just as wolf# 93 did. In conclusion it is good to say that we are left with our only chance as alternative B to be our choice. Alternative B demonstrates that bringing wolves to the island promotes stability and keeps the ecosystem health in order by keeping the predation relationship with the moose safe and prevents the ecosystem from falling apart. Also alternative B helps us manage to control our time of intervention on Isle Royale if it is decided that intervention using alternative B will happen. Finally when deciding which alternative we should remember that climate change is an important factor to remember. We should be more careful in what release into the environment and maybe try to change this global warming from happening by being good to mother nature since she will indeed repay us. Based on all the evidence provided, I assume that the park will put the best interest in what is right for the ecosystem and decide from what I have shown you. That alternative B is the only choice that can save this island from extinction and set an example to other ecosystems in order to save them and the world.

Sincerely your friend,
John

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Correspondence: Hello, I am Kelly, a current freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. Presently I am taking [REDACTED] Biology class where I, along with my classmates, have been learning about Isle Royale and its ecosystem. We have discovered the predator-prey relationship between the wolves and moose and tracked their population sizes of the last 55 years. Recently we learned about the significant decline of the wolf population to now only two wolves. I am also aware that there are four options up for debate to help and save this wolf population from extinction. Therefore, I am writing this to hopefully help the decision-making process in some way to come up with a definitive, effective solution for the wolves. I believe the wolves to be a vital part of Isle Royale and wish to have an impact on the plan for their survival. Altogether, I think that alternative C would be the most effective and successful in saving the wolves. Alternative C states that the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed to maintain a certain population for at least 20 years. Scientists would determine the necessary amount of wolves and breeding pairs with science and judgement. I believe that immediate intervention is needed for the wolves to survive, and the best way to intervene is by adding wolves to allow the population to reproduce and grow. Allowing the wolves presently on the island to survive will retain their genes, along with their adaptability and resourcefulness to the island. These wolves also need intervention for survival so that the moose and vegetation populations are not lost. Adding these wolves will also bring the genetic variety needed for the population to survive. The wolves need the immediate intervention, and the way to get it is with alternative C. Immediate intervention is the only hope for the wolves' survival, and the survival of the wolves is essential for Isle Royale and its components. Allowing the present wolves to reproduce will therefore distribute their genes. As John Vucetich, director of the Isle Royale wolf and moose study, discussed in the article "What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say." "This option could preserve specific benefits that may be present, along with deficiencies, in the current packs' genetic makeup." The genes in the current wolves could be valuable to future wolves for adaptability and resourcefulness. The present genes could potentially be useful for future wolf survival. Vucetich later went on in the same article to say, "There's some reason to think there's value in those genes that have been developing through 15 generations on Isle Royale, as wolves have adapted to its unique conditions. And if we let today's wolves go extinct, that will be lost forever, too." These genes that the present wolves have are potentially valuable to future wolves for adaptability to this distinct island and letting go of these genes could mean a whole new process of adaptation and seeking out resources

for the new wolves. If these genes were lost, the new wolves would most likely struggle to survive in this unique environment. Adding wolves to Isle Royale with wolves presently on it would bring the genes needed for survival for decades to come. Survival of the wolves for decades to come is also necessary for the moose and vegetation population on Isle Royale. The wolves are the only predator of the moose on Isle Royale, and they are therefore the only thing that can keep the moose population in level. If the wolves were to go extinct or die off and then return years later, the moose population would soar. If the moose population soars, however, their only source of food, the vegetation, would be very limited. As seen from years 1996 to 1997, there was an intense competition for vegetation among the moose, and the population dropped from 2398 to 900. The wolves are the only thing that are, in a way, keeping the moose alive. Unfortunately, according to Rolf Peterson, a researcher from Michigan Tech, in the video "Wolf-moose relationship studied on Isle Royale," "Wolf predation is pretty much gone already, so with wolf predation not having much of an effect on moose, the moose themselves are increasing pretty rapidly." Immediate intervention is the way to fix this rapid increase of moose, since the wolves can then prey on and eat the moose to control their population. Similarly, John Vucetich stated that "Genetic rescue avoids the break in wolf predation on the moose. There's a risk to continuity in predation if we allow wolves to go extinct. Allowing wolves to die out- even briefly- could reverse the recovery of the vegetation." Vegetation can also then be saved from the over-population of moose by genetic rescue and continue to grow and thrive. Moose will then have enough food to eat and survive. Therefore, alternative A nor D should not be applied because if there is no immediate action, the wolves will die due to the lack of breeding partners, resulting in a negative effect upon the moose and vegetation and ruining Isle Royale's ecosystem altogether.

The wolves, however, do need to be healthy enough to actually hunt these moose, and they cannot do that with the effects of genetic inbreeding hindering them. Bringing new wolves to Isle Royale will bring the genetic variety needed for the wolves to survive, as the wolf "Old Gray Guy" did years ago. As John Vucetich explained in the article "As Isle Royale wolves slide toward extinction, a call for genetic rescue," the "Old Gray Guy" was only able to reach Isle Royale alone by crossing the ice bridge, but due to the climate warming, no ice bridges have been forming. Therefore, the wolves cannot cross over to Isle Royale by themselves and need the human intervention to help them. According to John Vucetich in the video "The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale," there is only one in a hundred wolves in a normal population that have some type of spinal deformity, but on Isle Royale, about one in three wolves has it. This spinal deformity, according to the article "Inbreeding within the Wolf Population," is abbreviated as LSTV, and it causes wolves to have a hard time moving around and therefore inhibits them from hunting. With an arrival of new wolves, the wolf population will be able to increase the variety of genes and lower the number of wolves with LSTV. This will increase the wolf population and create healthier wolves. This plan, however, is not guaranteed to work to right away, and would need to be monitored by scientists for several years to ensure the survival of the wolves. Alternative B, therefore, would not be effective for Isle Royale. The plan needed for Isle Royale would need to be performed and monitored for at least a decade, while being monitored. The population must improve for at least a decade to ensure a healthy population, and improvement would most easily take place with the monitoring of skilled scientists. Alternative B offers neither of those, and therefore would be ineffective.

Alternative C calls for immediate intervention by adding new wolves whenever deemed necessary by scientists monitoring Isle Royale for the next 20 years. This alternative would benefit Isle Royale and its ecosystem the most out of all four alternatives. One reason this is the most effective alternative is that immediate intervention would allow the present wolves to survive, retaining their valuable genes for future wolves. Another reason is that saving the wolf population will therefore save the moose and vegetation population as a result, balancing Isle Royale's ecosystem. The last reason is that introducing new wolves will bring the well-needed genetic variety to Isle Royale's wolves. If we were to allow the wolves to die out, there would be catastrophic consequences seen throughout Isle Royale. As John Vucetich said, "Conserving something is preferable to restoring it," and he couldn't have been more right.

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Correspondence:	Dear NPS at Isle Royale,				

Hello, my name is Adam and Im a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. During our ecology unit in biology class, we have been learning about Isle Royale and the wolf and moose populations. One of our assignments is to write a letter to the NPS at Isle Royale about what we believe should be done about the minimal wolf population. I believe Alternative B, introducing new wolves to the island for one period of time before the current wolves die out, is the best.

In 1997, a wolf from Canada crossed an ice bridge that formed and came to Isle Royale. During this period, the wolf population was suffering from LSTV. LSTV is a disease that causes a spinal deformity and damage of the nerves the control the hind legs. LSTV usually occurs in 1% of wolves, but occurs in 33% of Isle Royale wolves due to inbreeding (isleroyalewolf.org). When this wolf (Wolf no. 93) came, he brought a whole new set of genes that genetically rescued the wolf population. According to the wolf population reports, from 1998 to 2000, the wolf population went from 16 wolves, all the way up to 29 wolves. The population nearly doubled due to the coming of wolf no. 93. If the NPS chooses Alternative B and brings a few wolves with completely different genes, then this same situation could happen again. The population will slowly start to rise and the new set of genes may dilute the LSTV and start to bring back the population. If the wolf population rose up again, that would start to limit the moose population and the moose population would start to decrease to a healthy level. If the moose population starts to decrease then the vegetation will start to rise a certain level and Isle Royale would once again have a healthy ecosystem.

Alternative C, which is bringing back wolves to the island as much as theyre needed, is not a good idea for several reasons. If you keep on bringing back wolves, Isle Royale wouldnt be a national park, it would be a zoo. A zoo where they just keep on bringing wolves just to be there. Not caring if they are able to rescue the population, just bringing wolves there so they are there. In the article, What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing experts say, Howard Zahniser says we should be guardians, not gardeners. We should add a few more wolves and protect Isle Royale. If we keep on bringing back more we wont care about protecting Isle Royale we will just be planting in new wolves. Repeatedly bringing back wolves would cause a lot of fluctuation in wolf, moose and vegetation populations. This would not be good for the Isle Royale ecosystem because all the populations would be going up and down without being able to stabilize. Alternative B provides wolves where you can still see nature take its course and how the wolf population may change. And if the wolf population changes, the moose and vegetation population will change to a healthy level. That adds up for a healthy ecosystem where you can witness nature in its prime, which is the point of a national park.

Alternative A, which is non-intervention, is also not a viable option for several reasons. In a video interview, MTU researcher, John Vucetich said There is basically nowhere on earth where humans have not made an impact. If humans have basically had an impact on everything, there is no reason to try to stop intervening now. With only 2 wolves left on Isle Royale, the NPS has to do something. And that is definitely not nothing. If these 2 wolves die out, then the whole Isle Royale ecosystem will be lopsided, as it is starting to become currently. If the wolves die out, the moose population will spike up, with the only thing stopping it being themselves. What I mean by that is that the competition between the moose for food will rise. When the moose population spikes up, the vegetation population will go down. When that goes down, the moose will have nothing to eat and then they will die out. Now, you have a destroyed ecosystem where only bare trees and animal carcasses remain.

Alternative D is also not a good option because the wolves need help now, and if the NPS goes with Alternative D, they arent taking immediate action. This could lead to doom for the Isle Royale ecosystem if these 2 wolves die. By the time the NPS does something, the populations will already be out of whack. Imagine that these wolves were humans. If you had a chance to save the last few humans stranded on an island, would you? Wouldnt you want to help them ASAP? Most people would which is why we cant afford to wait any longer to save the wolf population and ecosystem on Isle Royale.

Overall, Alternative B is the best option because it provides the Isle Royale ecosystem with a few wolves with a new set of genes to rescue, that will be able to limit the moose population from growing anymore which will end up giving the vegetation the opportunity to grow back so the ecosystem can return to normal.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Maggie and I [REDACTED]. I am learning about Isle Royale in my freshman biology class. I find it very interesting that the wolf population was on the rise then crushed one winter because of a disease. I think that the best option for the island would be to use alternative D and that is to not take immediate action and continue the current management, allowing the natural process to continue. When the wolves die out though we would bring some back after at least a year of seeing the affects of not having wolves on Isle Royale. If you choose alternative D you will be able to learn so much more about the island. You won't intervene right away and watch the wolf population die out, or make a miraculous reboost in the population. And if the wolves die out in the next winter there may be an ice bridge and wolves could cross over again and make genetically better wolves for the island. If no wolves cross the ice bridge though then you will be able to see how the island reacts to the new adjustment. In the video 'How Wolves Change Rivers' they said that the moose population will rise and that will affect the amount of vegetation, which will affect the whole island. To control these measures you will have to put the wolves back on the island after a year to bring the moose population down, so the vegetation could grow back. They know this because Yellowstone had the same problem as Isle Royale, they lost their wolves and their deer population grew and ate most of the vegetation. They had to bring the wolves back to control the island and it helped them a lot. Alternative D also allows you to intervene, but in a way where you don't directly affect the island. I know that you take pride in not your policy of a "hands off" management for the island and I honestly feel that it would be smart to bring in wolves because you're not changing the island you are just adding to it. You also care about these animals and want to learn more about them. There are so many unanswered questions about the wolves and Isle Royale that you might actually learn by letting the wolf population die out and waiting at least a year before bringing them back. John Vucetich said in the video 'The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale' that the more they study the interactions of the wolves and moose the more they know that their original understandings may not be completely correct. It would benefit both the island and the research if you brought the wolves back to Isle Royale after they die out. Alternative A is that you won't intervene and would continue current management even if the wolves die out. I don't think you should do this alternative because you won't learn the most doing this. The wolves are going to die out soon, but we still don't know a lot about them. We will learn about how they affect the island, but we also learn that in alternative D along with information about the wolves. Alternative B says you will bring wolves back as a one-time event over a defined period of time to increase the longevity of the wolf population. You won't learn anything about how the wolves impact the island when they are gone if we just bring them back as soon as possible. Also, increasing the wolf population as there is still the other two wolves we will never know if they would've died or repopulate by themselves. Alternative C says that you will bring back wolves as often as needed for at least the next 20 years, it would also be done as soon as possible. This alternative doesn't teach us that much about the wolf population if we keep putting new wolves on the island to help maintain it. You also won't learn about how the wolves affect the island if we do it as soon as possible. The best solution for the island would be alternative D which is to let the wolves die out and if they do to bring them back at least a year later. You would bring them back a year later, so you could learn about how they would affect the island if they were gone. Alternative D is the best choice because you will learn the most about the island. With the other alternatives you only learn about one aspect of the island, but with alternative D you will learn how the wolves affect the island and the wolves themselves.

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Correspondence: The Interactions between the Wolves and Moose on Isle Royale

Hello, I am a Alexia, a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. In my [REDACTED] biology course, we are studying the interactions between the wolves, moose, and vegetation, along with other organisms on Isle Royale. We have specifically focused on the case of the dramatic population decline of the wolves, and the potential consequences as a result of the extinction of wolves on the island. Considering this is a major, controversial problem, I would like to express my opinion on what should occur on the island in order for it to be a sustainable ecosystem for the wildlife. On Isle Royale, the interactions between the wolves, moose, and vegetation are astonishing. In order to stabilize the populations within the ecosystem, the moose consume vegetation, and the wolves hunt the moose. These interactions between the organisms allow the ecosystem to be a livable and stable environment for wildlife. Unfortunately, many factors including climate change, disease, and genetic deformities are strongly affecting the interactions between the organisms in the ecosystem. The wolf population has hit an all-time low, posing a huge issue for all other organisms in the ecosystem since the wolves are a keystone species. Over a span of 55 years, the wolf population has fluctuated greatly, however in 2016, only two wolves remain on Isle Royale (www.isleroyalewolf.org). Since wolves hunt moose, the decline of wolves will result in a great rise of the moose population. In order to maintain and stabilize the populations, I propose that the NPS acts on Option B the best interest of Isle Royale. Option B is ideal to solve the dramatic population decline of the wolves on Isle Royale. Reintroducing the wolves once over a period of time in order to increase the wolf population allows the wolves to be reintroduced in a controlled manner with minimal human intervention. However, according to the Legal Information Institute, the current Wildlife Act of 1964 allows no human interference in national parks whatsoever. This law was established in 1964, but seeing that the earth's ecosystems are changing rapidly, it may be time to rethink this. Human intervention is certainly not ideal, however it may be the only way to sustain the wolf population on Isle Royale. Considering that human intervention is very dangerous and could disrupt the ecosystem easily, it is very important that humans intervene once over a period of time for the following reason. In between 1948 and 1950, it is known that wild wolves crossed an ice bridge and began the wolf population of Isle Royale. It only took a few wolves to cross an ice bridge one time, and they were able to populate the island, and sustain the population for nearly 68 years. As long as no diseases or genetic deformities, as in canine parvovirus and LSTV, (David Mech) are brought to the island by the wolves introduced by humans, the population can be sustained far longer than 68 years. The first wolves to come to the island demonstrate that reintroducing the wolves once can be enough to restabilize the population. In addition, since climate change is taking place and altering the ecosystem, ice bridges will definitely be less common due to the global warming (John Vucetich, The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale). This will make it very hard or impossible for the wolves to enter the island by crossing ice bridges; humans intervention is critical if the wolf population is to be recovered. Seeing that the wolves are a keystone species to this ecosystem, the moose and the vegetation will be strongly affected if nothing is done regarding the decline of the wolf population. As the wolves go extinct, the moose will no longer have a predator, which will result in a huge population increase. This poses an issue regarding the plant life and vegetation of the island. As the moose population rises, the amount of vegetation on the island must decrease, and therefore, comes this ongoing rise and fall of the vegetation and moose population in the ecosystem. There was a conversation amongst Ron Meador and John Vucetich suggesting to hunt the moose in order to maintain their population; Vucetich spoke against this proposal stating, "...The goal is to protect ecosystem health... [Hunting] is just not substitutable in preserving ecosystem health." This demonstrates how the wolves need to be reintroduced in order

to maintain the moose population, by natural means, without hunting the moose. As for vegetation, the video "How Wolves Changed Rivers", describes how the wolves greatly impacted the vegetation growth. As the wolves came to the island, they hunted the moose, who then stayed away from valleys and open areas. This allowed the vegetation to grow much more efficiently, and forests began to reemerge with many varieties of trees. These are the reasons why the reintroduction of the wolves is needed to maintain the vegetation and the moose population within the ecosystem on Isle Royale. It is evident that much thought was put into alternative options to save the wolves of Isle Royale. However, there are clear reasons why Options A, C, and D could be a mistake for the island. Option A suggests no human intervention, and it goes hand-in-hand with the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Legal Information Institute). However, with global warming taking place, it will be very uncommon for ice bridges to form on Lake Superior (John Vucetich, The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale). Unfortunately, there is no alternative way for the wolves to arrive to the island by natural means. This could easily result in extinction of wolves altogether on the island, unless the 2 wolves remaining are not siblings, and are capable of repopulating the island, which is highly unlikely. Option C suggests reintroducing the wolves to the island as frequently as needed. This could potentially be very dangerous to the whole ecosystem, since it includes a lot of human intervention. In the past, David Mech mentioned how humans introduced canine parvovirus to the island in 1980, which resulted in the loss of 36 out of the 50 wolves on the island in 2 years. Humans also have a big impact on global warming (Vucetich) which is slowly destroying the Earth's ecosystems. Therefore, recurring human intervention can not be a good thing for the island. Lastly, Option D states to wait on the issue, and take initiative when wolves are needed either through a one-time event, or many introductions. This alternative poses the same dangers as Option C, however it is very inconsistent and uncontrolled. Reintroducing wolves in the first place is very hazardous, but to reintroduce them in an uncontrolled manner is very risky. In order to sustain the wildlife of Isle Royale, a stable plan needs to be established to recover the wolf population. Overall, Option B, to reintroduce wolves as a one-time event, is in the best interest of Isle Royale. It requires minimal human intervention in order to stay safe, and it will allow the wolf population to recover and restabilize in an orderly, consistent, fashion. This will allow many more species to contribute to the unbelievable interactions within Isle Royale. Despite all of the dangers due to extinction of wolves, the most important matter is to make the right decision in order to sustain an admirable ecosystem for the wolves, moose, vegetation, and all other organisms on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence by Rolf Peterson and others suggest that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation and the likely eventual die-off of a large portion of the moose population.

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Correspondence: The Wolves of Isle Royale

Hello, my name is Tygh, and I am writing a letter regarding the future of the wolves because in my Biology class we are studying Island Royale to learn more about ecosystems and relations between predators and prey. I found that the statistics that have been recorded on the island are very interesting and helpful, and I want to be involved in solving this very delicate problem involving the survival of the wolves, and the rest of the ecosystem. I think that the best way to deal with this situation is non-intervention with no wolves being transported to the island by humans at any time. Data recorded from the park states that wolves aren't natural to Island royal, and neither are moose. The moose were there before the wolves. The moose had lived and thrived on the island for multiple decades without the presence of a predator large enough to hunt them. So, if the wolves do happen to die out, we have reason to believe that the island ecosystem would be able to balance itself out as it did before. Weather that means a constant fluctuation between moose and vegetation, or wolves finding their way back onto the island by ice-bridge, where it would be an ideal environment for them to stay in. Isleroyalewolf.org's data implies that the wolf population is, by far, the lowest it has been since wolves were introduced, and unless there is some large change like a wolves moving onto the island from an icebridge, the wolves will probably die out on Isle Royale. I think that the only way for the wolves population to truly become stable they have to migrate back on to the island by themselves, and when the conditions are optimal for them. If we reintroduce wolves into isle Royale, it would be unnatural, which deviates from the parks code of nonintervention. If the park code of nonintervention has worked in the past, then it is likely that it would continue to work. Many of species die out or leave certain areas for many reasons, this happens to be inbreeding. With the absence of wolves the other organisms on the island will adapt, like they have before. One of the arguments against option A is that if the wolves die out and aren't reintroduced, the moose population will grow to high, and they will eat too much of the vegetation, but this would only be, like any other ecosystem, a fluctuation between predator and prey, or consumer and producer. Another argument could be that the ecosystem has already been affected by humans, because of global warming and climate change, however as isleroyalewolf.org states, recently ice-bridges have formed, and wolves have been given the chance to move onto the island, but due to the inbreeding and lack of wolves on the island, the wolves were more likely to try to leave. If we choose one of the other alternatives, it wouldn't benefit the Island ecosystem naturally. Option B, to implement more wolves over a 36 month time-frame would create another situation like we are facing today, in which the wolves are put at a large disadvantage due to inbreeding after a long period of time. In Option C the ecosystem wouldn't be able to behave or function like a normal island would, and any results about the island you get would be heavily affected by human intervention. Option D is just delaying the fact that a decision needs to be made now when the wolves are in danger of extinction. Overall I think that nonintervention, or Option A, is the best route to take for many different reasons. One of the reasons is data from the past suggests that the food chain will be able to balance itself out like it has before. It also follows the code that the park has been following for many years, and up until this point has worked.

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Correspondence: To the National Park Service,

Hello, my name is Quinn and I am [REDACTED]. After hearing about the Isle Royale wolves in my Biology class, I have written in to give my insight on what should be done with the wolf population. After giving it thought, I feel that we should bring in a pack of wolves all at one time as soon as

we can, also known as option b. I hope you can take time to read my reasoning.

According to Ron Meador of the MinnPost, "The trend for the last six years has been steadily downward, and this year's late-winter survey found just eight wolves. Four of them were female, which could work in favor of recovery, but all are middle-aged, which works against it." These numbers, according to the graph, show that this is the lowest the wolves have ever been at on the island. When we normally look at a graph, we slowly see the lines steady out to the area's carrying capacity, but what we see here is the wolves dipping down. This means we have had a disruption. Eventually this dropping line will hit 0 in my opinion and as a result we will lose the wolves unless we do something. John Vucetich states quite well, "Some people have said this decision should be rooted in science. I don't believe that's the only value, but one important consideration is, what will we learn the most from? We already know a lot about extinction processes. We won't learn anything new by documenting the precise point when Isle Royale wolves go extinct." We need to learn data with the wolves on the island.

With the death of the wolves, the whole rest of the ecosystem would be heavily affected. On yellowstonepark.com, Yellowstone's website, it states, "You have to go back to the 1930s, when the wolf was killed off in Yellowstone. Even though Yellowstone elk were still preyed upon by black and grizzly bears, cougars and, to a lesser extent, coyotes, the absence of wolves took a huge amount of predatory pressure off the elk, said Smith. As a result, elk populations did very well-perhaps too well. Two things happened: the elk pushed the limits of Yellowstone's carrying capacity, and they didn't move around much in the winter-browsing heavily on young willow, aspen and cottonwood plants." The wolves would not only affect the wolf population, but the moose population and as a result the vegetation population, which leads to lowering the ecosystem's carrying capacity.

Due to all this, option a would be the worst possible option for the NFW to take action with. Option c pitches the idea of slowly bringing wolves in for a set amount of time. If we put the wolves all in at once immediately, we would not lose data for those years we are transporting wolves in. The final option, option d, suggests we set a certain threshold. When this threshold is reached, we bring in more wolves. This, like option c, would affect the data very heavily over the years. The NFW has a very strict no human involvement policy, and bring the wolves in this one time will save the wolf population while minimizing our human involvement.

Thank you for reading!

Quinn

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Hello! My name is Paige and I am a freshmen [redacted] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am sending you this letter because of the current conundrum that is the wolf population on Isle Royale and how it will affect the rest of the island. In my Biology class we are currently studying this topic in our ecology unit and part of our final test is to inform you of what us, as students, think is the best possible choice for the ecosystem of Isle Royale to maintain its stability. I personally believe that the best possible choice is Alternative C which is the plan to bring wolves as often as needed to maintain the population for the next 20 years.

Multiple pieces of evidence make me come to the decision that Option C is the best alternative compared to the choices. Alternative A would be the choice following normal park policies but it would lead to the wolves dying out on the island. This in turn would allow moose population to flourish which would lead to the vegetation being destroyed. With no more food source, the moose would then die off too. Alternative B is similar to C in that they are reintroducing new wolves, but the difference is that they only reintroduce wolves one time. I believe that this wouldn't work out because we don't know if these wolves would even try to stay on the island, we need to be able to have multiple chances to introduce wolves if the first time doesn't work. Also, only reintroducing wolves once wouldn't help with the serious inbreeding problem that the wolves on Isle Royale are currently having. (In the article "Howling Pups show Isle Royale Wolves are reproducing, but not out of danger" it states that all wolves on the island have developed multiple "inbred deficiencies" including "a spinal deformity" - LSTV). Alternative D (the idea to not interact until they see fit to add wolves once or multiple times as the situation is seen fit) would not work because the wolf population (currently at 3) is already so unstable that they would have to add new wolves immediately and they would just end up using Alternative C anyways.

I believe that alternative C is the best option because it would help with all of the problems the wolves are currently facing and still allow the ecosystem flourish and this would help the moose stabilize while giving the vegetation a chance to become more sustainable. I also believe that using this option would help the wolves work through their inbreeding problem by providing them with enough new genetic material. When the "old gray guy" brought in new genetic material in 1997 it was the first time ever that there was new genetic material and it helped save the population from dying out and being able to reproduce again. The wolf population desperately needs that right now only we have no way of forcing wolves to stay on the island. If they don't like it then they can leave whenever there is an ice bridge. That is why we need more than one chance to reintroduce new wolves and make sure that they stick in the area so that they can contribute to the already existing wolves and all them to healthily reproduce again and work through "inbreeding depression" which is thought by John Vucetich and Rolf Peterson as "the primary threat to their [wolves] long-term persistence in Isle Royale's isolated environment. Another reason Alternative C is the best choice is because if the wolf population is at a healthier level then the moose population would drop. This is shown in the years of 1979 to 1980 when the wolf population increased to almost 50 wolves and the moose population dropped to around 800 (extremely low for the moose population at that time). Using this data from almost 30 before shows how the wolf and moose population fluctuate depending on the stability of each other. If the wolf population were to stabilize then the moose population would hopefully drop. This would in turn affect the vegetation (balsam firs) that the moose eat, allowing them to grow to a height where they would be easily devoured by the moose. If we allow the wolf population to disappear on the island then the moose population will sky rocket and the balsam firs will become non-existent on the island. This will then lead to the moose not having a food source and disappearing from the island also. We need to give the wolves as many chances to adapt to the island to reinvigorate/rejuvenate the wolf population which is why introducing wolves multiple times over the time span of 20 years is the best option.

Out of the four options available to consider Option C is the best possible choice because it gives the wolves the highest chance possible to work up their population and get out of the inbreeding depression that has stopped them from healthily breeding with each other and this will hopefully stop LSTV (the inbreeding spinal deformity that has become extremely common in all wolves currently on the island) from having such a large hold on the population. Using data from the past (wolf and moose population numbers) we can safely assess that having a higher wolf population will allow the moose population to lower. Also, if a natural disruption were to occur (like the parvovirus that swept through the wolf population on Isle Royale in the early 1980s) then being able to introduce multiple batches of wolves to island will allow the wolf population to stabilize even after something as catastrophic as that to occur and the wolf population were drop back down to near-extinction on the island. I believe that the only way for this island to maintain its tentative stability is for the wolf population to regain its strength and the only way for this to occur is through the introduction of new wolves. In the 1940s the substantial drop of balsam firs almost led Aldo Leopold introducing wolves to the island before they naturally made their way across an ice bridge. We unfortunately will not get another miracle like that and we will have to fix this problem using prior data and ability to fix already existing problems before even larger and more impactful problems occur/come into existence.

Thank you for considering my opinion in this important matter and Best Wishes!

Paige [redacted]

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Correspondence: Hello, My name is Sam. I am a 9th grader [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this letter in response to your Environmental Impact Statement request for the Isle Royale National Park. Recently, my class and I have been reviewing data from the Isle Royale Wolf/Moose study, and I have ideas for what to do. I believe that Alternative D would be the best path to follow moving forward because it allows for the opportunity for the ecosystem to recover while still being able to prepare for an environmental disaster. The initial reasoning for Alternative D is trying to not involve ourselves with the natural order as much as possible. It's important to preserve the park to the best of our ability because it's one of the few places left on earth where man has not interfered with the land. Without the Wolves it's a possibility that the ecosystem could rebound and change into something entirely new and healthy which would be very interesting to see. However, it is possible that the ecosystem could go through some sort of disaster without the presence of the Wolves or some other predator. In this case, I believe it would be best to reintroduce the wolves. Another reason why alternative D is the best option is The fact that we shouldn't be upholding a species that cannot hold itself in nature. If Wolves cannot support themselves that could mean that they are not supposed to. The wolves have been around on the island for the past 60 years. Perhaps it was only a matter of time before they could not live there anymore, even with no human interference. However it is possible that the diseases or the climate changes that we brought caused the wolves to die out. If this is the case it is probably a good idea to reintroduce them. There are several reasons why I believe alternative D is better than the other 3. Firstly, Alternative A may hurt the ecosystem in the long run because if it becomes apparent that wolves are necessary for a healthy ecosystem then we would not be able to introduce them right away. Alternative B is not the best choice because we do not know if the wolves are necessary yet, and I believe adding them now would be premature. Alternative C is not a good choice because if we continually add wolves we are literally sustaining a population. If we follow that path humans would be in direct control of the ecosystem and Isle Royale would cease to be a preserve. If we follow path D and it is discovered that wolves are necessary, then I believe that a one time addition is all that should be done for the next 20 years. If we were to follow plan D, some guidelines would need to be set for when the wolf injection should take place. Firstly, I would recommend examining the plantlife. One of the conditions should be that action will take place if certain wildlife, such as the balsam fir, begins to die out on the island. The next condition revolves around the scavengers on the island mentioned in the EIS management plan newsletter. Because these scavengers find food from the dead carcasses of hunted moose, they will have no immediate food source without the wolves. If these creatures cannot find a new food source and begin to die, action should take place. Thirdly, if the presence of no wolves somehow indirectly affects the abiotic factors of the environment in a negative way, then action should be taken. Alternative D is the best choice for Isle Royale for the next 20 years. Following this path can only lead to a somewhat positive outcome. On one hand the wolves would be reintroduced and the island would return to normal. On the other hand a completely new and healthy ecosystem would emerge that allows for further study and the most preservation of the wildlife.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service, My name is Kelly, and I'm a student [REDACTED]. I'm writing because I've been studying the wolves, moose, and ecology of Isle Royale for a month now in my biology class, and I have become interested in the situation at hand. I've explored the alternatives provided regarding the low wolf population, and I personally believe that Alternative C, the idea that the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as necessary, is the best solution. To begin, wolves are absolutely essential to the health of the environment on Isle Royale. Not only do they control the moose population, but they also maintain the amount of vegetation on the island. Because wolves are the moose's only predator, without them the vegetation will suffer greatly, and population will falter dramatically. We cannot let this happen to a national park, especially one so cared for and closely watched throughout the years. According to Michigan Tech's website "The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale", during the summer moose consume thirty to forty pounds of vegetation a day. If the wolves become extinct, moose will increase, therefore causing a huge loss in vegetation and much competition between the moose due to how much food they actually consume. Basically, there's going to be a major imbalance of life on Isle Royale if we allow it to happen. It is our responsibility to keep wolves on this island if we truly have what's best for the environment and animals in mind. If you care about the island at all, you must care about the wolves as well. This is also why Alternative A should not be implemented, for the wolves are undoubtedly going to die out if we do not help. Although there has been a policy of no human interference in the past, it is clearly time to move on from these previous set-backs, and look at what's truly important here; the environmental health. Humans have already caused problems in the park, such as canine-parvovirus, and the less controllable, but just as effective situation of global warming. We've caused our fair share of problems in the past, and now it's time we step up and solve some. We've already crossed the non-intervention line, even if it was unintentional, so there's no need to fear doing it again if it is to ultimately help the wolves and the island. Just take Yellowstone's success as an example. Because of their reintroduction of wolves, the park's health balanced out, and created many positive changes. Isle Royale's situation is no different, and it's time we realize that. Another thing to take into consideration is that it has become evident that the wolves of Isle Royale have needed, and will continue to need, genetic restoration. Because these wolves suffer so severely from inbreeding and LSTV, it is essential that new wolves are introduced as a way to ensure not only the ability of breeding, but then these pups' health and survival. As seen in Michigan Tech's study of Isle Royale, the addition of just one wolf in 1997 caused an incredible decrease in inbreeding coefficient. This positive change is obviously essential now more than ever, and by continuously adding wolves, they will yet again thrive and become what they once were. Although Alternative B would bring about genetic restoration as well, the fact that wolves would be introduced for only a short period of time would then ultimately send the whole situation into a loop. We would eventually end up right back where we are, with a critically high inbreeding coefficient, which cannot be risked. Alternative D does not call for immediate action, but instead states that action will only be taken when a certain threshold is met. This is ridiculous, because if said threshold has not already been met, then you are allowing the population to completely die out before you even step in. If we don't do something as soon as possible, there's no way the wolves will be able to repopulate, which will lead to a number of environmental problems, as mentioned before. In conclusion, Alternative C is the best solution for the wolf issue on Isle Royale. By introducing wolves to the island as often as needed in order to maintain their population for at least the next 20 years, the vegetation and moose population will remain stable, and severe inbreeding should no longer be a problem. If national parks are meant to stay beautiful and prosperous, then it's about time we took action to ensure that.

Thank you for your time,
Kelly

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Correspondence: The alternative that I see fit in this situation in Isle Royale is Alternative A which is the nonintervention option. The main policy of National Parks System is nonintervention which means to leave the areas deemed national parks alone and letting them work out problems themselves. Bringing wolves on to Isle Royale would not abide by this policy and therefore be wrong. Wolves can also make their way back onto the island on their own using ice bridges. David Mech, a biologist who began a half century study of wolves with the wolves of Isle Royale, was asked about the climate change and how all the warmer temperatures were diminishing most ice bridges and responded by saying that it is also possible that the shifts in weather could create more ice bridges over time. Even now it is still possible for ice bridges to form, even if those instances are very rare, so we do not have to put wolves on the island artificially.

Placing wolves on the island unnaturally would also affect the validity of the research scientists are doing on the island. New research biologists will want to do on Isle Royale will not be as controlled as possible and their results will not be the best they can be because of the unnatural movement of the wolves onto the island. Even if the wolves do die out, though, it would not stop the experimentation on the island. Researchers could study how the loss of wolves from the island would impact the island and what would happen to the moose and balsam firs that reside on the island along with wolves. It would be the birth of a whole new research topic for ecologists. They could see how the moose would adapt to the new environment without wolves and how the moose population would fluctuate throughout the years without wolves preying on them.

Alternatives B, C, and D would not be the correct actions to take because of the following reasons. Putting wolves on the island from other parts of the world would be terribly wrong because the validity of the experiment being run on the land would be completely compromised. If the ecologists are trying to see how the ecosystem works, they should proceed by not putting wolves onto the island artificially and find how the ecosystem can resolve its own problems. Alternative C is even worse than the other two because it is almost as if the National Parks Service is coddling the ecosystem on Isle Royale. The wolves may have brought Yellowstone National Park back to life, but it would also be interesting to see how the ecosystem will survive without the help of wolves.

In conclusion, the best and only solution for the wolves of Isle Royale is to do nothing at all. The wolves can still come back to the island even if it might be a bit more rare than before. The results that ecologists will get from their discoveries will also not be as concrete as they were before because of the artificial bringing of the wolves to the island. In the end, the best option possible for the researchers from Isle Royale and for the ecosystem in general is nonintervention.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Representatives,

Hello, I am Zech [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] As part of our ecology unit in Biology, we studied the wolves on Isle Royale, and have plotted their populations over the course of the experiment period on a graph. I am writing to you because I believe that you should move to take the option of alternative B. That is, of course, for the NPS to bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. I believe this action should be taken because it would introduce genetic diversity into the extremely inbred Isle Royale wolves. This action would also restore the equilibrium in the environment, allowing the populations of the island to flourish, like in Yellowstone when the wolves were re-introduced. Wolves should be brought to Isle Royale, introduced as a one-time event over a defined period of time.

Alternative B should be chosen because it is the most logical of the four options. Alternative A lets the two wolves left die, and with climate change it is unlikely that ice bridges will form to allow more wolves to arrive. Alternative C brings the wolves back, but in a way that would create an over-abundance. Alternative D should've already been carried out if it was going to happen, with only two wolves left, which could be considered a threshold. By process of elimination, Alternative B is the obvious choice method.

In the Isle Royale wolf population, there is an extreme amount of inbreeding. This inbreeding resulted in LSTV, a disease that caused a deformity in the spine, which inhibited hunting and caused more and more wolf deaths as the population became more and more inbred. In fact, it is very likely the population would've died out if it wasn't for wolf #93, a physically larger, grey wolf from Canada who walked across the frozen ice bridge that had formed in the winter of 1997. This wolf carried new alleles never before seen on Isle Royale, which allowed the wolf population almost gain a new footing. However, in 2006 the wolf population decreased from 30 to 21 wolves and has decreased ever since. In 2015, there were only 3 wolves on Isle Royale, one of which was a pup who looked sickly and had a highly deformed spine. It was likely that he was the death that brought the population down to 2 wolves in 2016. If any more pups are born, it is unlikely that they will survive due to the disease and other environmental reasons. However, if wolves with new genes are introduced, it is possible that pups born with these genes will survive and prosper. Of course, none of this is possible if new wolves are not introduced.

Wolves are extremely important on Isle Royale, or in any ecosystem. Take Yellowstone, for example. To summarize what George Monbiot expounded upon in his TEDtalk "For more wonder, rewild the world," for 70 years wolves were extinct in Yellowstone and elk became over populated. There was very little vegetation, and due to the lack of support, the river banks became eroded, the rivers became extremely wide. However, once wolves were reintroduced, the elk began to avoid more open areas. As a result, vegetation began to grow in these areas and reinforced the river banks, narrowing the rivers, making them meander less. With more vegetation growing, this also meant soil erosion in general became less and less, resulting in stronger surfaces. Wolf reintroduction, in short, changed the physical geography of Yellowstone National Park. I would think we would want to avoid Isle Royale becoming barren of greenery due to a moose over abundance. Moose naturally only eat vegetation, so it follows that without a predator the island will become barren of greenery. Saving the wolves can help maintain the island's state of health.

In conclusion, there is no clear solution to this problem. Each alternative has its downsides, yet I believe that the best thing to do is to introduce the wolves; whether you do it as an ethical decision, saving an entire population, or you do it to keep Isle Royale from being a barren place with little or no vegetation. The wolves of Isle Royale are extremely important, if not the most important part of the ecosystem on the island. I urge you to take these facts into consideration as you make your choice on which alternative to take.

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Correspondence: Hello, I am Connor, a freshman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge Illinois. For the past couple of weeks in Biology, my class has been studying ecosystems and interactions and we have learned a lot about Isle Royale and the relationships between the wolves, moose, and vegetation. I am writing this letter to be able to share my view on the situation of the wolves on Isle Royale, and what I think should be done about it. Out of the four options that were proposed for the wolves, I think that Option C, to bring wolves to the island as often as necessary to stabilize the wolf population for the next 20 years, is the best available option since it has the highest chance of helping the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

First of all, this is the only option that almost guarantees that there will be a healthy, functioning population of wolves on the island for at least 20 years and hopefully longer. In order to keep a working, natural ecosystem in Isle Royale for people to study and visit for years to come, there must be wolves present

and like John Vucetich said in the MinnPost article, "There's a risk to continuity in predation if we allow wolves to go extinct. In Yellowstone, for example, when wolves were absent beavers just flourished, remaking the ecosystem structure in ways that weren't easy to change back." Some might argue that it is unnatural if humans intervene and put more wolves on the island, but I would counter that by saying that it is not natural for all the wolves on the island to be gone. The whole balance of the ecosystem would be thrown off with the moose population skyrocketing because of their lack of predators. A very high moose population could permanently damage the vegetation life on the island, since it takes longer for plants to recover from fluctuation than animals. Rolf Peterson said "Some of these trees have been waiting for 60 or 70 years to outgrow moose browsing" and "that opportunity (of tree reproduction) is disappearing with the latest crash of the wolves and the concurrent soaring of the moose herd." This shows that if we don't intervene on this situation soon, then it could have irreversible effects on everything on the island. The vegetation could be eaten so thin, that it would not be able to grow back and the moose would plummet back down again after that since they would have such little food. At that point, Isle Royale will be a shell of its former self with no wolves, little moose and little vegetation. If the point of making a place into a natural park is to protect it, then we should do exactly that by helping the ecosystem survive these tough times, instead of letting it possibly go beyond the point of no return.

With option C, none of this would be a problem since the wolf population will not go extinct. A constant addition of new wolves (when necessary) into an environment that has shown that it can support a large wolf population, will keep this environment strong and healthy. Back in 1980, the wolf population was at 50 and the major reason for the decline in the next two years was only because of a foreign virus introduced to the island. This event and the development of a spinal defect due to inbreeding are the main causes of the wolves on the brink of death right now. With an influx of new wolves with completely new genes, the problem of defects caused by inbreeding will disappear for generations to come. As of now the moose population is around average, but it is on a sharp rise. If alternative C is chosen, then we will not have to worry about the moose going too far over the carrying capacity for the ecosystem since the wolves will limit their growth and stop them from over eating the vegetation.

The big issue with alternative A, is that the wolves will most likely die out and ecosystem will have a hard time and possibly never recover from their loss. My main priority, once again, is to make sure that the ecosystem of Isle Royale stays healthy for generations to come for future studies and just for being such a beautiful and unique place. Taking this route could lead to the island changing beyond repair forever in a bad way, and no one wants that to happen. Alternative B is to introduce wolves to the island as a one-time event or over a defined period of time. My one problem with this option, is what would happen if a disruption that greatly hurts the wolves, happens after the defined period of introduction. That could cause the wolves to go back to a state like the one they are in now, and we wouldn't be able to help them recover after that. In option C we could continue to introduce more wolves to keep a healthy environment, even after a big decline in population. Finally, alternative D is, in my opinion, just delaying the choice of action even further. In this option, we would have to wait for a certain threshold to be reached, but the longer we wait, the more damage can be done to the ecosystem, that will be increasingly difficult to reverse.

In conclusion, I believe that alternative C is the best option for the future health of the ecosystem of Isle Royale. It will support a good balance between wolves, moose and vegetation better than any of the other options. The wolf population will be stabilized with new genes and in turn, keep the moose and vegetation in check. This option has the highest chance, in my opinion, to protect the ecosystem of Isle Royale for many years.

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Correspondence: To whom it may concern-

My name is Michael [redacted] in Park Ridge, Illinois and I'm currently enrolled in Freshmen [redacted] Biology. One of the assignments that our teacher has made part of the curriculum is writing this letter to give our stance on the management plans that you have composed. During the past unit, we have been studying the case study of Isle Royale due to the unique nature of this ecosystem. We've been studying the factors that contribute to ecology also so that we can more deeply understand the uniqueness of Isle Royale. In class, we have also reviewed the management plan written by National Parks. I believe that Alternative C would be the best course of action to take on the island. Alternative C is the option that would include adding to wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed to maintain wolves on the island for the next 20 years. This would happen immediately. For the past decade, the Isle Royale wolves population has been depleting at a rate that has threatened their very existence. Today, the number of Isle Royale wolves is about three. Three wolves is not anywhere near the carrying capacity due to Isle Royale having a large amount of food sources and does not match data from past case studies. The wolves although have had experience a few disruptions ever since they came to the island. The one that has one of the greatest impacts was the virus that spread throughout the island destroying the population by about 70% percent from 1980-1982. Ever since, the virus still affects some of the wolves which led to the population coming to this small number. This was a mistake on National Parks behalf and they should fix it. Other health problems that have plagued the wolves is the effects of inbreeding. According to the article from isleroyalewolf.org, 33% of these wolves offspring have developed LSTV which has a result given them limited mobility of their hind legs. This could affect daily patterns of the wolves making them more vulnerable to malnutrition. If a genetic rescue is not attempted, these wolf populations will continue to produce wolves with this genetic deformity. Even if the population recovers, these wolves will live in a world of pain and suffering from insufficient motor skills. Although saving the wolves would keep a population from disappearing from the island, it would also have a great ecological effect. According to the MINNPOST article about a case for intervention, the wolves act as a natural method of population control for the growing moose population. These moose destroy the island of the natural resources (the trees that they graze on). A tree population, although not an animal, is vital to an ecosystem survival as it provides shelter and food to various organisms. The alternative to the wolves acting as population control would be allowing hunting. In another MINNPOST article John Vucetich, associate professor from Michigan Tech, said that hunting does not preserve good ecosystem health and although seem similar, wolf predation cannot be substituted. He also agreed that wolves are necessary to the island's ecological balance. This leads to the conclusion that wolves are required to keep the ecosystem healthy because without them, vegetation populations will plummet and eventually that will kill all life on the island due to many species relying on plants. In present day society, we are almost always affecting National Parks with waste. Humans are the producers of things such as CO2 and greenhouse gasses which then affects the global climate and atmosphere. The increases in global temperature have then cause a decrease of ice bridges which gave the wolves a natural way of genetic rescue. The means that human intervention is the only way to get wolves back on the island since even when ice bridges are forming, wolves may also leave the habitat. They need more companions and a larger mating pool to make this island more desirable to live on. Introducing wolves multiple times will regulate the population of wolves and also have effects on the rest of the surrounding ecosystem. Look at Yellowstone as an example. Wolves were reintroduced and are now thriving. They have brought great changes to the vegetation and new species to the area making it a more biotically diverse. Aldo Leopold saw this potential in wolves and was thinking about introducing them to Isle Royale before the wolves eventually set up camp on the island.

Although the other three alternatives were well thought out, their efforts would not help maintain a healthy ecosystem on Isle Royale. The first option says that no work would be done to help the wolf population I believe is the least effective option. Although National Parks would maintain their policy of non-intervention, they would be destroying the ecosystem of Isle Royale with a heightening moose population and a lower amount of vegetation which would eventually wipe almost a life from the island. Alternative B has some flaws also. This option would allow for a genetic rescue but there are many other factors that could jeopardize this one time event. These wolves could be non compatible, disease could reemerge, and climate factors could kill off the wolves all at once without a second genetic rescue available. The final alternative would also be ineffective. Waiting any longer for the wolf population to replenish is unlikely with the population in the single digits and global warming making ice bridges happen less frequently. Eventually when the implement a strategy for more wolves to be brought to the island, the slow movement of government would cause the damage too great for the ecosystem to flourish

ever again.

In conclusion, I believe that Alternative C is the greatest option to take with these wolves since it addresses all the issues that the wolves, plants, moose and the entire ecosystem as a whole has. Although National Parks would interfere with these animals lives, it would be for the greater good in preserving this ecological wonder for the students of Michigan Tech and for generations to come.

Thank you,
Michael

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Sara, and I am a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing concerning the matter of the wolves on Isle Royale. We have been learning about their situation for the past month in relation to ecology, and I have come to care about what happens to the wolves. Considering all that has happened to the wolf population on the island, I believe the best course of action would Option B, or to perform one-time genetic rescue to revive the wolf population.

Maintaining the balance of the ecosystem is extremely important on Isle Royale, and I believe this will best be accomplished through genetic rescue. John Vucetich, professor at Michigan Tech, has mentioned how ecosystem health may be becoming more important than the National Park Service policy of non-intervention. Having a very small, and soon to be nonexistent, wolf population on the island has allowed the moose population to nearly triple since 2011. Their numbers have gone from around 500 to nearly 1300, according to population data from Michigan Tech. With a rapidly increasing moose population, more vegetation is being consumed on the island to support them. In the MinnPost article "Howling pups show Isle Royale wolves are reproducing...", Ron Meador states that "balsam firs were growing to heights that would put them safely beyond the moose herd's reach for the first time in 100 years. Allowing wolves to die out- even briefly- could quickly reverse that recovery." The fir trees are very important to the balance of the island, and a moose population uncontrolled by wolves would wreak havoc on the progress they have made. Vegetation is an essential piece of Isle Royale as a National Park, and it should be preserved as such. Although a moose population is also essential to the Isle Royale ecosystem, they have survived nearly 60 years on the island alongside the wolves. Ultimately, changes must be made to protect both the vegetation and the wolves, which would require genetic rescue. The TED Talk "For more wonder, rewild the world" by George Monbiot wonderfully shows the benefits of having a wolf population in an ecosystem, and the success Yellowstone National Park had in reintroducing the population. This demonstrates the importance the wolf population has had on the ecosystem, and how their presence benefited all the organisms in the area.

The wolves of Isle Royale are necessary to the balance of the island, and are extremely unlikely to be able to recover on their own. As one of the most isolated wolf populations ever recorded, lumbar-sacral spinal abnormalities (LSTV) have occurred in "all wolves born on the island since 1994," according to the MinnPost article "What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves?" Especially after seeing published photographs of the most recent pup and hearing about the decrease in wolves hunting the moose, it has become clear this problem is severe. Population data from Michigan Tech shows that after the appearance of wolf #93 on the island in 1997, the population was able to rebound from a slump it had just incurred. With new genes on Isle Royale, the wolves were saved for many years to come. Adding new genes to the island's wolf population is also necessary for survival today.

The wolf population would perhaps not be in its current dire situation without humans influencing disturbances on the island. When the disease parvovirus was introduced to the island in 1980 and 1981, data from Michigan Tech showed that 36 of the 50 wolves on the island died. Leaving only 14 wolves, the population had to recover and continue to grow, but experienced some difficulty rebounding over the next two years. This lack in wolves today may have something to do with the disease that was introduced to Isle Royale by humans. Also, humans have been the cause of global warming, which has caused a scarcity of ice bridges. John Vucetich, professor at Michigan Tech, said that ice bridges have been forming much less frequently on the island over the past few years due to a rise in temperatures. With fewer ice bridges come fewer opportunities for wolves to reach the island naturally, and it is possible that wolves would have come to the island and provided new genes to the population if they were able. As it is probable the alterations humans have indirectly caused on the island have allowed the population to die out, I believe it is now our responsibility to intervene and fix the situation.

The wolf population is extremely important to the balance of Isle Royale, which is why I support the idea of Option B and one-time genetic rescue to help the wolf population rebound. I believe that Option A should not be taken because of how essential the wolves are to the balance of the ecosystem. No wolves would lead to more moose, which in turn decreases the amount of vegetation on the island. Also, as humans have indirectly interfered with the fate of the island, I believe it is our responsibility to fix what we caused to go wrong. Keeping in mind the park policy of non-intervention, however, I do not support Option C. It seems like we should do what is necessary to save the population, but allow events on the island to continue naturally afterwards. Intervening more often than necessary seems extreme, and may cause interference to seem less major than it truly is. As for Option D, I believe that any threshold for intervention that could be set has already been reached, with data for 2016 from Michigan Tech showing that only two wolves remain on the island. Option B seems to be the best median of all, and I believe will be the most effective in reviving the wolf population as naturally as now possible.

Genetic rescue truly seems like the most effective alternative presented for reacting to the low wolf population, and one-time action will limit the amount of intervention necessary while still revitalizing the wolf population and stabilizing the ecosystem. Thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion, and I genuinely hope Option B will be enacted to save the wolves of Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Sara

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Correspondence: Dear National Parks Service,

Hello, I'm Madison, a highschool student [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Park Ridge, Il. Recently my biology class has been taking a look at Michigan Tech's wolf-moose study on Isle Royale. We learned about the serious problem facing the ecosystem and know that you are trying to decide how to handle the situation between several alternatives.. I am writing to you to let you know what I personally feel is the best option. I think that the NPS should follow through on Alternative C: bring wolves to the Island whenever it is needed to maintain a healthy ecosystem on Isle Royale.

The NPS has always had a non-intervention policy unless humans were the cause of a problem affecting an ecosystem. There is evidence that humans have

made a big impact on Isle Royale, making it the right decision to intervene on Isle Royale and not pursue Alternative A. In 1980, humans brought a dog was brought over to Isle Royale, introducing the canine parvovirus to the wolves. Michigan Tech has been doing a study on the number of wolves on the island and the data shows that before the parvovirus was introduced there were 50 wolves on the island. Two years later there were only 14. Without human interference, the wolves would not have come into contact with the virus. If humans had not brought a dog to the island, 36 wolves would have survived and it's possible that there would be no issue regarding the survival of the wolves on Isle Royale today. Humans are also contributing to climate change by increasing the number of greenhouse gasses released. Due to climate change, ice bridges are much less likely to form. This means that the chances for wolves to come to Isle Royale naturally are extremely slim.

Another problem facing the wolves is inbreeding. Isle Royale is for the most part an isolated ecosystem, causing inbreeding among the wolves. It was suggested by Rolf Peterson that all wolves born on the island have LSTV because of inbreeding. Inbreeding is inevitable in an isolated ecosystem, so introducing new wolves one time will help at first. However, in the future inbreeding will become an issue again. It's because of this that I don't think Alternative B is the best option.

It has become clear that the wolves on Isle Royale are in danger, but this also means that the ecosystem is in danger. The wolves hunt the moose and help keep the moose population under control. It's important to keep the moose population under control because the moose feed on balsam fir trees. The moose mainly eat these balsam fir trees. If there is nothing restricting the moose population, the balsam fir population could become endangered as well.

According to Ralph Peterson, the tree needs to reach 9 ft before it can reproduce and the moose are eating them before they can get to this height, essentially killing them off. There is also nothing keeping the moose within certain areas, which means balsam fir trees all over the island are in danger. If there are more wolves, the wolves might scare the moose into certain parts of the island allowing the trees to grow to safe heights in different areas. This is also why it would be a bad idea to wait because the longer it takes to make a decision the more balsam trees will be killed. I don't think that Alternative D is the best option because I think that the ecosystem has already reached a dangerous threshold. The longer it takes to reintroduce wolves, the worse the ecosystem will become.

Reintroducing wolves has been successful in other situations. Yellowstone National Park recently reintroduced wolves to their park. According to George Monbiot, the results were great. The wolves did in fact keep elk out of certain areas allowing more grass and plants to grow and keeping the elk population under control. The reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone helped make their ecosystem much more diverse and healthy. I believe that by introducing wolves when necessary, the ecosystem on Isle Royale could thrive and return to how it used to be, just like Yellowstone.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Filip and I am a student [REDACTED]. I am writing about my opinion on what should be done about the wolves on Isle Royale for an assignment during our ecology unit in biology class. We've been studying Isle Royale in class to apply our knowledge to real ecosystems around the world. I am also very concerned for the future of the wolves and the environment on the island. Isle Royale is a U.S. National Park and its ecosystem should be protected. Based on knowledge acquired from experts, articles, videos, and data on the situation on Isle Royale, I think that Alternative C is the solution to the problems with the wolves on Isle Royale. The NPS should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. These actions would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision. I hope you take the advantages and disadvantages of Alternative C into consideration because this is an extremely important decision.

By implicating Alternative C, the wolf population would be saved on the island. Since there are only two wolves left that will not be breeding, something needs to be done to prevent the extinction of wolves on the island. Alternative C states that wolves will be brought to Isle Royale as often as needed to sustain a population of wolves on the island. By doing this, the population would be saved from negative effects of inbreeding, such as malformations in the vertebrae. Inbreeding has been a problem plaguing the wolf population for decades. According to John Vucetich, "When Old Gray Guy came in 1997 that was a genetic rescue that happened all on its own." Data from a study done by Michigan Tech University shows that the wolf population rebounded from 14 to 25 wolves between 1998 and 1999. I believe that adding new wolves to the island right now would have the same effects as it did when Old Gray Guy came to the island. It would save the wolf population by increasing the gene pool and add genetic diversity to the island. By manually adding wolves to the island this would simulate wolves coming to the island via ice bridges, which are less common now due to the effects of global warming. Wolves are needed on Isle Royale to keep the moose population under control. The population of moose on the island has been increasing rapidly since the wolves began dying off. The only natural way to stop this is to add new wolves to the island. Data from a study done by Michigan Tech University shows that when the number of wolves went from 17 to 30 between the years 2002 and 2006, the number of moose dropped from 1100 to 450. This shows how an increase in the wolf population on the island can affect the moose population over time. Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS, an article provided by the NPS, states, "The changes in these populations raise concern about the potential for impacts to park resources, including vegetation." By saving the wolf population on the island, this would stop the rapid growth of moose on the island. Over the span of 20 years, the moose population would stabilize at lower levels that are healthier for the island's ecosystem.

With the plethora of moose and only two wolves on the island, the vegetation is in danger. Wolves are needed on the island to save the vegetation. Rolf Peterson, an expert on the topic, said, "On the western two-thirds of the island, where moose browsing is heaviest, firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall." The moose are preventing the growth of vegetation on Isle Royale. Peterson goes on to say that a long term disruption of the moose and wolf balance can erase the vegetation on the island. Putting Alternative C into action would manage the abundance of moose on the island, which would indirectly affect the vegetation. The wolf population would increase, the wolves would prey on the moose, and there would be less moose on the island to eat the vegetation. This would help create a healthy balanced ecosystem on Isle Royale.

The other alternatives provided by the NPS would put the health of Isle Royale's ecosystem in danger. Alternative A is not a good plan because the wolf population would eventually die out. The moose population could continue to grow and rid the island of its vegetation. Alternative B is not the best idea because the future of the wolf population is unknown. The wolves brought to Isle Royale over a defined period of time may not be enough to restabilize their population. Lastly, it is too late for Alternative D. With only two wolves left on the island, the time to act is now. Alternative D would delay any action that could save the island's ecosystem. The wolves on the island are bound to die off unless something is done.

Isle Royale is a U.S. National Park and its ecosystem should be protected. After reviewing data from a study done by Michigan Tech University, interviews of ecology experts, and articles provided by the NPS, I think that Alternative C is the best solution to save the ecosystem on the island. The NPS should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a healthy and stable wolf population. The wolf population range and number of

breeding pairs would be determined on the best available science and professional judgment. These actions should take place right after the decision for what to do has been made. The introduction of new wolves would be beneficial to the island's ecosystem. The wolves would directly affect the moose population and indirectly save the vegetation on the island. The U.S. National Park Service should take this decision very seriously as the future of Isle Royale is at stake.

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Correspondence: Dear Isle Royale National Park Service,

I am Yvonne, a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. For the past three weeks we have been working on an ecology unit, specifically studying the interactions occurring on Isle Royale. As a project we are required to submit our own opinions on what should be done with the wolves. I hope you take my opinion into account as I feel somewhat attached to these wolves now. The National Park Service should proceed with Alternative B, which says that the park would bring wolves to the Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time.

When wolf #93 came to Isle Royale in the winter of 1997 the wolf population subsequently increased in 1998, going from 14 wolves to 25 over the course of the year. This is attributed to Wolf #93's addition to the gene pool. Inbreeding is a concern for the current population of wolves on Isle Royale due to the LSTV malformation, introducing multiple wolves could have a multiplied effect from the one shown in the case of Old Gray Guy. After even 20 years it may continue to have a positive impact on the wolves, increasing population, packs, and mating opportunities. Trying to save at least part of the original wolves that came to the island makes it seem like the years studying them was not done in vain.

There is also more to be learned from keeping the wolves alive on Isle Royale. As John Vucetich states, "[G]enetic rescue is a potentially important tool for managing populations all across the planet, and it's not very well understood, it's more theory now." Attempting genetic rescue that has not occurred naturally would be more informative than watching the wolves on Isle Royale become extinct.

A population increase in wolves will in turn decrease the moose population. Moose population unchecked will put the vegetation on the island in danger, especially Balsam Fir trees. A MINNPOST article called Howling pups show Isle Royale wolves are reproducing, but not out of danger, by Ron Meador states that before wolves were introduced to Isle Royale the moose, which were introduced in the 1900's, started eating their way through the forest. By the 1940's it got to a point where scientists like Aldo Leopold were saying that wolves should be introduced to the island in order to save the vegetation. Too many moose will only result in more deaths as the carrying capacity for them decreases. The increase to the wolf population that is needed to stabilize the moose population would only be achievable by intervening and adding wolves to Isle Royale.

Furthermore, if the moose population is not controlled by wolves, vegetation would become scarce, posing a problem to the island itself. Wolves are a keystone species. As such, they are vital to an environment's health. In George Monbiot's TED talk about how wolves change the course of rivers, he covers the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone. The disappearance of wolves had an inferred effect on the elk population which in turn ate exponentially more vegetation. This led to the erosion of riverbanks and a marked change in the landscape of the park. I fear that if we allow the wolves to die out on Isle Royale it will be subject to the same treatment. However, as soon as wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone a reverse process started to occur. Although it still has not returned to its former glory, this is why it is crucial for wolves to have a presence on Isle Royale. Without them the ecosystem would fall to ruin.

Alternative A, non-intervention, would not be the ideal choice because of the effects on the environment an increased population of moose would have. The island's vegetation would become more sparse and unbalanced. Adding wolves whenever needed to maintain the wolf population, Alternative C, seems like too much human interference. If someone is following the park's rule of non-intervention it seems as though this option would completely change that policy. The option I have chosen makes it as if the wolves had been introduced naturally, like crossing the ice bridge, it is more natural. Alternative D is when indicators would be put in place and if a threshold was met, wolves would be brought to the island. By the time one of these minimums is met it might take too long to counteract the damages done.

I genuinely believe that Alternative B is the best course of action to take as it both limits potential environmental damage and still remains unobtrusive. I know you will weigh each alternative carefully and I have faith that the National Park Service will choose what they believe is best for the island even if I, or others, don't agree. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on such a matter.

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Correspondence: Since it is National Parks Week I only found it fitting to write to you about my growing concern for what shall happen next for the Isle Royale wolves. As a student studying biology [REDACTED], we recently started discussing the Isle Royale ecosystem and all the research that is currently going on there. I was shocked when I discovered that such an old and important natural experiment was about to be changed forever, and no one was doing anything about it. I am sure that I am not alone when I say that we need to take every measure to insure that the Isle Royale ecosystem stays in balance. Which is why I believe that option C is the only alternative measure that will be able to save to the wolf population on the island, and their ecosystem overall.

Soon, without the wolf acting as the main predator on Isle Royale, the entire island's ecosystem will crumble and fall. Although having no large predators might be a good thing for the moose, it would leave devastating effects on the balsam fir native to Isle Royale. According to an article written by Ron Meador about the wolf populations on Isle Royale, ecologists were considering importing wolves to Isle Royale in the 1940s to save the firs from becoming extinct, but didn't have to when 2 wolves crossed an ice bridge to the island. Unfortunately, no new wolves have crossed an ice bridge and stayed at Isle Royale for nearly 20 years. Which is why we need to, as John Vucetich says, "genetically rescue" the wolves on Isle Royale by bringing in new wolves to strengthen the current wolf pack and limit the amount of moose eating the balsam fir.

With only 2 wolves left on the island, drastic measures need to be taken to assure that the wolf and moose, predator and prey situation stays the same. Although adding new wolves to Isle Royale might mess with the data being recorded, it is better to keep the wolves strong and resilient than just let them all die out. As I previously mentioned, without the wolves on Isle Royale the ecosystem would be greatly affected, but not only that, eventually the research you are conducting would be forever changed as well. Without the wolves, the moose population would grow, but then fall again once they all starve after have eaten all of the balsam firs, which can take decades to grow tall enough to reproduce. This would lead to a total lack of data since the two main subjects being observed on the island would be dead. This would mean having to wait an unknown amount of time until more moose and wolves return to the island after all of the firs grow back, if they ever do actually return. Which would mean having no data to collect or no new discoveries can be made about the interactions between the two species for 30 to 50 years. That's a long time to wait. But if we introduced more wolves into the Isle Royale ecosystem now, before the rest of the wolves die we could save countless years of waiting for something that might never come back.

By bringing new wolves into the population on Isle Royale whenever necessary we will be able to continuously observe what is happening on the island with the moose and wolves. However, with the other options presented you would not be able to. If you left the wolves to mother nature, they would most certainly die because of all the inbreeding (another reason to bring in more wolves) and the events described above would happen. If you choose option D and decide to wait some more the same events would happen as in option A and all the wolves would die and the ecosystem would be unbalanced. If you

only introduced wolves back into Isle Royale once, then they would eventually inbreed once again and die off, but at a slower pace. Only option C can provide a future for everyone, the moose, the wolves, the balsam fir, and the people researching this topic, who might lose their jobs once the wolves are all gone & they have nothing left to study.

To sum up my points, option C is the only one that makes sense to choose. Without the wolves on Isle Royale there would be nothing to study once the moose and the balsam fir go extinct (on the island). Only by reintroducing more wolves will you be able to continue your research and keep the ecosystem healthy at Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Dear National Parks Service Representative,

My name is Laura and I am a freshman [REDACTED]. We have been learning about the ecology of the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale for the past few weeks, and I am writing to you now to give you my opinion on what should be done with the Isle Royale wolf population. I think that option B, only adding wolves to Isle Royale once over a certain period of time, would be the best choice for the tedious situation on the island. First of all, option B keeps as close to original National Park Service policy as possible. It is a short-term addition of wolves to the island, not long-term human influence. Something obviously needs to be done about the wolf situation on Isle Royale, that can not be denied any longer. Only interfering once, even if it is adding a certain number of wolves over a period of three years, keeps as close to non-intervention as possible while still addressing the issue. Adding new wolves to the island would add new DNA into the gene pool of any wolf pups that are born. This would help to stop the inbreeding crisis that is upon the current wolves on Isle Royale. Introducing these new wolves to the environment would have the same effect that the arrival of wolf #93 had in 1997. According to the studies performed by Michigan Tech, the wolf pack Old Gray Guy (wolf #93) led grew to 10 wolves under his leadership. This was the largest pack size on the island in 20 years. Also, his arrival led to a drop in the percent of wolves with LSTV from 0.81 to 0.09 in just four years. If new genetic material were to be introduced now, then the result would be a stronger, larger, less inbred wolf population that could survive without further intervention for years to come.

Introducing more wolves to Isle Royale would improve the overall ecosystem health of the island. If more wolves are reintroduced, then the wolf population would grow. This would help to control the moose population, which is currently quite large. The large moose population has been wreaking havoc on the fir trees that grow on the island. These trees need to grow to a height of nine feet to survive the moose and twelve feet to reproduce. As a result of the overabundance of moose, very few have been able to reach the height necessary to reproduce. A drop in the moose population would lead to an increase in the number of trees that could grow tall enough to reproduce, making the fir population larger and more stable.

A similar thing happened in Yellowstone National Park when they reintroduced wolves into the habitat after a 70 year absence. The addition of wolves helped to lower the elk population that had been very large for the past 70 years. The large amounts of elk grazed areas of the park almost to death. The loss in plant life had caused other species to either die off or leave the area. The soil of the park become loose and led to soil erosion on the mountains. Once wolves were introduced, the elk became under control, the plants were able to recover, bringing with them many other animal species who rely on those plants. Soil erosion and collapsing of river banks dropped dramatically because the plants roots kept the soil firmly in place. The entire health of the ecosystem drastically improved as a result of a one-time addition of wolves. Isle Royale could also experience similar results if wolves were to be reintroduced just once.

It is obvious something needs to be done about the situation on Isle Royale. Some of the options the NPS proposed, however, are not suitable for the crisis on hand. Option A, not intervening on the island at all, for example, would make the situation on the island even worse. The island will be ruined completely if no attempts to fix this mess are made. Option C, while similar to option B, would be too much intervention to still be adhering to NPS policy on non-intervention. Adding wolves as many times as necessary over the course of twenty years is an unnecessary amount of times to interfere. Option D is also not ideal because this option entailed waiting for a "certain threshold" to be met before putting options B or C into place. If you wait too long, then the damage caused by the lack of wolves on the island has the possibility of becoming unfixable.

In conclusion, the best possible way to fix the crisis involving the wolves on Isle Royale would be to reintroduce a small number of wolves back into the wilderness. This would keep the wolf population from going extinct, put the moose population in check, save the fir population, and help return Isle Royale to its natural state of beauty and life.

Sincerely,
Laura

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Correspondence: My name is Nicole, and I am a student [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge Illinois. For the past few weeks we have been studying ecosystems in biology. More specifically, we have been focusing on the events that have been transpiring on Isle Royale. Now that I know more about how ecosystems work and about the situation occurring on Isle Royale, I would like to take the opportunity to voice my opinion on the subject. I believe Isle Royale should be left in control of the forces of nature, however, if the wolf population goes extinct, then more wolves should immediately be brought to the island in order to keep the moose population in check.

The wolves of Isle Royale are a keystone species. They prevent the moose population from soaring. That is very important to the plants on the island, because if there are too many moose on the island, then they will keep eating all of the vegetation. Eventually there would be no more plants for the moose to eat, then the moose will perish too. According to the population data collected by MI Tech U, as the wolf population decreased by 13 wolves between 2011 and 2015, the moose population skyrocketed by a 735 moose increase during that same time span. As you can see, the lack of wolves (the population has dropped to 2 as of 2016) have allowed the moose population to really grow. In the article Howling Pups Show Isle Royale Wolves Are Reproducing, But Not Out of Danger written by Ron Meador, John Vucetich explains when, the moose population fell to its own low point& [balsam firs] were growing to heights that would put them safely beyond the moose herds reach...Allowing the wolves to die out could quickly reverse that recovery. This shows that the moose prevent the firs from getting to a height where they can reproduce. It would be disastrous to the islands ecosystem to let the moose eat all of the firs. Many animals rely on these plants for food and shelter. Something needs to be done with the moose, and the only way to do that is to make sure there is a proper wolf population to keep the moose in check. Doing nothing about the wolf population is not an option, that would result in Isle Royales ecosystem to be wiped out starting with the top of the energy pyramid, and moving down in a cascade effect.

One of the reasons why the wolf population has been doing so poorly is because of the effects of inbreeding. Over the years, more and more wolves have been born with deformities, mostly a deformity called lumbar transitional vertebrae (LSTV). LSTV can cause damage to the nerves that control its hind legs and tail. This might affect the survival of the wolves who have it, and can play a big role in why the wolf has been dropping. The author of Inbreeding Within the Wolf Population explains that, Not only did Isle Royale wolves exhibit LSTV at a high rate, but also the rate malformations had once been relatively low and increased over the decades over the decades, as the population became increasingly inbred. This shows that more and more

wolves are being born with this deformity. In the 1950s about 20% of the population had malformations. It was predicted that by the 1990s that the rate would go up to 80%. However, a wolf labeled no. 93 walked to the island from Canada via an ice bridge in 1997 and brought new genes to the island. According to the same article, he represented a badly needed infusion of new genes and traits into the population. He genetically rescued the wolves allowing the population to grow from 14 wolves in 1998, to 30 wolves in 2005. Many people who support alternative B and C think that by adding foreign wolves another genetic rescue will take place. The results of a genetic rescue don't really help the population in the long run. After the population peaked at 30 in 2005, it has been declining little by little ever since. The population is now down to two, and most likely the two wolves left have the malformation. Allowing this population to die out will make sure this deformity is gone. Adding more wolves to this population leaves a chance for the malformations to still lurk among the wolves. I'm sure none of the wolves would like to be born with this deformity that will lessen their chances of survival even more, and leave them with pain in their back. In fact it would be cruel for us to do that to them, we have done enough to them already when we almost wiped them out in 1980 when we brought a dog to the island that spread a virus to the wolves. We shouldn't experiment on the wolves to see what happens when you add more healthier ones.

It is best to let nature decide the fate of these two wolves, however, if the wolves do die, we should add brand new, healthy wolves to protect the vegetation from the moose. It is our job to preserve nature, not experiment with it and risk messing up the ecosystem. Alternative D works toward preserving not only the wolves, but the other links in the food chain of Isle Royale. In the long run, alternative D is the best choice for the wolves, and for Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service Representative,

My name is Olivia, and I am writing to you from [REDACTED]. We have been studying ecology in biology, and one of the topics we learned about was the unique ecosystem on Isle Royale. During the unit, we looked at the recent population numbers for the wolves and moose, and at the alternative plans to handle the situation on the island. Our teacher is having us write letters to the National Park service about which alternative we would prefer, and why.

The alternative that I think would be best for the island would be Alternative B. Introducing new wolves to the island would help bring population numbers back up and would also help to reduce the effects of inbreeding on the wolves without humans interfering as much as Alternative C. In the 1980's, humans accidentally brought parvovirus to the island and the population was decimated. As shown on this graph from the 2014-2015 annual population report for Isle Royale, the wolf population never fully recovered from parvovirus being introduced to the island. Since humans brought parvovirus to the island, I would count this as breaking the no-interference policy of the National Park Service, because as it is shown on the graph, parvovirus interfered with the wolf population. I think the morally correct thing to do would be to at least bring a few wolves to the island, because it was the fault of humans that the wolf population was wiped out in the first place. Before the wolf population decreased, many wolves were greatly affected by LSTV due to inbreeding, however, if new wolves are introduced over a time period (such as 36 months), the population would likely not be as affected by LSTV because there would be new wolves and new genes. The introduction of new wolves to the island without being brought there by humans is extremely unlikely because the most likely way that wolves would go to the island would be over an ice bridge, and because of climate change, fewer and fewer ice bridges are occurring, which would mean that the chances of the wolf population recovering naturally are very slim. Clearly, wolves need to be brought to the island, which rules out Alternative A.

Alternative B would also help to control the moose population, which would also help the island's overall health. Rolf Peterson stated that an unregulated moose population could cause serious damage to the fauna of the island, and the moose would likely suffer a catastrophic die-off. A serious moose die-off has actually occurred in the past- in 1929, a biologist counted the number of moose on Isle Royale to be 3,000, which was completely unsustainable. In 1934, the island's balsam fir population had been devastated, and the moose began to starve. We know what happens when the moose have no natural predators, such as when there are no longer wolves on the island, and the results are catastrophic. Reintroducing wolves to the island will keep the moose from destroying the island and themselves. Controlling the moose population also may actually make it healthier in the long run. John Vucetich stated in an article on Your Daily Globe that wolves kill the weaker members of the moose herd, and keep their populations in check. Since the weaker members of the moose herd are killed by the wolves, only the stronger moose survive, thus making the population stronger and healthier.

Finally, Alternative B would greatly help the vegetation population and the health of the unique ecosystem on Isle Royale. In Ron Meador's article on Isle Royale, he states that John Vucetich once told him "...the moose population fell to its low point in nearly 60 years of study, and balsam firs...were growing to heights that put them safely beyond the moose herd's reach for the first time in 100 years. Allowing wolves to die out- even briefly- could quickly reverse that recovery." If the moose population is not controlled by wolves, the balsam firs may never be out of danger. With too many moose on the island, Rolf Peterson stated that plant life would suffer and die, and the habitats of other animals would be destroyed. If wolves are not reintroduced to the island, there may be nothing left for future generations except for the bones of the animals that once thrived there. If there was going to be a threshold for reintroducing wolves to the island, we would have long passed it by now, especially with the future of the vegetation hanging in the balance.

In conclusion, I believe that Alternative B would be the best solution for the island- this alternative brings wolves to the island, while keeping human interference to a minimum.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Olivia

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Correspondence: Dear Isle Royale National Park Committee,

My name is Sarah. I'm a ninth grade student [REDACTED] in Illinois. For the past three weeks, my biology class has been studying the fascinating habitat that has formed on Isle Royale within the past 65 years. I am very interested in the topic and want to voice my opinion on how we should save the wolves on Isle Royale. Out of all the Alternatives offered, I think that Alternative C, bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed for

the next 20 years, is the most beneficial approach to save Isle Royale's ecosystem for the wolves, moose, and vegetation. This way, the wolf population will have a range of breeding opportunities that will decrease the inbreeding between them with professional moderation. As an outcome, the moose and vegetation will remain at appropriate levels to ensure balance within the ecosystem.

The most important aspect of Isle Royale is the health of its ecosystem. A dying ecosystem leads to many problems like the extinction of animals and vegetation. In the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan, page 5 lists many issues currently present on Isle Royale. One of the issues listed on this page is maintaining an appropriate moose and wolf population. On page 2 of the article, it states, "Wolves are the only predator of moose on the island, and they affect moose abundance and distribution across the island." The wolves on Isle Royale help distribute the moose in packs across the island and help maintain their population so it does not skyrocket. If the wolves die out, there are no other predators to feed on the moose which then affects the overall moose population. The second issue on Page 5 of the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan is the effects of plants and woody vegetation due to impacts from moose browsing. On page 8, it states, "The potential absence of wolves raises concerns about possible effects to Isle Royale's current ecosystem, including effects to both the moose population and Isle Royale's forest/vegetation communities." Moose browsing will rise as their population does. Without the wolves present on the island, the moose browsing will cause extreme loss in vegetation on the island and once the vegetation is gone, so are the moose.

Without the presence of wolves, the ecosystem on Isle Royale would crumble. This is the reason that Alternative A would not be a good idea to follow. If we sit back and let nature run its course, the habitat on Isle Royale could be lost forever. Also, the last winter was too warm to provide an ice bridge for new wolves to come over, so if it is too warm for the next few winters, the wolf habitat would be lost. I'm against the ideas in Alternative B because introducing the wolves once would keep the wolf population on the island, but the inbreeding issue will continue to occur. As we saw last year with the three wolves on the island, the baby wolf had major issues. These contained a hunched back from deformities and the wolf was significantly smaller than the other two. The baby wolf ended up passing away, leaving only two wolves on the island. Ron Meador of MinnPost states, "The pups born this year mean that the wolves have not completely lost all genetic viability, but it doesn't mean they're about to recover, and it doesn't mean that they have somehow escaped from genetic problems." If we only introduce wolves once to the island, in 20 years there will still be genetic problems within the wolf population. If you chose Alternative C, new wolves will be introduced for the next 20 years, creating less genetic problems within the population. Finally, if we wait until these wolves die out and then make the choice between Alternative B and C that Alternative D suggests, it will be too long of a wait. Once the wolf population dies out, we would have to have another vote on what option would be best for the ecosystem and then once it is decided, act on it. This will be a very long process of deciding and then performing the genetic rescue for the ecosystem. John Vucetich says in an interview with MinnPost that, "The window is closing. Each of these wolves has a few more years in 'em, but not a lot more years...a genetic rescue or other response would require some logistical planning time, and administrative time." If we wait until the population dies out and then decide what to do next, it will take too much time. The moose population will skyrocket with the absence of wolves. This will cause ecosystem problems, for example, overbrowsing. By the time the wolves are introduced again, it is possible that the ecosystem could be already ruined and unsalvageable.

In conclusion, Alternative C is the most advantageous option available. This alternative guarantees the safety of the wolf population, a keystone species to the Isle Royale habitat. Watching a species die out is horrifying, but letting the wolves die out on Isle Royale could possibly lead to the extinction of two additional species. In order to save the overall ecosystem of this island, we have to act now and ensure the population and survival of wolves immediately. By choosing Alternative C, all of this will be possible and Isle Royale will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Sarah

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Katherine [REDACTED] Park Ridge, Illinois. I am a freshman and I'm currently in [REDACTED] Biology. The unit that we are in is on Ecology and one of the things that we are discussing is the wolves, moose, and vegetation on Isle Royale, so I'm writing this letter to give my opinion on how these populations should be addressed. I think that Alternative B is the best option on how to confront this issue. This alternative wants to bring wolves to Isle Royale only as a one-time event over a defined period of time. This is a very tough decision because you have to take into consideration the effect it will have on all the parts of the ecosystem and the long term effects, but I believe that alternative B is the smartest choice.

This action will have a positive effect on the wolves living in Isle Royale. According to the data collected by Michigan Tech University there are only two wolves remaining on the island right now, so alternative B will allow them to regain the population of the wolves. With only two wolves left there is a very slim chance of survival, so by adding a controlled amount of wolves it will allow them to reproduce and get back to the normal flow of how the live and coexist with the other organisms on Isle Royale. A great thing about option B is, the amount of wolves added will be controlled and set over a certain amount of time so there will be some intervening by adding the wolves, but it won't just be a random amount. Also, wolves belong on Isle Royale because wolves found there way there over an ice bridge so they wouldn't have survived there for so many years if they weren't supposed to be there. Alternative B is also the best option when considering the moose. Wolves eat moose so without wolves the moose population will increase which leaves the moose with less food. Therefore, by adding a few more wolves back into the environment the population of moose will be more controlled leaving more food for them to consume. Another major thing to consider when making this decision is how it will affect the vegetation on Isle Royale. If the wolves were to die off this would cause the moose population to increase, meaning that there will be much less vegetation available. This is not good because when one element of the food chain is eliminated it will affect every single organism. Instead of the wolves keeping the moose and vegetation levels in check, there will only be the moose and vegetation so all the plants and nature will suffer. According to the video "How Wolves Change Rivers", when wolves were gone from the environment in Yellowstone National Park the vegetation was significantly less. When they were re-introduced the moose began to act differently and found places to avoid the wolves. In these places that the wolves normally were is where the vegetation flourished. Without the wolves the plants in the environment will face suffering. Therefore, alternative B will allow the environment to go on how it has functioned for so long, without changing too much because it will be gradually. This choice is by far the best out of the four options. I thought about choice A a lot because in some cases it would be better to not intervene, but in this case the wolf population is already so low that now is the time to go in and help. If we just let things happen then the wolves will die off and the environment will change. I did not choose alternative C because this option was similar to alternative B except it has no control. Once you get to the point of just adding things whenever they are needed that is when the interference is too much and we wouldn't be allowing nature to occur on it's own. B allows us to help without too much intervening. Also, option D isn't the best because that is pretty much just putting it off until all the wolves die, but B wants to act soon and carefully. Another major thing to keep in mind is the long term effects of our interference. If you are thinking 20 years ahead alternative B is definitely the best decision. This choice will allow the wolves to gradually regain their population and go on with the normal way of living. When considering all the major things in the environment of Isle Royale such as wolves, moose, vegetation, and long-term effects, than alternative B is the most beneficial choice.

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Correspondence: My name is Annabel and I am a Freshman [REDACTED] Park Ridge, Illinois. My reason for writing this is because it's a project for my biology class and I would like to have input on the decision regarding the wolf population on Isle Royale. Since the year 2006, the wolf population has been declining rapidly. Currently, two wolves are left on the island. I believe that Alternate C, or bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, is the best option for this situation. Currently there are only two wolves left on Isle Royale. Those two wolves might be able to breed if they aren't father and daughter, mother and son, or brother and sister, but once they have their pups, there is no way those pups will be able to breed with each other. This problem will cause the population to decrease to the point where wolves on Isle Royale are extinct. Bringing more wolves in will allow the two wolves to breed with new wolves so inbreeding won't be a problem for many years to come. In 1997, wolf #93, or the "Old Grey Guy," came onto Isle Royale because of the icebridge and bred with female wolves on Isle Royale. In the article MINNPOST, John Vucetich states, "that was a genetic rescue that happened all on its own, and it ranks as one of the two or three most important findings of the entire study." The Old Grey Guy was a new wolf that made the population increase tremendously, bringing in new wolves like the Old Grey Guy will most likely do the same thing. This problem needs to be solved quickly because of the ecosystem's health decreasing on Isle Royale. Alternate C is one of the quickest ways to repopulate wolves. Wolves are the keystone species on Isle Royale. Currently, the moose population is increasing rapidly. On the graph, Moose & Wolf Population Sizes on Isle Royale, MI, it shows from 2011 to 2015, the moose population has risen by around 750 moose, which is good for the time being. As time goes on, the vegetation that the moose eat will not be able to grow as fast as it needs to and the moose will over-browse, as it shows in the article, "Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS" by the National Park Service. The moose will start dying from loss of food. The wolves need to stay on the island to balance out the rest of the organisms on Isle Royale. Having more wolves introduced to the island will start to balance the ecosystem and hopefully these species will become even in the future. Alternate C fits the best for this situation because of these reasons: humans are the main cause of the decrease in the wolf population because of the disease Parvovirus brought to Isle Royale and the climate change. In the video made in 2013, Are the Isle Royale Wolves Facing Extinction? John Vucetich says that usually the park policy is for humans to not get involved and just let nature take its course, but if humans are the reason for the problem, they should get involved. This shows why Alternate A is not the right option. Alternate B isn't the right match as well, because it isn't long term. Adding new wolves to the island can be difficult because they can leave or not survive because of new surroundings. If all the new wolves don't adapt, this problem will just happen again. Alternate D doesn't work either. Having the old wolves already aware of the island can help the new wolves become aware and comfortable with their new home. If all new wolves come to the island, they might not know their way around the island, and will not survive. Wolves have been one of the attractions on Isle Royale that people come to see year after year. Without the wolves, Isle Royale will never be the same. Not only are wolves for sightseeing, they are needed on the island to keep the ecosystem in shape. I believe Alternate C is the best way to make the smiles on visitors faces' on Isle Royale come back the fastest, and that it will be the most effective option.

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Isle Royale Wolf Issue Solution

Hi, my name is Aida. I [REDACTED]. For the past month and a half our biology class has been studying ecology and in particular, Isle Royale. We have been graphing data on the moose and wolf populations, and we have been reading a lot of information on the wolves and moose. For an assignment, our teacher has asked us to write an essay to the NPS at Isle Royale to inform them of what option we think is best for the dying population of wolves on Isle Royale. I believe that the NPS should introduce as many wolves as needed for at least the 20 years for the population to regrow as well as have a genetic cleansing of the inbred diseases (Option C). Option C is the best option for the wolves of Isle Royale because if more wolves aren't introduced, they will surely go extinct. If they go extinct the moose populations will rise, this will cause the vegetation on Isle Royale to die as more moose are eating. Sooner or later, the moose will run out of vegetation to eat which will bring their numbers to a dangerous level just like the wolves are at now: 2 wolves as of 2016 (islandroyalewolf.org). If one species is taken away from the ecosystem, the whole ecosystem pays the price, it is a downward spiral effect. Some other option were introduced, like waiting until a certain threshold is reached or letting nature take its course. These ideas will never work. We have already hit a threshold, there is only 2 wolves! Also, if we do nothing, the wolves will die. Most of that is our fault. Global warming caused by greenhouse gas pollution has made ice bridges allowing wolves located near Isle Royale to come to Isle Royale less frequent. These warmer temperatures also force the moose to sit in water for more time. How are wolves supposed to hunt down moose and get food to eat if the moose are out of the reach longer than usual? Less food available means there is less wolves. No intervention and leave no trace is so human involvement is taken from the equation, but we have already made an impact on the environment already so why don't we try to fix what we have already caused. Adding new wolves on Isle Royale is the best solution. Some of the reason the wolves on the island now haven't grown in numbers is because of inbred diseases. Since Isle Royale is an island, the ecosystem is mostly isolated. This means that diseases caught or had by one wolf will be transferred to their offspring and then the next generation until most of the wolves have the disease. Adding more wolves will allow a genetic cleansing of the Isle Royale wolves allowing disease to mostly or fully disappear from the population. Also, adding more wolves will allow the Isle Royale ecosystem to stay alive. More wolves on the island will cause a decrease in the moose population. Less moose on Isle Royale will mean there is more available vegetation and a regrowth of forest and plants across the island. This cycle will fix the surely to die ecosystem on Isle Royale. Also, adding wolves into an ecosystem has happened before. At Yellowstone, the wolf population became extinct as the wolves were hunted and killed. After the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone by Mr. Smith in January 1995, it caused a massive but good change in the ecosystem in Yellowstone (to see the effects wolves had on Yellowstone's ecosystem go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysa5OBhXz-Q>). If adding wolves to an ecosystem like Yellowstone can help, why shouldn't it help at Isle Royale. As I have said above, I believe that the National Park Service should introduce as many wolves as needed for at least the 20 years for the population to regrow (Option C). This will allow the ecosystem to survive on Isle Royale, decrease the alarming amount of moose, allow vegetation to increase, and much more. Option C is the Isle Royale's ecosystem's best route for the future.

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Correspondence:

My name is Michelle and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in the Chicago area. Our biology class has recently been studying ecology and part of our curriculum was looking at the Isle Royale case study. I am writing to you so that I can state my current opinion on the decision that needs to be made about the declining population of wolves. Personally, I believe that the best option at this point is Alternative D as it is stated in the Environmental Impact Statement. This plan states that Isle Royale will be constantly observed, and if a certain threshold is reached, action will be taken. This allows us to take time to observe the natural processes occurring on the island and come to a reasonable conclusion based on the new information. We are also able to step in only if necessary, causing less human interference, which is an ultimately important goal. I believe that the clear option is alternative D, which will result in

the reintroduction of wolves to the island only if necessary.

Alternative D is the best option for the wolf population on Isle Royale because it will allow the entire ecosystem to benefit. The ecosystem of Isle Royale functions within very closely-knit relationships of wolves, moose, and vegetation. As it is shown in the data collected from this case study, the wolf population experienced a decline from 50 to 14 within the two years of 1980-1982. This caused a huge disturbance to the overall ecosystem of the island since the moose kept rising in population as the wolves fell. This has also been shown in recent years as the wolf population steadily dropped to 2, the moose have soared in number. This is harmful for the island because as the moose rise, vegetation falls, so the balance of the island will be thrown off. The wolves are needed to be kept on the island since they are the keystone species, which essentially hold the island together. As Ron Meador stated in an article regarding the wolves, "the wolves are necessary to the island's ecological balance, not only as a check on the moose population but also as a critical factor for the health of a third species: balsam fir". As the wolves continue to decline rapidly, the moose are also increasing and eating more of the balsam fir. As the wolves keep falling and moose keep rising, there will eventually not be enough of the fir to go around, causing a serious drop in all populations. This is the reason why alternative A is not the best way to go. Without introducing more wolves, the moose and fir populations of Isle Royale will suffer because of the tight relationships. The entire chain of organisms goes to show that there will be a negative impact on the island without wolves.

Alternative D is currently the best way to reintroduce the wolf population to the island and keep the ecosystem prosperous. Within option D, we have the ability to set a threshold, allowing researchers to take time to analyze their options and interfere less. Humans have already interfered with the island too much, and each human influence causes more and more disturbances. For example, the wolf population suffered highly when humans introduced the canine parvovirus. Within only 2 years, the wolf population had dropped from 50-14, as shown on the data collected by researchers. Human interactions are only causing disturbances, so it is best if we take the time to see if they are really necessary. If the moose population gets too high and suffers without the wolves, and the threshold is reached, we will then be able to go in and rescue the island. This is possible if alternative D is chosen.

Waiting and observing the island can also benefit the next generations of wolves. For example, the current wolves are already genetically impaired from inbreeding effects. This has been noted from the recent wolf pup as its fur stood oddly and had an arch in its back, as seen in the case study update. It is highly likely that these wolves will die out if we wait, allowing the genetic impairment to disappear. In addition, these wolves are not able to be genetically rescued anymore, as there are too few wolves to make a difference at this point. This has been noted in a Minnpost article by Ron Meador from March 2016. This evidence furthers the idea that options B and C are not the best because current reintroduction will currently only harm the ecosystem further. If we wait to see what will occur, there will be numerous benefits that would otherwise be unreachable. Using alternative B, the wolves have a higher risk of inbreeding as they will only be introduced once. Alternative C is not the best option either, as we should wait to introduce new wolves to the island. In order for Isle Royale to prosper, alternative D needs to be put in place.

Alternative D is overall the best way to control the ecosystem of Isle Royale. This option states that a threshold will be set, and if crossed, wolves will become reintroduced. It allows researchers more time to analyze the island and provide the least amount of human influence. Alternative D also allows the wolves to have the best possible lives. With this option, the wolves already affected by inbreeding will die out, so there is a less likely occurrence of genetic impairment. It benefits the moose and vegetation of the island as the wolves that will eventually be brought back will help maintain these populations. After considering all other options, alternative D is the best option to make Isle Royale prosperous again.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Filip [REDACTED] and I am a student [REDACTED]. I am writing about my opinion on what should be done about the wolves on Isle Royale for an assignment during our ecology unit in biology class. We've been studying Isle Royale in class to apply our knowledge to real ecosystems around the world. I am also very concerned for the future of the wolves and the environment on the island. Isle Royale is a U.S. National Park and it's ecosystem should be protected. Based on knowledge acquired from experts, articles, videos, and data on the situation on Isle Royale, I think that Alternative C is the solution to the problems with the wolves on Isle Royale. The NPS should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. These actions would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision. I hope you take the advantages and disadvantages of Alternative C into consideration because this is an extremely important decision.

By implicating Alternative C, the wolf population would be saved on the island. Since there are only two wolves left that will not be breeding, something needs to be done to prevent the extinction of wolves on the island. Alternative C states that wolves will be brought to Isle Royale as often as needed to sustain a population of wolves on the island. By doing this, the population would be saved from negatives effects of inbreeding, such as malformations in the vertebrae. Inbreeding has been a problem plaguing the wolf population for decades. According to John Vucetich, "When Old Gray Guy came in 1997 that was a genetic rescue that happened all on its own." Data from a study done by Michigan Tech University shows that the wolf population rebounded from 14 to 25 wolves between 1998 and 1999. I believe that adding new wolves to the island right now would have the same effects as it did when Old Gray Guy came to the island. It would save the wolf population by increasing the gene pool and add genetic diversity to the island. By manually adding wolves to the island this would simulate wolves coming to the island via ice bridges, which are less common now due to the effects of global warming. Wolves are needed on Isle Royale to keep the moose population under control. The population of moose on the island has been increasing rapidly since the wolves began dying off. The only natural way to stop this is to add new wolves to the island. Data from a study done by Michigan Tech University shows that when the number of wolves went from 17 to 30 between the years 2002 and 2006, the number of moose dropped from 1100 to 450. This shows how an increase in the wolf population on the island can affect the moose population over time. Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS, an article provided by the NPS, states, "The changes in these populations raise concern about the potential for impacts to park resources, including vegetation." By saving the wolf population on the island, this would stop the rapid growth of moose on the island. Over the span of 20 years, the moose population would stabilize at lower levels that are healthier for the island's ecosystem.

With the plethora of moose and only two wolves on the island, the vegetation is in danger. Wolves are needed on the island to save the vegetation. Rolf Peterson, an expert on the topic, said, "On the western two-thirds of the island, where moose browsing is heaviest, firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall." The moose are preventing the growth of vegetation on Isle Royale. Peterson goes on to say that a long term disruption of the moose and wolf balance can erase the vegetation on the island. Putting Alternative C into action would manage the abundance of moose on the island, which would indirectly affect the vegetation. The wolf population would increase, the wolves would prey on the moose, and there would be less moose on the island to eat the vegetation. This would help create a healthy balanced ecosystem on Isle Royale.

The other alternatives provided by the NPS would put the health of Isle Royale's ecosystem in danger. Alternative A is not a good plan because the wolf population would eventually die out. The moose population could continue to grow and rid the island of its vegetation. Alternative B is not the best idea because the future of the wolf population is unknown. The wolves brought to Isle Royale over a defined period of time may not be enough to restabilize their population. Lastly, it is too late for Alternative D. With only two wolves left on the island, the time to act is now. Alternative D would delay any action that could save the island's ecosystem. The wolves on the island are bound to die off unless something is done.

Isle Royale is a U.S. National Park and it's ecosystem should be protected. After reviewing data from a study done by Michigan Tech University, interviews of ecology experts, and articles provided by the NPS, I think that Alternative C is the best solution to save the ecosystem on the island. The NPS

should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a healthy and stable wolf population. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs would be determined on the best available science and professional judgment. These actions should take place right after the decision for what to do has been made. The introduction of new wolves would be beneficial to the island's ecosystem. The wolves would directly affect the moose population and indirectly save the vegetation on the island. The U.S. National Park Service should take this decision very seriously as the future of Isle Royale is at stake.

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Correspondence: Dear National Parks Service of the United States of America,

My name is Caleigh and I am a freshman [REDACTED] biology student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge Illinois. I am writing this letter in concern of the National Park Isle Royale near the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have been studying the moose and wolves at the Park for nearly a month and it has come to the concern of our class that the wolves are in great danger of going extinct. We have been instructed to write a letter to express what option we think is best to deal with the wolf situation. I strongly believe that option B is the best option to resolve this difficult decision and be in the best interest of every aspect of the park.

It has been clear to scientists that have been studying the wolves for years at Isle Royale and discovered there is a serious inbreeding issue that is causing many wolves to have a spinal abnormality called LSTV. After reading an article called "What should be done to save the Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say", I read a section where Rolf Peterson an expert on wolf-moose studies on Isle Royale, says that all wolves born on the Island since 1994 have had LSTV due to wolf number 93 who spread this genetic disorder. Data that Michigan Tech University has collected shows that the population has been unstable while also staggering up and down. For example, the population of wolves has fallen to an all time low of 2 that it can not possibly recover from. The spinal abnormality, has played a large role in the population issue because it has been passed down genetically through the whole wolf population and it makes it difficult and sometimes impossible to hunt and keep up with the pack. Introducing new and healthy wolves into the park can give the population a better chance to survive and thrive in the ecosystem.

It is understood that the ecosystem health plays a large role if not the largest role in this complex, difficult decision. When you are taking the ecosystem health into consideration, there are 3 main factors that are mainly affected, wolves, moose, and vegetation. When the wolf population no longer exists, this will not only affect the wolves and the ecologists studying them, it will cause a whole chain of events that can potentially ruin the entirety of Isle Royale itself. First, the wolves disappear from the ecosystem. This will cause a continuation in the rise of the moose. In the past years that the wolf population has been struggling, the moose have been thriving. After a series of intense winters in 2009, 2010, and 2011, the population was on the lower side of a little over 500 according to the data recorded by Michigan Tech. From that year 2011 to 2015's documented population, the moose have more than double to over 1200. So it is clear when the wolves are low or gone, the moose population will rise, this will cause for the forced demand of more vegetation for the moose to eat. With a large population of moose, it will quickly become difficult for the vegetation to supply food for all the moose on the island. Once all the vegetation is eaten, there will be many moose that are malnourished and die from starvation or lack of food supply. Eventually the vegetation will grow back and maybe some moose will survive and reproduce but this cycle will cause the population to slowly die over time. According to two different articles we have read in class one called, "Howling pups show Isle Royale wolves are reproducing, but not out of danger" and the other called, "What should be done to save the Isle Royale wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say", the vegetation issue is not a new concern. In the 1940's before wolves had even existed on the Island, legendary Aldo Leopold advocated to introduce wolves to the population in order to save the vegetation from the moose. Before any decisions could be made, new wolves crossed over an ice bridge creating the packs of Isle Royale. Now you may be saying, What makes you say that cannot happen again? I supposed it could but it would be very unlikely because in recent years there have been no ice bridges because of global warming. One of the past winters, a few wolves crossed over an ice bridge from Canada, stayed 15 hours and left. So even if global warming doesn't come into effect, the wolves may not even stay if they come over naturally. Some characteristics of a healthy ecosystem are a solid food chain, you need herbivores to regulate plant populations, and you need carnivores to regulate animal populations. Without the wolves at Isle Royale, these characteristics will not exist. I don't believe that option A (non-intervention) is a good solution to this problem because in fact that is not a solution. To me, option A is giving up on this ecosystem and wasting this rare and beautiful piece of land. Option C to me goes over the top and will cause the ecosystem to be determined solely by human judgement. Adding wolves as needed is not the necessary measure that needs to be taken to save this society. Lastly, option D to me is not good because waiting too long will only damage the ecosystem more when we already know what the outcome will be.

This problem needs to be resolved as soon as possible because this study has helped my classmates and I understand and become interested in ecology. The Isle Royale study has advanced the study of ecology and can help future students and ecologists learn more about our world and Isle Royale is a very important part of it.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Lauren. I am a freshman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. I am writing to you because I am

concerned with the ecosystem over the last couple of years at the Isle Royale National Park. We have been learning about Isle Royale and its ecosystem for a couple weeks in class and I wanted to give my input on what I think the best option for the ecosystem on Isle Royale. I think that Alternative A is the best option, which is where we don't interfere in the ecosystem of Isle Royale. I picked this option because of the following reasons: there is a non-intervention policy in place, the wolves don't even belong on Isle Royale, and the wolves can still recover on their own.

The non intervention policy is essential for keeping the parks from being changed by hunters or littering tourists. We have learned about the non intervention policy (i.e. the Wilderness Act of 1964) in place in Isle Royale. It states that, "the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man".

This means that in 1964, Lyndon B. Johnson signed a policy into law saying that the Earth and national parks are not something that can be altered by man (Wikipedia). We have already interfered indirectly with Isle Royale enough by bringing a canine disease to the island and by polluting our Earth which caused climate change. There is no need for us to interfere directly by reintroducing wolves into the environment. Howard Zahniser, credited with drafting the Wilderness Act of 1964, said, "We should be guardians, not gardeners. We should let Isle Royale itself choose its own course in the future". This means we shouldn't tamper with the environment. Instead, we should observe, and guard before things happen. Now that the wolves have already been disappearing from Isle Royale, we shouldn't do anything to interfere because we are not supposed to be "gardeners".

Another reason why I think that Alternative A is the best option is because wolves don't even belong on Isle Royale. Wolves were placed in Isle Royale by humans for research purposes. These four wolves were studied by researchers. Although, wolves got to Isle Royale naturally through the ice bridges, it still isn't our business interfering since it wasn't where they originated or were born. I think that since the wolves weren't even originally from Isle Royale, it shouldn't be a big deal if they aren't around anymore. Considering the ecosystem (i.e. the moose population and vegetation) was fine before the study at Isle Royale, the moose population and vegetation should not be affected without the wolves now in 2016.

Lastly, I picked Alternative A because the wolves can still recover on their own. In a MINNPOST article about Isle Royale, it said, "After all, only two are needed to reproduce, and the island's wolves have already shown their ability to recover from a previous low point of 12, back in the 1980s," Right now, as you know, the wolf population is at its minimum of two wolves (IsleRoyaleWolf.org). Considering that you need two wolves to reproduce, I think that it

still is possible for the wolves to revive their population themselves. So I think that we won't even have the chance to interfere with the wolves because they will be able to regenerate their population on Isle Royale.

I think that Alternative B, C, and D were not the right choices, mainly because of the non-intervention policy. I think that if we violate this policy, then where can we draw the line of other human interferences on national parks. For example, if the government populates a national park and brings in more animals, then what is stopping citizens of the United States from doing the same thing and bringing exotic and potentially harmful animals to the national parks. Obviously, not interfering in Isle Royale will affect all of the organisms on the island positively and negatively. The non-intervention option could potentially cause a permanent decline in the wolf population. Although, the wolves still have a chance of survival on the island because they can wander back to Isle Royale through ice bridges or repopulate themselves in the next 20 years. The non intervention option will affect the moose positively because there will be less predators hunting them. This will implicate a major rise in moose population in the next 20 years if wolves remain scarce. Unfortunately, this option will cause the plant/vegetation on the island to suffer a major loss. The amount of vegetation may lower because of the non-intervention policy. Plant life usually grows very easily, so I am skeptical that the vegetation will be completely wiped out in the next 20 years.

Alternative A claimed that you would not intervene in the ecosystem and would continue the current program. I think this was the best overall option for Isle Royale because there is a non-intervention policy in place, the wolves don't even belong on Isle Royale, and the wolves can still recover on their own. Because of these reasons, I think it is important to not be "gardeners", and not to interfere with the environment of Isle Royale. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,
Hello, my name is Aaron and I am a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. My class and I have been reading about Isle Royale and it's population of wolves and moose. I'm interested in how the ecosystem of the Island functions and the predator-prey relationship between the wolves and the moose. The next few years at the island will reveal how dire the wolves' situation is and I assume a decision about whether to introduce the wolves will be decided. I personally would advocate for Alternative B, the single implementation of Wolves to the island as quickly as possible. This action would benefit the ecosystem of the island and more specifically the vegetation of the island by keeping the moose population in check.

The primary reason to pick alternative B is for its benefits to the wolf population and the overall ecosystem of Isle Royale. According to data given by researchers on Isle Royale, the Wolf population has decreased to an all time low of 2. The Wolf population on Isle Royale has always fluctuated(Ex: in 1980 it was 50 and in 1990 it was 15) but never even close to as low as it is currently. According to John Vucetich, associate professor from Michigan Tech, "In a normal population of wolves, 1 in 100 wolves have some form of spinal deformity, in Isle Royale it is one in 3 wolves". This is due to inbreeding on the island caused by most Royale wolves having the same isolated ancestors(the wolves that arrived in 1960). This inbreeding can normally be solved naturally by the use of outsider wolves coming in to the Island through the use of ice bridges, like how "Old Grey Guy" arrived in 1997. This isn't occurring as often, because "Lake Superior has gotten progressively warmer and Ice bridges don't form as often" according to Vucetich. This is due to climate change and the high rate of global warming in recent years. The only way to bring back the population is to reimplement wolves as soon as possible. This method of bringing foreign wolves in has already been proven effective at Yellowstone National Park. The video "How Wolves Change Rivers" shows just how important a predator like the wolf is for an ecosystem. Wolves at Yellowstone National Park promoted more diversity among populations of animals and helped the foliage at Yellowstone flourish to a point unknown for 70 years. This is another reason why Alternative B is the best option for Isle Royale. According to trends in data of the Wolf and Moose population, whenever the Wolf population is doing well, the Moose population falls. Wolves on the island are the only predator of the Moose and hopefully this plan would keep both the wolves and the Moose at a healthy carry capacity without too much fluctuation. This would stop the Moose from destroying vegetation on the island, like the fir tree. In the MINNPOST article, "What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves?", Ron Meader states that "On the western two-thirds of the island, where moose browsing is heaviest, firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall" and that "A longer-term disruption of the moose/wolf balance might erase it(expanding of firs indefinitely)". Any implementation of wolves would benefit the firs of the island and the overall health of vegetation, which in turn helps other herbivores and the overall ecosystem.

I think Alternative B would clearly be better than Alternatives A, C and D for a multitude of reasons. The problem with Alternative A(non intervention) is that it results in total neglect of the ecosystem of Isle Royale. The moose population would be unnaturally high and the moose would cause a shortage of vegetation, which hurts not only the moose but any herbivores on the island. Isle Royale is best known for its amazing ecosystem and it's simple prey-predator relationship, which is beneficial to research by scientists and ecologists everywhere. Alternative C(Sporadically implementing wolves), on the other hand, would totally break the non-intervention policy that the parks have, in a way that is unnatural to the ecosystem. If you introduce wolves sporadically it would be hard to determine how high or low the wolf and moose population would be, causing unnatural highs and lows for the ecosystem. Alternative B finds a middle ground between Alternative A and C which would be most effective. Lastly, Alternative D(reaching a "threshold" before implementing wolves) is simply not a good idea. We have already passed any threshold that the wolves can reach. Isle Royale is already down to two wolves that are failing. Any implementation of wolves when the moose have already reached a high point would be too late and vegetation would already start to significantly be on the decline. Alternative B is in my opinion the best option out of all alternatives given. It would also help keep the mystique of the island and draw more tourism and research because of the new wolves being added. Although I am no ecologist, from what I have learned so far I think Alternative B is the best method for preserving the amazing and exciting ecosystem of Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Dear Isle Royale Selection Committee,
Hello, I am Joe, a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this letter because we have been studying this topic in the ecology unit of my biology class and I am worried about the wolves and the island itself. The best alternative that should be taken, in my opinion, is alternative B, which states that small amounts of wolves will be added to the island over three years. I think alternative B is the best because it will increase the population of the wolves and humans will not have to keep interfering with the island. Based on the knowledge I have accumulated, alternative B is the best because it preserves the wolves currently inhabiting the island but it adds new ones to repopulate and help with the inbreeding currently affecting the wolves.

Wolves are needed because they are the apex predator and without them the ecosystem would die or need decades to be fixed, as John Vucetich said. The wolves are needed to make the Isle Royale ecosystem work. For example, when a few wolves were added to the Yellowstone ecosystem, the ecosystem flourished. The wolves kept the population of the elk at Yellowstone, which was over the carrying capacity, in check. The wolves did not only affect the elk population, but positively affected the rest of the ecosystem including bringing new animals, such as beavers, to the ecosystem and allowing the plants to regrow. The wolves on Isle Royale hunt the moose, and without a sufficient population of wolves, the moose have grown out of control. If they continue

growing at the pace they are growing at now, documented by Michigan Tech, the moose will grow higher than the carrying capacity. With the moose population growing to rapidly without a predator, they will eat all the vegetation on the island, destroying the ecosystem. As John Vucetich said, the ecosystem will take decades to grow back, if it ever does. Without wolves on the island hunting the moose, the moose can destroy a beautiful national park. Additionally there has been some disturbances on the island that have affected the wolves and moose on the island. Some of the wolves are Wolf 93 and LTSV. Wolf 93, also known as "Old Grey Guy" was a wolf that wandered to the island over an ice bridge. Wolf 93 came to the island in 1997 and started reproducing in 1998. In 1998, there were 14 wolves on the island, and by the year 2,000, there were 29 wolves, based on the wolf and moose graph made by Michigan Tech. Old Grey Guy was a wolf who was significantly bigger than the rest of the wolves on the island, and became leader of the west pack, as stated in a packet by Ron Meador. More importantly, he added new genes to the island which helped the inbreeding of the island. The severe inbreeding that has plagued the island has caused LTSV (lumbosacral transitional vertebrae). LTSV is a spinal abnormality that makes hunting for the wolves harder. Additionally, there is climate change affecting the island the moose. As global warming continues, the ice bridge that forms between the island and Canada will not be formed anymore. Without this bridge, wolves from Canada will not be able to get to the island to help repopulate the island naturally. Also due to climate change are ticks. Ticks are attracted to warmer weather. In the summer, moose will have ticks, causing them to lose hair. The moose will also try to focus on staying cool in the summer, rather than storing food for the summer. So when winter comes around, many moose die off, preventing wolves from food. Wolves need to be added to the island to help hunt.

Some experts of Isle Royale think that genetic rescuing is the best idea. Rolf Peterson, currently teaching at Michigan Tech University, believes in genetic rescue is the best idea. Him, along with wolf expert John Vucetich, think wolves are necessary for the island's ecological balance. Not only do no wolves let moose grow rapidly, but it also indirectly affects the balsam fir. Moose eat balsam fir and the absence of wolves would allow the moose to eat fir uncontrollably. Adding wolves to the island now avoids a break in wolf population keeping the moose population in check. Also, it preserves some of the genes that have been on the island for 15 generations.

Genetic rescuing is the best option because it keeps the wolves on the island to stay and repopulate. Alternative A, doing nothing, would not work because the wolf population would die out and the moose population would overpopulate. Along with alternative A, alternative D would also not work. There is no threshold that has not been crossed yet, because there are only 2 wolves left on the island. With so few wolves and so many moose, the moose will eat the vegetation on the island, causing years for it to recover, if it ever does. Option C does not work either because it would overpopulate the wolf population. It would take the wolves way over the carrying capacity, causing many to die. What's the point of adding wolves to the island just to have them die? Adding a few wolves would allow the wolves to repopulate without going over the carrying capacity and avoiding too much fluctuation. I hope you, the deciding committee, considers this letter and alternative to help the wolves on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Joe

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Dear National Park Service,

My name is Alex, a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. I have taken a great interest in the fascinating activity that has been occurring in Isle Royale between the wolves and moose that inhabit the island. I, like the researchers on Isle Royale, am concerned about the decreasing wolf population in the ecosystem and possible solutions that can be put into effect. After reading the article that was recently published in the summer of 2015 titled Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS, I really believe that solution C, to bring back the wolves as often as necessary, would be the ideal solution for the crisis on Isle Royale. This solution is ideal for the greater good of the ecosystem of the island and all of the organisms that live there for many reasons. One strong reason that option C would greatly benefit the ecosystem of Isle Royale is because of the positive impacts and the many benefits it would bring to the other organisms. One such benefit is that it would provide a healthier ecosystem for the organisms which is clearly a plus for Isle Royale. The wolves on Isle Royale are the keystone species to the ecosystem, so eliminating them would mean a death sentence to the ecosystem. If the wolf population on Isle Royale goes extinct then it will become a real problem because the website isleroyalewolf.org explains that moose are more than merely a food supply for wolves and how wolves are more than simply a source of mortality for moose. The wolves help maintain a healthy balance in the moose population, as the moose will overpopulate without their predators, wolves. This is a major reason why we need to keep continuing to add the wolves as many times as necessary to Isle Royale. But this won't just only affect the moose. The wolves, being a keystone species, will have an indirect effect on the vegetation population on Isle Royale. If the wolves are eliminated from the island, then the moose population will greatly increase, which means that the moose will need a greater food supply. Eventually, there will be a lack of a food source on the island, which ultimately means doom for the moose population if the wolves are not consistently being brought back to the island whenever it is necessary.

Another main reason that Option C should be the step taken in Isle Royale is the fact that this initiative has already been executed and has been beneficial for Yellowstone National Park. According to yellowstonenpark.com, when wolves were reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park for the first time in over 70 years in 1995, the wolves had an immediate, positive impact on the ecosystem. Doug Smith, the leader of the reintroduction project of wolves into Yellowstone, explains that back in 1968, when the elk population was about a third what it is today, the willow stands along streams were also in bad shape. Today, with three times as many elk, willow stands are robust. This is the case because the predatory pressure from wolves keeps elk on the move, so they don't have time to intensely browse the willow. This demonstrates how wolves not only help with the population of the elk species, even though they are predators of the elk, they also impact the health of the willow in Yellowstone National Park. Although the wolves had to be reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park only once, that might be the case at Isle Royale. The main reason that wolves may need to be reintroduced to the island more than once is the need for genetic rescue. After about 30 or so years, there has to be a new set of genetic material from another wolf. Since Isle Royale is a much more isolated space than Yellowstone National Park, there will be a limited amount of packs on Isle Royale, which could be the cause of inbreeding. There are many reasons why choices A, B, and D are not ideal choices for Isle Royale. For choice A, the National Park Service does have a policy of non-intervention. However, John Vucetich, associate professor from Michigan Tech, spoke significantly of how humans already have intervened with the habitat through climate change. Technically we have already interacted with the ecosystem in the sense that global warming causes fewer ice bridges, which are the main pathways for wolves to get to Isle Royale. With global warming "intervening" already, current non-intervention would only hurt the island. The reason why choice B, bringing back wolves back for a one time occasion would be unsuccessful is inbreeding. As I explained earlier, inbreeding is currently a problem right now on Isle Royale because of the isolation issue, and now with the recent climate change reducing ice bridges as a natural pathway for additional wolves, inbreeding can very easily occur if wolves are only reintroduced once. The reason why alternative D, wolves will be brought to Isle Royale if a certain threshold is met, won't be successful is the fact that the National Park Service won't take immediate action on the situation. If the National Park Service doesn't take an immediate action, then the ecosystem will start to crumble because the NPS would have no immediate evidence if the wolves all of the sudden were wiped out by a plague or a forest fire, etc. The NPS admits in Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS that currently "five out of the nine wolves present in 2014 are unaccounted for," yet the moose population is growing. If immediate

action is not taken, the threshold they are trying to reach will take a while to reach or not be reached at all. At that time it may be too late to preserve the ecological balance on Isle Royale.

The facts point to following the plans of solution C, to bring the wolves back enough to maintain a stable population for the next 20 years. Clearly this option would be best for the ecosystem of Isle Royale, because of how the wolves impact every other organism on the island in some way. Wolves bring balance to the moose population as well as the vegetation on Isle Royale. Plan C is also beneficial because of a need for genetic rescue in case of inbreeding, and the fact that this plan has worked well at Yellowstone National Park means that the NPS should choose alternative C as the best solution.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,
I am Vito and i'm writing [REDACTED], Park Ridge, IL. In Isle Royale the wolves have declined to only 2 in this national park. They are the keystone species for the ecosystem in Isle Royale. They kill the moose and feed on them, they give some of the leftovers to the scavengers, and they keep the forest safe from the devastation the moose cause. If they go extinct on the island there will be a problem with the ecosystem and it won't be as pristine as it was with the wolves being there. This all makes them a necessity to keep them on the island, so I chose option C.

In order to keep the ecosystem in its prime we need to add more wolves. Option C is the best choice because all the other choices are either not effective or just not the right application for this situation. Option A will allow the wolves to die out, and if they die out then the moose population will get out of hand and the forest will be destroyed. This will be too hard for recovery of the forest. Option B will add the wolves one time and one time only over a period of time. This will solve the "no wolves problem" but if the wolves die out again for some reason we will be right back where we started from. Option D is a viable choice but there could be some flaws. If they set the "condition" of only 5 wolves and add 8 wolves, it will not be as good as adding a constant flow of 'wolves. The reason why is because when the wolves get to that state in which they only have 5 wolves that means something actually happened to them, and if they have an inbred deformity, then the deformity will be passed on to the 8 wolves that were added.

I think that C is the best opinion because it adds a constant flow of new DNA which counters the massive amounts of inbreeding in the wolves in Isle Royale. In Isle Royale the wolves have been inbreeding and it has caused LSTV, which is a genetically transferred disease that makes the wolves have a malformed vertebrae (backbone). In the article One Wolf Can Change Everything, they write " Moreover, the incidence of malformations has been steadily increasing over time as the population steadily becomes more inbred." If we were to steadily add more and more wolves every time they need it, it would solve this problem and introduce new genes.

Without a stable amount of wolves the moose population will go out of hand and the forest population will slowly disintegrate. Also it helps the ecosystem in other ways as well. If the moose get killed and the carcasses get left where they died the wolves will leave some sort of meat. This give all the scavengers food to eat and the decomposers get to decompose the carcass as well.

Overall opinion number C is the best. It allows the wolves to be introduced to new DNA when they are suffering from being inbred. It helps out the forest because the moose are being controlled at a stable population. Option C is the only one that will add and keep a stable wolf population.

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Correspondence: Bring new wolves in as needed to keep viable population and keep study going and island's balance right

Correspondence ID: 784 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support bringing a new bloodline of wolves to the island. Humans have long made their impact felt on that environment through hunting, mining, research, recreation. Isle Royale is not the pristine example of nature left to its own devices. But what is pristine is its mix of flora and fauna that has managed a delicate balance in recent history. With no wolves, the moose population will, inevitably, eat down the island, and eventually, eat themselves into a fix. Better for all - - animal, human and island alike - - to resettle a new pack, or whatever the researchers recommend. We sail and hike Isle Royals on an annual basis. It's a precious place to me. Thanks for considering.

Correspondence ID: 785 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,18,2016 20:09:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe it is necessary for the maintenance of the ecosystem on Isle Royale for the wolf population to remain sustainable. Alternative C would be the program most appropriate to ensure this longevity of a sustainable ecological climate on the island that would be beneficial for the moose population, as well as the overall health of the island itself. In addition to providing a sustainable ecosystem, the stability of a continued wolf population on Isle Royale provides for a continuation of research opportunities pertaining to the predator-prey relationship between wolves and moose, as well as future studies regarding ecology and environmental impacts of human intervention. The impacts of Alternative C would make for a very useful study on such intervention, and the research gained from this intervention could be used elsewhere in the United States in issues pertaining to wolf conservation.

Correspondence ID: 786 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,18,2016 20:10:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The studies that have been ongoing on the moose and wolf inter-action for over 50 years has always been a hands off approach and should remain that way. Let the oft quoted "Balance of Nature" take it's course to prove the fallacy of it's theory. That is what biologic science should be doing.

Correspondence ID: 787 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Modern wolf biology has received a devastating blow, in light of the undeniable truth. Over fifty years of junk science, built on a predetermined outcome, has come crashing down. Biological science has been delivered a black eye, by this undeniable evidence, and future prospects of the profession will think hard and long, before entering this criminal enterprise.

The experiment failed, and there is no reason to spend another dime, or introduce more suffering to animals that are victim to a never ending study. All the wolf science has already been done, and there is no need to waste millions of taxpayer dollars, for another disaster.

Correspondence ID: 788 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: The fact that a healthy Wolf population is not sustainable on Isle Royale begs the question "Why would you subject more Wolves to this unnatural environment ? Where inbreeding is the end game and subjects the wolves to a horrible , painful and demeaning Death again .

I really hope that the Wolf Loving Community takes a long hard look at what awaits the Wolves in the Western States as they begin "Inbreeding" and we watch as that Dream Dies a Slow agonizing death too if they don't starve to death first.

The wolf dream is just that , a Dream , it's not sustainable . That's why God gave you a Dogthat's Not ScienceThat's Common Sense .

Any effort you make to repopulate Isle Royale with wolves will be an unnatural Act. Another Eco Gulag just like Yellowstone where Wildlife is tortured for the enjoyment of Tourist !

Correspondence ID: 789 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I would strongly suggest that the Isle Royale Wolves population be maintained. Alternative C would be my first choice as it presents a long-term scientific approach to protecting the ecosystem there. My second choice would be Alternative B as at least it is doing something to address the situation, albeit short-term.

To not take action to protect the wolf population seems to be a bad approach.

Correspondence ID: 790 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I would like to send my support for retaining a viable wolf population on the island if at all possible. Isle Royale wolves and moose have been the premier study ecosystem for decades and can continue to serve as a rare example of a simple system. While potentially not stable and sustainable on its own, it has these benefits of its existence.

From the perspective of park attraction, the wolves have served as a primary feature of the park. Visitors I've met and spoken with, written accounts, all attest to the popularity of the confined population of predator and prey. The park service could not ask for better publicity. Like Yellowstone, this provides a view of the operation of a natural system, but in a manner that is obvious due to its simplicity. Isle Royale is as close to a captive pack as possible without actually being a captive pack... it may be a sad statement of what 'we' see and realize, but this is an attraction with few peers.

I suppose that the alternative presents some questions also. The moose population can easily outstrip the carrying capacity of the island and, as mentioned under alternative plans, will require some manner of control to ensure the continued existence of the ecosystems. Let the wolves perform the culling.

Besides, I've used it as an example in several classes of environmental issues, and losing the moose and wolves of Isle Royale would certainly be a detriment! (where else could a group of students create a systems dynamics model of wolf management using chocolate moose? ;-)

Seriously, it represents a unique situation that I think should be preserved. We all know the eventual end without external action, but I think intervention to preserve the 'status quo' is beneficial.

Thank you!

Pete 

Correspondence ID: 791 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Wolves are critical to healthy Moose and to a healthy island. It is likely that human interaction is partially responsible for the decline in wolves, so it is appropriate that human interaction be used to recover their population.

Correspondence ID: 792 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I am in support of introducing a new wolf population to Isle Royal, for the following reasons (in brief).

Science Research Opportunity

Opportunity to study how/if a population so depleted by inbreeding because of closed gene pool can rebound to a healthy state. Findings from this study could help manage:

The genetic health of domestic animals

The genetic health of wild populations that have been endangered because of isolation, causing inbreeding.

Develop best practices for future management throughout the park system.

After the "visit" by the two wolves to Isle Royal last winter, I am wondering if the new population of wolves would even consider breeding with these last two inbred wolves because they sense they are not healthy or highly inbred.

This would be another insight into wild animal behavior.

Environmental Impact

I believe that wolves have helped balance the eco system of Isle Royal in the past. A moose overpopulation may cause a significant negative impact the eco system on all levels.

Tourism

Isle Royal NP has long been a destination for hikers and people who would like to have the opportunity to possibly see wild wolves. I would hate to see this attraction lost.

Climate Change and Future Considerations

Climate change will without a doubt, continue to impact wild populations throughout the world as well as the continued encroachment of humanity on traditional pockets of wild animals and environments.

Wildlife management may include human assistance with keeping the population genetically diverse to ensure a future for all wild species, not just wolves.

I would see the possibility that new wolves (and other species such as moose, beaver, etc.) that are not related to the population on the island may need to be introduced to the island every few years if the island continues to be isolated from other populations. I believe this is a worthwhile investment, not only for the future of the wild animals on Isle Royal, but the future of humanity as well.

Correspondence ID: 793 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: It is not clear to me how anyone with actual experience would suggest alternatives "A" or "D" since clearly no wolves have been migrating in on their own, and doing nothing is remiss, as the situation is not a good one for maintaining other wildlife or flora! If the reason there was no in-migration of wolves is not determined, then a one-time effort will fail.

Actually, I'm very annoyed by this whole exercise with stupid alternatives presented as if some choice was actually to be made; and suspect that there may have been some idea of letting the herbivores denude the island, then selling the real estate, since it would not be supporting any wildlife. I was brought up to believe that people were more often foolish than malicious, but then instances like this come up.

Correspondence ID: 794 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I would be in favor of alternative B. This seems like the best solution to get the island repopulated with wolves.

Correspondence ID: 795 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: As an avid hiker and sportswoman, I support reintroduction of a sufficiently diverse number of wolves, as the scientists from MTU recommend, to the Isle Royale ecosystem. This current situation of an inbred pack that is going extinct, and the resulting deformities in the animals that have contributed to their sharp decline, has occurred as the result of a man-made situation: global warming. Therefore, a human-enacted solution is not only the ethical choice, but the logical choice as well. This should not be a political decision, and should, frankly, not be open for public comment. Isle Royale is a unique national park, and if humans being there have impacted the land and its ecosystems (we have) then humans must work to preserve the island's flora and fauna, as well. Allowing the wolves to die off will, in turn, likely cause the moose to flourish beyond a sustainable population. This is undesirable, and, if the intention is to "preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations," then it seems quite logical that the predator-prey system must be balanced on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 796 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE give this special species another chance to thrive on this majestic island. They just need a little help in the reproductive area. They deserve a good fighting chance!! Isle Royale without the WOLF HOWLS is a dead place. I want my 3 small children to be able to study the wolves here on day!

PLEASE SAVE THE WOLVES OF ISLE ROYALE!!!!

Correspondence ID: 797 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: It is my understanding that the wolf population on Isle Royale has been dropping in recent years and now rests at two wolves. During this period of wolf decline Isle Royale has seen an increase in the moose population. Understandable since the wolves keep the moose population in check. This leads to an unhealthy balance in the ecosystem of Isle Royale. I believe that wolves are an important piece of a healthy ecosystem because they weed out the sick and old and keep the population of moose from ballooning so high that they consume too much of the island's resources. Therefore, I think that wolves should be reintroduced to Isle Royale so that a new pack can be established. Once established the new pack should be able to keep the moose population in check. To prevent this situation from reoccurring it might be necessary to periodically introduce new wolves to the population to maintain a healthy wolf population.

I have a home in [REDACTED] Michigan but also maintain a home [REDACTED] This issue is very important to me.

Correspondence ID: 798 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Letting wolves die out entirely on the island isn't an option - unless we're willing to sacrifice the entire island. Without the wolves to control their population, the moose will eat everything!

I'd say collect wild wolves from as many different locations as possible so that the resulting pool has as much diversity as possible. Let 'em go and let 'em go at it! Add more wolves as needed.

And *shoot* anyone who takes a domestic dog to the island!

Correspondence ID: 799 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: let the wolves run for free, they have same right of living as YOU and me. Wolves are very useful animals for the Eco-system and the natur need them as much as wolves need the the nature. Gofd has created the humans and the wolves, we don't have the right for killing them just for fun

Correspondence ID: 800 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 16:00:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park should NOT re-introduce wolves to the park at this time. For the next 25-50 years, the island should be allowed to let nature take its course. Wolves came to the island naturally on more than one occasion. They will do so again. Unless there is a devastatingly strong negative impact on cultural resources on the island, this natural resource should be left alone.

Correspondence ID: 801 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 18:32:15
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Correspondence: I have sailed to and hiked many on the islands in Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior for over 30 years including Isle Royale. It saddens me about the drop in the wolf population but with the inherent possibility of inbreeding and the remoteness of the Isle Royale, this doesn't surprise me. However I feel its imperative that the park service to introduce a viable wolf pack since the moose population is getting out of hand. With an unchecked moose population, the overgrazing done to the island will inevitably led to a die-off like it happened with the deer on a similar island, North Manitou Island, part of the Sleeping Bear National Park, just as the park was being formed many years ago.

Also I would like to point out the NPS has successfully re-introduced wolves to other park lands over many years, such as in Yellowstone, however in this case blessedly there would never be the controversy with the wolf packs attacking livestock beyond the park borders. Thank you giving me the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 802 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I do not support introducing wolves to Isle Royal. I understand the dilemma being faced, but this is nature and reality. The fact is, sometime down the road there will again enough ice formation to support the wolves to return to Isle Royal. We cannot predict the future and should not be altering the natural ecosystem. The wolf-moose dynamic is one of the items that Isle Royal is known for - we shouldn't mess with it now.

Correspondence ID: 803 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 19:11:17
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Correspondence: I believe introducing more wolves to Isle Royale is the best path. Reintroduction of a genetically diverse and healthy number of wolves would be good for that ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 804 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please restore wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 805 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 19:31:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that new wolves should be reintroduced to Isle Royale to keep nature at its best on the pristine island and to keep the moose population under control to keep vegetation at its best also. The wolves have always been a part of the island and I think the numbers in Michigan have grown so we can add different individuals to the island so there will not be inbreeding. We can not wait for any more studies to be done when we only have 2 wolves left on the island now and many moose with no natural predators.

Correspondence ID: 806 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 19:32:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support human intervention in enhancing the wolf population on Isle Royale. The precedent for restoring predator populations in National Parks is the action taken in Yellowstone and North Cascade Parks with several species reintroduced. The health of the Moose, as well as the environment of the Park, is dependent on population control of the Moose.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Ernest [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 807 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 19:45:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative D, but remove the current inbred wolves on the island prior to new wolves being introduced. and bring back some caribou

Correspondence ID: 808 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Upon my first visit to Isle Royale in 2002, I realized the island held an alluring property, unparalleled to any other place I had visited before. Its unique wilderness and ecosystem has drawn me back in the years since, and I plan to continue visiting the island into the foreseeable future. However, certain circumstances have and will continue to threaten the future of the island's allure, namely, as a result of the continuous free-fall of the island's wolf population. The wolf population's decline has already shown an impact through the rise of the island's moose population, which in turn has impacted and diminished the island's vegetation due to over-browsing by such moose. Because the moose have no predatory threat outside of the island's current wolves, the imminent extinction of the island's wolf population will severely decimate the lush vegetation that Isle Royale boasts through an overabundance of moose and their potential to produce damaging effects to the vegetation via foraging. As it seems clear that the island's wolf population will not rebound under natural circumstances, I am in support of, and recommend, an alternative plan to introduce new wolves to the island to ultimately restore balance to the island's predator-prey relationship between wolves and moose, which will in turn sustain the island's vegetation and reestablish a thriving ecosystem. I must emphasize that in order to sustain ecological balance, a viable wolf population is crucial, and should be augmented as necessary. Outside of the introduction of additional wolves, I oppose any further intervention, such as the culling of moose by means of hunting. As it is the National Park Service's best interest to preserve the park, it is imperative that action is taken and under an expedited timeline, and that taking no action or urgency carries the greatest risk against the future of Isle Royale's ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 809 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 21:13:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that since the wolf population has been impacted by man, e.g. the parvo virus introduction a number of years ago, there is nothing wrong with "managing" the wolf population by reintroduction now. The moose population would surely suffer with no predation.

Correspondence ID: 810 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,19,2016 22:35:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern, You should continue to allow nature to take its course. Hands off the wolves and the moose. Let the chips fall where they may. Especially with the advent and quickening of global warming. The moose are just about on the extreme southern portion of their range. If you increase the wolves. Then the abundant food supply (moose), start to decline. Due to warmer environment and increased predation. Then the wolves will then begin to starve. Then you have to intervene again. The cycle repeats. I say hands off. Thank you for allowing me to add my thoughts onto the process.

Correspondence ID: 811 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 05:21:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Avocational naturalist, [REDACTED] here. Four hiking/interior kayak trips to the Isle. Life-long Gulf Coast boy, I've been indelibly infected with I. R. since my national park-obsessed childhood. 1996: turning 41 when I first visited, staying at Malone Bay, kayaking Siskiwit and Woods Lakes. Imagine my astounded joy: solo ascent of the Ishpeming Trail.... There, close-up: the animal that many seasoned rangers never get to experience! Whirling around once before leaping off a rock up on the rugged bluff of Oak Ridge's south face, she turned again and disappeared. Moose were everywhere, that trip, and on a subsequent McCargoe trip a few years later. Yet I saw no "meese" - - none - - on my third visit in 2006. One rainy day, I left Daisy Farm and walked over to Moskey, where I encountered Dr. Peterson on the rocks talking and sharing with a circle of young adults. Shocked! I'd heard so much him about over the years! I happily joined in his audience. Back at Daisy Farm, the wolves were scrounging apples behind yellow tape. Up on the Greenstone I climbed Ojibway Tower on my my last trip, a few years ago. Amazing, my luck! There was Candy Peterson attempting radio reception to Rolf, regaling a small group as she gestured to that island tapestry laid out beneath us, landmarks filled with cross-country adventures, her seasons gathering data with Rolf on her beloved island. What solid curiosity and athletic energy fills her research! Bring in some Ontario wolf-stock. Only happenstance brings 'em here anyway. Unnatural? Not the NPS way? Go easy on yourselves; it's like fire control: a tool, partly unnatural to be sure, but employed in studied-mimicry of nature, for nature! Thank you for what you do, and Happy 100!

Fred

Correspondence ID: 812 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I am commenting in favor of the Park Service intervening and reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale National Park. With the lack of ice bridges, small populations, such as wolf packs, cannot be sustained genetically. The inbreeding is, obviously, detrimental and destructive to the species. This scientific concept has been known and proved countless times. The Park Service must listen to the researchers who have studied the island and follow their advice to have a viable ecosystem. If the wolf is gone, the moose population will explode unchecked and destroy their own habitat. When that occurs, the moose population will not be sustainable. Please, for the sake of a healthy ecosystem on Isle Royale, reintroduce wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 813 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 06:28:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that a new population of wolves should be introduced to Isle Royal. If you had asked me five or six years ago, I would have thought that it would have interfered with the integrity of the predator-prey study. However, in the light of the recently increasing impact of climate change on wolves' ability to migrate to the island, we've already interfered. Additionally, I worry for the forest and ecosystem health with the booming moose population, as highlighted in the article. What better way to control the moose population than through nature's prey control: predators. Isle Royal should remain hunter and logger-free, but needs some assistance to remain in balance through the introduction of more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 814 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 06:52:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's time to intervene. The moose are going to overgraze Isle Royale. Then what?

Those that believe that "nature needs to take it's course" must look at how humanity has upset the balance of nature since the beginning of time. Without predators to keep their numbers in check, deer are overtaking residential neighborhoods. Re-introduction of wolves to Yellowstone changed the ecosystem for the better:

Correspondence ID: 815 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 06:59:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm writing this to implore the National Park Service (NPS) to introduce more wolves to Isle Royale National Park. As a former park interpreter at ██████████ State Park I arranged to have the State of Michigan's then wolf biologist Jim Hammill come speak to park visitors about the Upper Peninsula wolf packs. The presentations were fascinating and informative across the spectrum concerning wolves and particularly highlighted the importance, no the absolute necessity, of an apex predator such as the wolf to a healthy ecosystem. Reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park has very publicly supported and spotlight-ed this premise. Rolf Peterson, noted wolf biologist and principal scientist of the world's longest running wildlife study of the wolf and moose relationship on Isle Royale supports translocation of wolves to the island. What more does the NPS need than his expert opinion? It is basic biology that without wolves to control the moose herd on the island there will be over-browsing of vegetation by the moose and eventual starvation amongst the herd when the food supply is depleted. This seems a very unattractive, even unethical, situation to me, to say the least. The argument that we should "let nature take its course" is laughable. Humans have their fingerprints all over this crisis situation. The fact that ice does not regularly form in Lake Superior to provide the ice bridge for wolf movement to and from the mainland is directly related to climate change, a HUMAN CAUSED SITUATION! It isn't going to get any better any time soon, if ever. When a wolf does manage to make it to the mainland it's shot! How is this not human intervention in the "natural scheme of things"? This is why I support bringing more wolves to Isle Royale National Park. It would seem that the NPS needs to act quickly to avoid this ecologic disaster in the making.

Correspondence ID: 816 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please take many wolves from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and move them to Isle Royal. We are way over any amount required from any endangered species list, and our deer herd and those of us who purchase licenses need a break. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 817 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 07:10:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of either alternative B or C, but lean toward alternative B. It is important to have wolves on Isle Royale to maintain a healthy ecosystem and a healthy moose population on the island. Human intervention is necessary and warranted based on the impact of climate change. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 818 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 08:56:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Conservation scientists are in universal agreement that wolves are a vital element of ecosystem health in ecosystems inhabited by large herbivores such as moose. A group of forty-seven scientists sent a letter last year imploring the National Park Service to restore wolf predation on Isle Royale. It seems to be an easy decision bring wolves to the island or watch moose die an agonizing painful death due to over population.

Correspondence ID: 819 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As many many studies have shown, wolves are a necessary element to a natural environment. Please reintroduce them to the island. They did it in Yellowstone...I realize the differences between the two but, it worked for that national park, it should work for this one too.

Correspondence ID: 820 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 10:14:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If the park service follows it history, it should not reintroduce wolfs back on the island. If they die out, let nature take it's course. They may once again cross the ice bridge, or not, but letting the island follow what every happen, happen. If the wolfs had killed all the moose, would the service reintroduce more moose back on the island?

Correspondence ID: 821 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 10:34:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Live trap wolfs inthe upper peninsula and release them on Isle Royal

Correspondence ID: 822 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 10:39:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a professional biologist, I strongly disagree with the NPS' decision not to enhance the genetic diversity of the Isle Royale wolves.

To have made this decision two years ago when the population was less than 10 animals and the moose population exploding is surprising from an agency presumable knowledgeable about population dynamics. Whoever was responsible for this decision should have consulted his or her colleagues at Yellowstone about the impact on the elimination of wolves from that ecosystem.

Please correct this devastating decision immediately, and introduce wild wolves from the west and Canada.

Correspondence ID: 823 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,20,2016 11:03:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We visited Isle Royal several years ago in our kayaks. We toured Rolf Peterson research site. Until you do so you can not objectively consider the value of wolves in this environment. Place more wolves on the island. Keep domestic candies away from there.

Correspondence ID: 824 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are several ways of managing Isle Royale.

Here are my suggestions:

1. Don't restore the wolves, let the Moose "boom" and eat themselves out of house and home and then starve and die off. Perhaps not completely - but back to where the land can sustain the herd. Seems rather harsh to me, but it is the end result if something isn't done. The land can only sustain so many before collapsing. It would take years and radically change the makeup of the island.
2. Round up and disperse the Moose to other area's of MI. This would help those herds possibly that don't seem to be doing as well as expected. An influx of new blood and gene's if you will.
3. Bring in at least one wolf pack - again, since the UP has people ready to kill several wolf packs in the UP - relocate them to the Island.
4. Add in a breeding pair of Cougar's and really balance out the Eco system.

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Correspondence: We cannot hunt nor trap in natural parks. Human interference is prohibited. Visiting the park is interference, just accepted interference. While I do have an issue with that, that's the way it is. So why would we ever alter the nature of things and introduce wolves? Perhaps because it fits the agenda of some researchers? There are two other methods that I have not heard discussed. But again they require human intervention.

- 1) Live trap the moose and relocate them to the U.P. While this would be expensive, it would be supported by many here in the U.P.
- 2) Allow a moose hunt draw. Laws would have to be changed, but that would be the most economical. It would bring money to Michigan and provide 1000's of pounds of excellent meat.

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Correspondence: I am sorry, but I really do not care about your parks anymore after what you have allowed to happen with wolves and your lack of efforts to prevent it and/or restore them!

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Correspondence: Please ADD more wolves to Isle Royale.
The gray wolves need to be protected. The two wolves there are in danger.

It is ridiculous to study without saving these two lone survivors.

The Park Service has all the data it needs to add a few wolves before the two lone wolves are lost entirely. The island's ecosystem does not have a top predator necessary for the island and prevent further damage to forestation.

The gray wolves must be protected.

If ice is not there to make a bridge to allow wolves to visit the lone six year old female wolf and the lone eight year old wolf, then we as need to assist. There were three wolves last year and 1,250 moose but now there are two wolves. Please add some more wolves to Isle Royale.

Wolves have been successfully reintroduced to other national parks.

It is a dereliction of duty to fail to maintain these two gray wolves who are clearly endangered. The addition of wolves to the island will help cull the moose herd.

As visitors to Isle Royale, the moose, the wolves and other wildlife are all affected when we do nothing but drag our feet to assist those most endangered.

After these two lone wolves disappear, then the moose will be greatly affected and further drastic action will be required.

If people point out that other species have disappeared from the island and where/when does introduction start or stop, the answer can be based upon policy which is now in place that starts with the introduction of gray wolves on Isle Royale.

Please add gray wolves to Isle Royale to save the pack!

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Correspondence: Please add more wolves to Isle Royal before it is too late.

The gray wolves need to be protected and assisted before they are extinct and gone forever from Isle Royal. The wolves are in danger. Continue the study while saving the survivors. I pay tax dollars to support the Park Service which has a lot of data and probably all it needs to add a few wolves before the wolves are lost entirely and the moose and other wildlife do not have a top predator necessary for the island's ecosystem to prevent further damage to forestation.

The gray wolves must be protected.

Please save them by adding wolves to the island.

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Correspondence: Please add wolves to Isle Royale.

The gray wolves on the island need to be protected.

The wolves on Isle Royale are in danger.

Please save the wolves.

The Park Service has the data showing it needs to add a few wolves before the wolves are all gone from the island.

A top predator is necessary for the island.

The gray wolves must be protected.

Correspondence ID: 830 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Please get some more wolves on Isle Royale. I spent enough tax dollars studying the gray wolves on the island that need to be protected. The wolves there are in danger and need to be saved. Please add some more wolves to Isle Royale. The gray wolves must be protected. Please save them!

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Correspondence: Canine papovirus introduced by humans helped to destroy the wolves so the demise did not happen naturally. Now Mech is proposing that the wolves be allowed to disappear so a select group of hunters can then cull the moose. As an avid hunter, Mech would probably want to be part of that culling. The Parvovirus is alive and active on the island because of humans. Humans need to prevent the demise of these wolves. In 2014, 9 wolves were counted, in 2015 there were 3 and now there are 2! The wolves provide a valuable 60-year evolutionary experiment with strong natural selection but this population should be conserved, which can best be done with genetic rescue to ensure viability of individuals. Conservation of the wolves provides a chance to identify with a place where a top carnivore is in control. Conservation of the wolves provides the lowest likelihood of unintended consequences and the highest benefit: risk ratio of the 3 alternatives being considered. The no action option is associated with the highest probability of irreversible negative effects on ecological integrity particularly since NPS may have already waited too long to reverse some of the deforestation caused by moose because of the parvovirus reduction of wolves. Mech says let the wolves disappear and then assign hunters to take out the moose, then reintroducing woodland caribou and lynx BUT this is more likely one of his other decisions that will prove wrong to benefit him by allowing him to hunt the moose. The lumbar-sacral spinal abnormality also occurs in mainland wolves but Peterson says that all wolves born on the island since 1994 have had it. In 1940s, ecologist Aldo Leopold wanted to introduce wolves to save the forest from being stripped away by moose but before NPS did, some wolves crossed the ice and started the island's first wolf packs. Peterson said that the wolves could recover, as Mech suggested, but NPS has waited so long it's unlikely without genetic intervention to disperse fresh DNA throughout the island population. Mech believes NPS can conserve ecosystems with simple fixes, like reintroducing species, but needs to mitigate the conflicts of the canine papovirus that originally caused the loss. Peterson says that the wolves need to reproduce and they need a lower mortality rate. The mortality rate is mysterious as Peterson says "Disease is a possibility. Parvovirus is back, and it may be having an effect." If wolves went extinct, the moose would increase greatly and forage would change. In 1980, the wolves crashed due to papovirus and inbreeding took its toll later. From 1980 onward, Isle Royale shifted from being bottom-up to something else. The abundance of wolves was completely unrelated to the number of senescent moose from 1981-2003. NPS knew this was a problem in 1990. Now is the time to do something! Stop waiting. Bring in some wolves! Between 1959 and 1980, wolves had the greatest influence on moose and climate and forage abundance were similarly affected. Then for the decades after the papovirus induced crash, variation in winter severity from year to year replaced wolves as the most important influence on moose dynamics. The papovirus crash seemed to trigger an important change in population for wolves so that during the 1980s and early 1990s, wolf abundance never really recovered and now it needs our help! Please add some wolves to the island NOW.

Correspondence ID: 832 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Good evening,

I would like to begin by commending the NPS on the revised EIS for Isle Royale. Certainly I encourage the decisions to be made to be rooted in science and an analysis of what is best for the ecosystem. I would like to encourage the NPS to strongly consider adding a more long term alternative option which would provide for the observation/management of the wolf population and repeated reintroduction of wolves into the ecosystem as necessary beyond merely the next 20 years. Two of the alternatives contained within this EIS "would continue current management" and allow for natural processes to continue. Considering the current status of two wolves remaining, I'm inclined to suggest that inaction (alternative A) is hardly a viable alternative considering the detriments to the ecosystem which would result from allowing the current population of wolves to die out. While alternative B could be beneficial, I fear that efforts to increase and maintain a wolf population will require more than a one time introduction. Alternative D is also alarming to me in that it requires "no immediate action" to be taken and would only bring in wolves if certain indicators were met. In its current form, only Alternative C is the closest to truly having the best interests of Isle Royale and the wolf population at heart. Rolf Peterson, a research professor at Michigan Tech and co-author to a study examining Isle Royale, warns that waiting too long to intervene and reintroduce additional wolves could lead to irreversible harm. Part of his findings can be found here: http://www.isleroyalewolf.org/sites/default/files/annual-report-pdf/annual_rep_2016_webversion.pdf

I encourage you to recognize the responsibility we have to re-introduce a wolf population and maintain the best possible ecosystem in Isle Royale. Thank you.

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Correspondence: I think that the 2 remaining wolves should be euthanized to stop the diseases caused by so much inbreeding, and then approximately 20 new wolves should be added, possibly more females than males. They should be trapped and caught from various locations around the UP and Minnesota where the wolf population has gotten slightly out of control, to insure that they are from different families. The wolves are important to the ecosystem of Isle Royale. I have been there many times and love the island.

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Correspondence: Here's the situation: Without a predator on Isle Royale, it's only a matter of time before the moose decimate and destroy the vegetation. The delicate ecosystem will surely collapse. What I don't understand is why the park service is being so resistant - especially after what happened in Yellowstone. Without wolves, the elk were devouring the forest. The Wolf Restoration Project restored balance.

Isle Royale is known for (and marketed as) a wolf/moose environment. As moose numbers rise, overgrazing will occur and visitor numbers will fall.

In 1980/81, the wolf population was negatively affected when a human brought a dog infected with parvo virus onto the island. Climate change - created by humans - has all but destroyed the chances of natural wolf migration to the island via an ice bridge. Mankind created this mess. Now it's time for man to fix it. Please act before it's too late.

Thank you,
Thomas [REDACTED] - 3 time visitor to the island

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Correspondence: Please add more wolves into the Isle Royale ecosystem. If not then the moose will eat everything in sight. Isle Royale is one of my favorite national parks.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: I vote fir option b. I have made multiple trips to Isle Royale and hiked the length and breadth of the island. The wolves are part of the ecosystem just like the moose and vegetation. They should be maintained in that system.

Correspondence ID: 837 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Dear NPS,

We are now all conservators and stewards of National Park lands and to believe that the flora and fauna will rebound without some guidance is a shortsighted view. Isle Royale certainly belongs in that category due to its limited diversity of its inhabitants and scale.

I believe with proper management and long term planning that the Wolf/Moose dynamic can and will be beneficial to the ecosystem and the park in general.

Please consider an option that would keep the integrity, stability of the island community.

Thank you,

Paul [REDACTED]

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Correspondence:

[REDACTED]
To National Park Service,
Isle Royale Park Management

[REDACTED]
Park Management on Isle Royale-

My name is Emily, and I happen to be a freshman [REDACTED] in the Chicago suburbs. In my [REDACTED] biology class we have been studying not only ecosystems and an organism's role in their environment, but the direct example of the wolves and moose on Isle Royale. It has recently been brought to our attention that the wolf population has dropped severely, and I intend to make a claim to save the wolves, the moose, and the vegetation of Isle Royale.

Due to the excessive evidence showing that when wolf populations drop, moose populations typically rise, forcing the vegetation to decrease because of the amount of moose feeding on it. Around 1985, LSTV began to be a major problem in the wolf population. Wolves were dying due to the genetic disease, so naturally, the moose population increased greatly because the lack of predators. When there is more food available to the wolves, it would be expected that the wolf population would rise, in order to stabilize the system. When LSTV forced the wolf population to continue to decrease, the moose population reached an all-time high, almost 2,500 moose, where it eventually suffered a limiting factor- moose ticks, according to the Isle Royale Wolf Study.

This is just one example of how the wolf population is not only necessary, but vital for the survival of organisms on the island. If the threat of LSTV were to be dissolved, the likelihood that both the species (and the vegetation, of course, considering if the moose get that high they will be eating much more than should be eaten), will survive is great.

However, in order for this threat to be erased, several things have to happen. The main idea is that LSTV cannot be involved in the genetic code of the majority of wolves again, or these crises will continue to occur. The alternatives provided by the National Park Service are as follows:

Non-Intervention

One-time genetic rescue

Genetic rescues as often as necessary

Non-intervention until it is evident that either option B or C will be the best.

In my opinion, the most viable option is D. If the final 3 wolves were to be wiped out, their genetic code (with LSTV) would also be wiped out. This way, the line of LSTV wolves would be stopped in it's tracks, and the main problem would be solved.

The reasons behind not choosing the other options are simple. If there was to be no intervention at all-ever- it is very probable that the wolf population after last year's 3 wolves would be extinct on the island. If there were to be no wolves, the moose population will increase dramatically, the moose will not only be eating too much of the vegetation- to a point where there may not be any left and they will go starving, but there will also be a large amount of moose in a small area, making the likelihood of disease or spreadable issues to be spread much more easily than if there were fewer moose. Either way, non-intervention may lead to not only the extinction of the wolves, but that of the moose and vegetation on the island.

For alternative B, a one-time genetic rescue may force the same issues as when Old Grey Guy came to the island in 1997 and brought hope with him. His entrance was a good thing in the beginning because the wolf population began to look better, but the effects of genetic LSTV eventually continued. If there was to be a single genetic rescue, there remains the probability that the genetic swill continue another generation.

Alternative C, however would lower the probability that the LSTV recessive genes would continue, but would not erase the possibility altogether. The continuous addition of new genetics would make the entire project not only humanly-based, but the whole thing would depend on the genetic rescues that the National Park Service would provide.

The other option is that of non-intervention and later recognizing what must be done. It is my belief that this is the best alternative. If the remaining wolves are left alone to let their life cycle continue and therefore finish, what is left of the LSTV gene will diminish. I also believe that once this happens, the best choice is to professionally chose several perfect options for a pack. If well-bred wolves can exist on the island, I think it is necessary that they be chosen based on their genetics and how well they would survive when inbreeding is bound to occur. As long as there are no physical or mental evident disabilities, whether recessive or dominant, there should be no problem once the pack begins to in-breed. The healthy pack will grow larger and larger until they stabilize the moose population and later save the vegetation. This is the best option available, because it solves the most problems that can be solved among all of the alternatives.

I feel it is necessary that these wolves are saved as soon as possible, and they remain in their natural environment. We have been studying their lives and their generations for the past few weeks, and I can't help but feel responsible for what happens to them on this island, even though I have never been there before in my life. I cannot even begin to imagine the difficulty the National Park Service has been through the past few years with the weight of the survival of a pack of wolves on their shoulders. It is high in my hopes that the wolf population will rejuvenate in whatever way it is found acceptable.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Management Plan Recommendation,

My name is Nick. I am a freshman [REDACTED]. We have been studying the situation of Isle Royale and I'd like to put my opinion in. I feel that we should use Alternative D and let the current wolves die off, then reintroduce a few new packs into the park. The gene pool is very small due to the many many years of inbreeding, so I think a refresh would be the best choice.

Typically, only one out of every hundred wolves receives the deformation called lumbosacral transitional vertebrae. Only Isle Royale, the rate is much higher (by 31.67%). These past five years have been terrible for the wolves. The wolf population has gone down from 19 to 3. They have reached the point where a miracle needs to happen to prevent human interaction. I personally do not think it will. It has happened a few times in the past, but the wolves have reached the point where they cannot recover. The wolf population is vital to the ecosystem on Isle Royale. They keep the moose population in check (I'll get more to that later). If we let all the wolves die out, the moose population may run rampant for a few years, and that is why we'd introduce a new batch of wolves to Isle Royale.

In 1996, the Isle Royale moose population reached almost 2400. During this time, the vegetation was absolutely devastated. Trees and plants, especially the Balsam Fir, could never grow big enough to reproduce. This causes a chain reaction because multiple other species rely on the vegetation to survive. The

moose population was regulated after 1996, but in recent years has risen back up to dangerous numbers. Two-thirds of the fir trees on the western side of Isle Royale are fairly safe, but the increase in moose has created an unsafe environment to grow. If we introduce new wolves into Isle Royale, they will take care of the moose and hopefully allow the ecosystem on Isle Royale to return to where it was.

If we choose option D, it means that we will introduce new wolves into Isle Royale. I feel that we should only make this a one time thing and introduce maybe 20 or 30 wolves. This will allow them to sustain a healthy population and take care of the moose population. We can forget that one of our goals is to do as little intervention as possible, so option C would not work. Also, option A would not work because there is no way for the wolves to recover without us. We need to let these current wolves die off, then introduce new wolves to the island.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see the island recover

Sincerely,

Nick

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Correspondence: My name is Katarina and I am a student [REDACTED] in Illinois. I was introduced to the dilemma on Isle Royale in biology class this year. Isle Royale has a very interesting ecosystem. The relationship between the wolf and the moose is so unique to the island, that it is worth preserving. It's a very time sensitive issue, and has to be answered with much thought. In my opinion, option B is the most practical choice. The National Park Service should introduce some new wolves to Isle Royale as a one time event during a specific span of time. Action should be taken as soon as possible because so much time has already been lost. The Isle Royale wolves are on a timer. The wolf population has been fluctuating at an all time low for the last 4 years, following the dramatic decrease last year to 9 wolves according to the Isle Royale wolf study.

According to the National Park Service, human intervention should not occur in any of the nation's parks. At Isle Royale, a human intervention occurred that caused an unbelievable loss in the wolf population. In 1980, a person was walking their dog through the park. The dog infected the wolf population of Isle Royale with a contagious disease called canine parvovirus. Canine parvovirus is spread through the feces of dogs and wolves. Parvovirus infects the small intestine and causes diarrhea, dehydration and leads to death. The Isle Royale wolves must have gotten infected unintentionally stepping through the feces. At the time of the infection, the wolves were at their all time high population wise (50 wolves) in 1980. The parvovirus spread quickly amongst the densely populated wolves. In the span of two years, the wolf population decreased by 34 wolves to a grand total of only 16 wolves on Isle Royale, according to the Isle Royale wolf study. Since a human already has already intervened with the wolf population, it is logical that we should help the wolf population recover from the drastic decrease in their population.

With the addition of new wolves gradually over a period of time, the gene pool of the Isle Royale wolves will increase. A second reason the wolf population has become so low is due to lumbosacral transitional vertebrae, also known as LSTV. LSTV is a malformation in the wolf's pelvic area, mostly caused by inbreeding, resulting in a lack of control of their legs and can prevent a full range of motion, according to Inbreeding within the Isle Royale wolf population. Ice bridges are not forming as often to allow the natural option for new wolves to come to the island due to climate change. For example in 1997, a wolf from Canada crossed the ice bridge and introduced new genes to Isle Royale. He ended up being the most important wolf in Isle Royale history because he bought more time for the wolves until the LSTV outbreak. Without the new wolves and the genetic diversity they offer to Isle Royale, the wolves are forced to inbreed to keep reproducing. The negative effects of inbreeding take time to surface, and are finally evident at Isle Royale. Although inbreeding does not cause LSTV (a recessive gene), the minimal genetic diversity in the Isle Royale wolves make the chances of both recessive genes being passed down much greater than in normal wolf populations. In normal populations, wolves with LSTV occur in 1 out of a 100 wolves, unlike Isle Royale, where a third of the whole wolf population has LSTV according to Inbreeding within the Isle Royale wolf population.

The wolves are the only predator to the moose, who is the other main inhabitant of Isle Royale. As a result of the lowering wolf population, the moose population has been steadily increasing for the last 7 years. The wolves have not been able to effectively hunt moose during the LSTV breakout because of their reduced range of motion. The LSTV breakout has been going on for approximately the last 17 years. Therefore, the moose have had no real predators on the island for that period of time. This phenomenon has affected the island's balsam fir population. The balsam fir is the moose's favorite vegetation to eat on Isle Royale. Since the moose population has been increasing to an all time high of the 21st century (approximately 1,250 moose), they have been eating much more vegetation than they did last century. The balsam fir population has decreased due to the increase in moose. To restore and protect the vegetation of Isle Royale, the moose population needs to be reduced, which is the wolf's job on the island. Therefore, the wolves are crucial to the ecosystem of Isle Royale and new wolves need to be introduced to Isle Royale.

The issue with inaction to save the Isle Royale's wolf population is that it will maintain the imbalance in the ecosystem. The moose population will continue grow out of control with no natural predator. The vegetation of the island will be devastated from the herbivorous moose. Bringing as many wolves as needed to the island in the next 20 years would be too much human intervention. Ideally, there would be as little human interaction as possible in the plan. With the proposed plan, the National Park Service could bring too many wolves to save the population naturally. Not doing anything to save the wolves is not an option. There are only three wolves left on Isle Royale, only one one of them is female, while another one has LSTV, according to the MINNPOST. Something needs to be done immediately to restore the wolf population.

In conclusion, the wolf population on Isle Royale is going through a near extinction period of time. In my opinion, option B is most logical path to save the wolves. Bringing in wolves to expand the gene pool would decrease the probability of LSTV. The restoration of healthy wolves would also control the moose population and help restore the vegetation of Isle Royale. Thank you for your efforts in saving the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: As a well learned supporter of the Isle Royale wilderness program, I believe that option C is the best course of action with the struggling wolf population on the island. Who am I exactly? My name is Matt, I'm [REDACTED], and I've learned a lot about the Isle Royale wolf-moose study over the past few weeks. From my knowledge, I've come to the conclusion that option C is the best alternative to keeping the wolf population alive on Isle Royale. I think that bringing wolves to Isle Royale would help to create more diversity within the gene pool of the current wolves, and it would also greatly reduce the chances of pups being born with Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae (LSTV), a genetic mutation causing most of the wolves to not be able to hunt effectively.

Back in the earlier years of the Isle Royale study, when Old Grey Guy came to Isle Royale, it gave the wolves of the island a second chance at survival, bringing the wolf population from 22 to 24 wolves, in the first year he arrived. Because of the outbreak of LSTV within the wolf population, compounded with the inbreeding issue, caused the odds of pups being born with the malformity to greatly increase. The solution I propose would give the wolf population of the island the same benefit and opportunity of survival that the coming of Old Grey Guy brought. By bringing more wolves to the island, over the course of the next few years, the gene pool of the Isle Royale wolves would be much more diverse, making new pups being born with LSTV much less common.

In addition to creating genetic variety in the group of wolves living on the island, the plan I'm suggesting would also help conserve/preserve what the MinnPost article Options narrow for Isle Royale wolves, and genetic rescue option falls off the table calls "genetically encoded knowledge gained from adapting to the closed ecosystem". Meaning the genetic variations of the wolves' DNA, adaptations to living on Isle Royale, would be kept within the wolves over the course of the next few generations. One such genetic variation would be a resistance to the Canine Parvovirus that struck the wolf population causing the population to decrease from 50 wolves to only about 14. Such resistance would prevent the numbers of wolves from decreasing that much again from the same cause.

Another reason to add wolves on more than one occasion (as many times as needed), would be the most biologically realistic course of action. Adding wolves to the island would simulate the formation of the now much less common ice bridges forming, allowing wolves to cross such bridge and enter the ecosystem of Isle Royale. The National Park Service's policy of nonintervention was put in place to avoid human influences, that would not normally occur, had humans not interacted with the Isle Royale system. Option C would be the most naturally occurring option, fitting in with the NPS' policies. Finally, the last reason why Option C is the best logical alternative is because it would be the fastest way to restore the predator population to "...a level of health that can exert effective control over a prey population...which has now been lost on Isle Royale" (MinnPost, Options narrow for Isle Royale wolves, and genetic rescue option falls off the table). The most important reason for wolves to be kept on the island is because they are an effective controller of the moose population and an effective "keystone" species, when they have healthy numbers. The best option is the one that would restore this healthy population amount quickest, which is Option C.

Because of these few reasons, and because of my now extensive knowledge of the Isle Royale program, I believe that Option C would be the best option because the gene pool of the Isle Royale wolves would be greatly diversified, the genetic adaptations the current wolves possess would be preserved, this option would be the most naturally realistic occurrence, and because the introduction of more wolves to Isle Royale's ecosystem would be the quickest way to rebalance the delicate balance of wolf numbers that helped to effectively control the moose population all those years ago. Thank you for your time and serious consideration, and I hope that the argument I pose is one you see as relevant.

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Correspondence: My name is Garrett [REDACTED]. I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing to the NPS because I am very interested in the course of action that will be taken concerning the wolves and moose of Isle Royale National Park. My writing will also be graded as a part of my biology unit on ecology and the functions of ecosystems. In my opinion the National Park Service should proceed forward with option A, the non-intervention of any wildlife on Isle Royale. If the NPS continues to leave the organisms on Isle Royale to take the course of nature then the Wolves, Moose and science will all benefit.

The wolves of Isle Royale arrived in 1951. They not only brought stability to the highly fluctuating moose population, but they also brought balance to a predator-less ecosystem. If the two starting wolves did not come across on the ice bridge that formed in the winter of 1950-51 then the balsam fir population would have fallen to basically zero as well. One might ask, how do wolves, who prey on moose, affect the population of a specific tree on the island. Wolves prey on moose, the herbivores that eat most of the vegetation on the island, and moose eats balsam fir for a large portion of their diet. When the moose population grows too large, this does not give the balsam fir enough time to reproduce because the moose eat all the tree before they reach maturity. Therefore when the wolves prey on the moose the balsam firs have time to reproduce and grow in numbers.

When we allow nature to take its course, the wolves will benefit. For over 60 years the scientists on Isle Royale have let the wildlife play itself out. The scientists have had the opportunity to observe the fluctuating populations of wildlife on the island. When we allow the wolves to die off or come back naturally then we will gather more data about ecology and populations. Even if the wolves do die off, a new group of wolves or other large predators might come to the island. Lynx and Caribou used to rule the island. Back then there was no scientist to try and unatually save the populations. The wolves will play out to what nature has in store for them.

The moose on the island will benefit tremendously. With the wolf populations diminishing and also the lack of other predators on the island, the moose populations will rise and fall with the lack of food. This can provide us with more data of populations and also allows us to take a close up look at a predator less ecosystem and observe the effect the removal of the keystone organism has on a ecosystem. The moose will either thrive or go extinct with the lack of food.

The vegetation on the island will likely be greatly affected by the disappearance of wolves on the island. The balsam fir population will likely be eaten off to nearly zero. If the wolves do go extinct then the moose populations will rise and the fir population will be eaten off by the extremely high numbers of moose. When the moose fluctuate because of starvation this will provide a good opportunity for the fir population to make a comeback. It will show interesting data about producer and consumer.

In my opinion I believe we should never interfere with any of the island's decisions on its organisms. The island mammals survived on Isle Royale fine for thousands of years. I also believe that the wolf population is going to make a comeback anyways. In the late 1980s and early 1990s the wolves were in a bad spot. Heavy inbreeding was occurring and they also were not performing their ecologic functions of controlling the moose population because the moose were rising to an all time high. They have had many fluctuations why would they not come back now. We should leave the wolves and moose of Isle Royale to take nature's course.

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Correspondence: I'm Milica, and I'm a freshman [REDACTED]. I am writing this letter for my biology class to discuss what should be done about the wolf population on Isle Royale. I think Alternative D would be the best option for the Isle Royale Wolf Population. This option is well-suited because it doesn't let the wolves become extinct, and it allows for more observation before immediate action is taken. This alternative would still allow for more wolves to be introduced to Isle Royale, which would allow for a balance with predator and prey.

There are many different Alternatives the Isle Royale Park Management could choose, but I believe Alternative D would be the best. In Alternative A, by not intervening the wolf population would become completely extinct and there would be no chance to revive the wolf population on Isle Royale. With a no intervention plan the Moose population would become too large, and there would not be enough vegetation. The Moose population has already drastically increased going from 510 moose in 2010 to 1,250 in 2015 with the wolf populations decrease (isleroyalewolf.org). That's more than double the population. And with a dense population of moose, an outbreak, such as moose ticks, could spread twice as fast. Also if moose population continues to grow as quickly as it's growing, vegetation, specifically fir trees, on Isle Royale could disappear (Ron Meador of MinnPost). Without vegetation many other populations and the moose will be affected. If vegetation completely disappears, it can cause a decrease in the moose population. There is also many

other positives that wolves have on an ecosystem. For example, in Yellowstone National Park, when wolves were reintroduced, the vegetation in the area, which had been grazed away by deer, had began to regenerate. This allowed for trees to grow without the constant predation of the deer and other animals. The trees then allowed for birds and other animals to move back to Yellowstone. The wolves in Yellowstone preyed on coyotes which allowed for other species such as rabbits, and mice to increase which allowed for more predators, such as Hawks. The wolves also changed the behavior of the rivers, because the regenerating forests (which were also helped by wolves) helped stabilize banks (How Wolves Change Rivers Video). That's why I think wolves should not be left to go completely extinct. As shown from the impact on Yellowstone, wolves can completely change an ecosystem for the better. If wolves did go extinct the whole ecosystem on Isle Royale could be changed. The only positive of Alternative A, is that it would completely eliminate the genetic depression, from years of inbreeding.

In Alternative B, adding the wolves all at one time, would not stop the wolves from going to extinction from happening all over again. This could also cause there to be too many wolves on Isle Royale. Which can cause for a virus to be spread more quickly in a densely populated area, like when the Canine parvovirus struck in 1980 (isleroyalewolf.org). This caused the population of wolves to go from 50 wolves to 14, and it could happen again if wolves are too densely populated. Moose population could also be drastically affected by this. By adding many wolves at once, could throw off the predator prey balance. The moose on Isle Royale have been used to not having any predators on the island for several years, and by adding many wolves at once could cause a large decrease in the moose population.

I think alternative D would be the best option. Alternative D allows for there to be more observation of the wolves to see if the wolves could recover. This also allows time for possibly an ice bridge or for a migration of wolves to come over to the island. And if a threshold is reached, Alternative D with the combination of C would be the best option. When a threshold is reached, for example: moose population is over carrying capacity, other species are affected on the island, not enough vegetation, then wolves could be added gradually to avoid a too densely populated area of wolves. This alternative allows for wolves to be added when they're needed on Isle Royale. The mix of Alternative C, would allow for the wolves to maintain a constant population until the threshold is resolved.

In conclusion, I believe the best alternative for Isle Royale would be alternative D. I believe this is better than Alternative A, which would allow for the wolf population to go completely extinct. And Alternative B, which would introduce new wolves all at one time. This option would allow for the wolves to be observed and continue until a threshold is reached, and the wolves are needed. When the threshold is reached Alternative D would be mixed with Alternative C. Alternative C allows for the wolves to be added a few at a time, and not all at once.

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Correspondence: Park Management on Isle Royale,

Im Emilia, a freshman high school student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this because Im concerned about the remaining survival time of the wolf pack on Isle Royale. Alternative B is the best option to ensure that the wolf pack thrives while keeping the other dominant species on the island, such as moose and balsam fir, safe. Encouraging the survival of the wolf population on the island would also help other important organisms to stay alive at a healthy rate. There are some major flaws with Alternatives A, C, and D that Id like to address, along with why B will secure the existence of the troubled pack. I support Alternative B, as itll save not only the wolves, but also the moose and balsam fir by adding a reasonable amount onto the pack that isnt overbearing for others stability.

Alternative B states that the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This process has many benefits over the other options for saving the wolf population. Bringing in new, healthy wolves would add a fresh set of genes to the pack, and if those new wolves reproduced, the pack would be saved. One of the more recent problems the pack has faced is lumbo-sacral transitional vertebrae (LSTV), a spinal deformation that causes the pelvis to be an unusual shape. This will cause extreme pain, or the inability to run. The year 1997 shows an extreme change in the wolf numbers because of the disorder, as it dropped from 24 to 14 by 1998. In the same year, a new wolf (Wolf 93) came to the island and brought a new set of genes that were not carrying LSTV. After he became the alpha male and mated several times, he was able to bring up the numbers to 29 by 2000, showing that having new blood on the island could save the entire pack. LSTV would be very uncommon if the new wolves were free of the disease. The spinal disorder would otherwise prevent the wolves from being able to catch the food they would need to live. The unaffected new wolves would not pass the disorder down the line, ensuring that the next generations would not suffer from it and be able to hunt efficiently. If the wolves arent able to prey on moose, the moose population could grow out of hand. Moose prefer to eat balsam fir. If the moose population rises too much, the amount of balsam fir on the island would drastically drop. There would be an excessive amount of competition between the moose over the last remaining food.

I believe the other alternatives are problematic for solving this issue. Alternative A would require the park to completely leave the wolves alone and just let nature run its course. As of right now, there is a high chance the wolves could go completely extinct. If this happens, the amount of moose on the island would heavily increase, possibly causing the balsam fir population to completely vanish. Alternative D also leaves potential for more problems. It isnt a good idea to wait until certain levels of disturbance are met. The park may be too late by the time they start to add in factors to try and save the wolf population. In 1980, a major virus spread on the island and the numbers went from 50 to 14 in a matter of two years. If another epidemic were to happen, nothing could really be done to stop it and adding wolves would just spread the disease further. If the moose population started heavily growing and there was only one LSTV-infected wolf left, adding wolves to possibly reproduce would introduce the deformation to spread among the new pack, causing a similar situation to the one in 1997.

Alternative C brings in an entirely new set of issues in trying to revive the wolf population. This option would involve bringing in new wolves whenever theyre needed for the next 20 years. This would have far too much of a human influence on them, rather than letting nature run its course the way it should. 20 years is far too long for the park to add to the numbers. There is high risk potential here for the wolf pack numbers to grow out of hand. This would mean that more food would be needed on the island. The moose population numbers would drop significantly due to more wolves hunting them and possibly endanger their species, which completely eradicates the point of helps the wolves in the first place.

If Alternative B is put into effect, there would need to be some type of standards or restrictions put on the wolves being brought in. The amount brought in should be significant enough to revive the population, reproduce, and possibly create another pack, but not too many to have an excessive amount of human influence. All of them would need to be completely healthy. They should be checked for LSTV as to not bring it back onto the island. They should be brought in from a habitat similar to the one on Isle Royale, so adaptation wont be a struggle. At least some of the wolves would need to not be siblings so inbreeding doesnt become another issue. Also, there should be a variety of ages. Older wolves should be brought in to reproduce and make future generations. Younger wolves should also be brought in so they can grow over time and form packs.

Alternatives A, C, and D all have specific problems that could not only affect the wolf population, but also the moose and balsam fir species. The goal is to keep all three species alive and in healthy numbers, so Alternative B is best for this. Adding a limited amount of wolves as a one-time event is controlled, but the human influence isnt excessive enough to be too unnatural. It would prevent another situation like the one in 1997 and ensure the continuation of the Isle Royale wolf population.

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Correspondence: Dear Isle Royale National Park Management,

My name is Mike. I am a freshman [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. My biology class recently studied a unit based upon Isle Royale. It was very intriguing and insightful to learn about how the ecosystem really depends on the predator and prey relationship. A recent tally came out and I was astounded to find that there are only two wolves left on the island. This major population drop is very worrisome and could have a large affect on the ecosystem as a whole. I would like to make a suggestion to help the current wolf population crisis. These wolves will only contribute to the deaths of around 30 moose per year. As the population of moose is constantly growing, these wolves only make a dent in the amount of moose. Also, these wolves are getting older and will die off soon. Unless these wolves breed and the siblings breed and so on, there is no foreseeable future for them. Finally, with the time that we are wasting by waiting for the wolves to die off, the moose are overpopulating and eating all of the vegetation. This can affect them in later years because there will not be enough food for them to live and it could dramatically decrease their carrying capacity. I found an invitation online that says that you are accepting suggestions from the public to try to help the wolf population. I believe that alternative B would be the best alternative to use for a variety of reasons. Wolves should be sent in immediately. A one time haul of 25 wolves will solve all of your problems. 25 wolves should be the selected number because it is high enough to find whether the carrying capacity for the wolves is much lower or higher. Also, it will help slow down the rapid increase of the moose population without completely stopping it. It is vital that some course of action is taken and soon.

The moose population on Isle Royale are growing quite rapidly. The moose population has doubled since 2011. This rapid increase is mostly due to the lack of impact the wolves have on the moose. A Minnpost article that was released on May 14, 2013, states that more moose are dying off from pneumonia than by wolves. Moose overpopulation is a very big concern, and it could increase the competition among the moose. This could turn the nature of the moose into being aggressive creatures, and this could have a large impact on the wolves when they are eventually put into play. If the moose become aggressive, it will make it difficult for the wolves to hunt, and that could decrease the wolf population again, and we could end up seeing ourselves in the same position as we are now. In an article written by Minnpost on April 10, 2014, Rolf Peterson said that when the wolves were able to maintain the moose population, the fir trees were able to grow out of reach of the moose and were able to spread throughout the island. Now that the moose population is growing uncontrollably, there is no telling how long the vegetation can sustain the moose.

The moose rely on the vegetation to survive on the island. While there is lots of vegetation over the island right now, in a few years with the moose population steadily rising, the moose may experience a dramatic decrease in population due to the lack of vegetation because it could be deforested by the moose population. In a recent Michigan Tech article published on April 17, 2015, it says that the moose population is growing an average of 22 percent each year. This number is compounding every year and could result in a massive shortage of food. This decrease in vegetation would result in a much lower carrying capacity for the moose, and over time could lower the amount of wolves that can live. Though everything I've said about the moose sounds negative, the moose are very important to the island. After browsing through your website, I came upon a tab dedicated to the forestry on the island. It states that the moose on the island help speed up the process of natural selection. It says the the forestry is ever changing. The wolves purpose is to control the effect that the moose has on the ecosystem.

Wolves are crucial to the survival of the island. Right now, there are only two wolves present on the island currently. They are mates and have had a pup, but it had a genetic disorder and died early in its life. These wolves are projected to be middle aged, so they could possibly recover the population, but that would take numerous years and could genetically alter all of the wolves to come. Wolves should be brought in now because it would bring in new genes and quickly. Over the next 20 years, if 25 wolves are brought in now, the wolf population should remain relatively stable because of all of the time that the moose population has had to grow. Because the wolves are growing, the moose may take a small hit and their population may temporarily go down, but in that time, the vegetation will increase, and everything will balance out. If more wolves are added now, it will be just like starting the experiment over again, except now we have better technology and can collect even more data. Alternative B is the best plan because it will have the most stable future.

Regarding alternative A with no intervention, that will not work because like I previously stated, the longer we wait, the more the moose populate and the less vegetation there is. Alternative C wouldn't work because then there is too much human interaction. The point of this study is to see how nature runs its course. There will be little effect if we are constantly bringing in new wolves. Alternative D will also not be effective because the longer we wait, like alternative A, there will be too much moose repopulation. Alternative B is the wisest choice because of the immediate affect that it will have on the island and the fact that it will be just like starting the experiment from scratch. If 25 wolves are brought in immediately, the wolves will start eating the overpopulating moose which will increase the vegetation enough to sustain the moose for at least 20 years. Because the moose population will be stable, the wolf population will be stable. Alternative B is the greatest hope for Isle Royale

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Correspondence: My name is Jennifer [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois, and I am writing this to add my opinion to what should be happening on Isle Royale regarding the decreasing wolf population. I am recommending that Alternative C is the one chosen to save the population, because it is the most efficient, and has the most potential to save the wolf population on Isle Royale. Alternative C states that the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale whenever they saw fit in order to keep a population of wolves on the island. I think that this is the best solution for the wolf population because of how low the population has dropped. These two remaining wolves could possibly die soon, so it is best to add more wolves, thus helping the population to be healthier, there would be less inbreeding, and it would help to restart the population. This would help to control the continuously growing population of moose and help to save balsam fir trees. If we allowed these wolves to die out completely, the moose would overpopulate and the balsam fir trees would begin to decrease in population due to the fact that they are needed to feed the moose, and lots of moose means that they need lots of food. Adding wolves whenever necessary seems like the best option here because even if the two wolves that are left mate again, their offspring could die, just as the last pup they had has a good chance of dying. This would not solve any problems, as their last pup was very sick, and the next one could be as well. Also, with this new pup, it would have no other wolf to mate with, and the line would end there. This is why Alternative A would not be effective and would most likely cause extinction among the wolves of Isle Royale, however, Mr. Vucetich said that "We won't learn anything new by documenting the precise point when Isle Royale Wolves go extinct" in the Minnpost article from May, 2013. This would also cause negative effects on the balsam fir tree because of the overpopulation of moose that would come from the removal of their predator. One might think that the hunting of the moose could be used to solve this problem and replace the wolves, but this is not the best solution. When John Vucetich was asked in the May 2013 Minnpost article if it was because "wolves tend to prey on the young, the old and the ailing moose, where hunters will take more of the biggest and best," John said, "Yes, and that's probably the most important difference." This shows why we need to sustain the wolf population on Isle Royale.

As for Alternative B, only adding a set number of wolves may not solve the problem either, as Vucetich said in the Michigan Tech News of April 2015, "There is now a good chance that it is too late for genetic rescue." By this, I interpreted it as the fact that one singular wolf could not save the whole population. In 1997, Old Grey Guy revived the population, but that population had started at twenty-four, not two, meaning that bringing maybe three or four wolves to the island at one time would not be enough to save the population. There would need to be a lot of wolves, spread out over a longer period of time rather than just once. If the wolves aren't revived enough after just one time, then they will have been added for seemingly no reason, and this will have only delayed the inevitable. By adding more wolves over an extended period, this problem will be avoided.

Ultimately, Alternative D means that the people at Isle Royale would wait and see what happens to the three remaining wolves on the island before anybody takes action. This would not be the smartest idea because the wolves could become extinct before the decision on what to do was made, and

would this plan would have been carried out just to have the same problems as Alternative A. Alternative A would cause extinction of the Isle Royale wolves, and Alternative D could as well, because actions are not being carried out immediately, or as soon as possible. Overall, Alternative C is the best option to help out the Isle Royale wolves because it is the most efficient at preventing extinction. It will ensure that the wolves will be saved from elimination if any more opportunities arose for this possibility. Making sure that these wolves won't go extinct is critical for the island's population of moose and vegetation, as little to no wolves leads to more moose, which will lead to less vegetation as the moose need food to eat. This will then put the other animals on Isle Royale in danger, and they need food and low vegetation, or their producer, will be low in quantity. This concludes that Alternative C is the best idea to restore the wolf population on Isle Royale because it has the lowest chance of leading the wolves into extinction, and will allow the island's experts to decide when the wolves are needed and how many they will need to bring in order to save the population and the island's ecosystem.

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Correspondence: My name is Emmalyn. I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. Over the past few weeks, my [REDACTED] biology class has been learning about and investigating the Isle Royale environment along with its predator and prey relationships (especially the wolves and moose). We recently learned that there are only 3 wolves on the Island and one of them is an injured pup. Because there is such a high risk that the wolf population will go extinct on the Island, I believe that the best option to save the wolf population is Alternative B: to introduce a new pack of wolves as a one time thing. One of the main missions on Isle Royale is to intervene with the Island's ecosystem the least amount possible. To maintain this mission as best as possible, as well as making sure that the wolf population doesn't go extinct, I believe that you should only introduce new wolves once.

If the wolf population fails to thrive and maintain stability on Isle Royale, than the wolves are not meant to be there. If a population dies off twice in the same location, it is a sign that that area is not stable enough to support that population. So why would we add wolves over and over again if they are going to die off again and again. Our class read an article (Inbreeding within the the Isle Royale Wolf Population) on a wolf called "Old Grey Guy" and how much he helped the wolf population come back from a devastating decrease as a result of LSTV. LSTV is a disease that causes the pelvis to be deformed. This affects the wolves' ability to walk and run. When the wolves can't walk or run, they are unable to obtain the same amount of food for their pack. So when "Old Grey Guy" moved across the ice bridge in 1997, he changed the wolf community forever. Once he was introduced to the wolf population, the amount of wolves on the island steadily increased over a two year period (from 14 wolves to 29 wolves). When a new wolf was introduced to the island, the rest of the wolf population responded very well and showed a gradual increase in their population size. So, if we introduced new wolves to island, the wolves should respond positively as they have in the past to new wolves.

Human intervision is not something that the National Park Service will advise. In 1980, one of the visitors and their dog were walking around the island. Somehow, the dog left some of it's dna on the island. In it's dna, there was a disease was a contagious disease called canine parvovirus. Canine parvovirus is spread through the feces of dogs and wolves. Parvovirus infects the small intestine and causes diarrhea, dehydration and leads to death. If the wolves are not hydrated, they will slowly start to die. This caused the wolf population to slowly decline at a steady pace. Since the human population has already interfered once and cause such a drastic impact, we should look at how much of an influence we can have and use it for good. We can change in the wolf population in a positive way by adding more wolves. But to live to the mission of interfering as least as possible, the best option is to add more wolves once.

If new wolves were not introduced to Isle Royale in 1997 and the the wolf population died off, the moose population would continue to grow. In the past, when the moose continued to increase, the overall health on the island (including the plants and other animals) decreased. The main source of the moose's energy, the twigs and needles of balsam fir and cedar, decreased in their number dramatically, especially in the years 1982 to 1995 according to the Isle Royale wolf study, when the moose were most plentiful in number. If the wolves are not on Isle Royale, then all of the vegetation and animals on the island will suffer (mainly because the moose population will be the most dominate) as John Vucetich had mentioned in his interview. If new wolves were introduced to the island there would not likely be any problems with the wolves. The wolves keep everything in check. The moose, the vegetation, the lynx, the coyotes and the caribou.

Wolves develop from pups at an incredible rate. Pups are born, in late April, after just a two-month pregnancy. Because they can grow up so quickly, they can reproduce more. If we introduced wolves who were more likely to mate, then a larger abundance of wolves would grow even after new wolves were introduced. Once those pups grow up, they will be able to start their own pack after 2 years. Once they start their own pack, the same events will most likely happen.

If Isle Royale was to introduce a new group of wolves, they would want to have a large variety of wolves. This is so the wolves do not inherit the same genes as one another. If this happens, we would most likely see another case like LSTV. There should most likely be a baby, a mother, a father, an alfa, and an elder.

The baby for a new generation, the mother and father for reproducing, an alfa for a leader, and an elder for experience. I believe that without all of these different types of wolves, the wolf population of Isle Royale will die off not long after a new population is added.

Alternative A is not logical because the wolves need help. Yes the scientist do not want to interfere with the wolves, but the wolf population on Isle Royale has gotten to the point of near extinction. If we don't help now, we will have to accept the fact that the wolves will die off and bringing them back will be nearly impossible. Alternative C involves too much intervention. The scientist don't want to get involved with the population too much. They want to keep the wolves alive so that the island stays alive. Alternative D would work if we had more time, but we don't. The scientist have waited too long to even consider Alternative D.

In conclusion , to make sure that Isle Royale doesn't become too unstable to maintain an ecosystem and to interfere with the island the least amount as possible, Alternative B is the best possible option given all of these factors of concern. Thank you for reading and for trying to save the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Jimmy. I am writing this to express my opinion on what the National Park Service should do regarding the wolves on Isle Royale. I think it will be most helpful to the Isle Royale ecosystem if the National Park Service chooses Alternative B. This would mean bringing wolves onto the island a few times during a specific time period. I feel that the best way to do this would be to bring in three male and three female wolves

every year for three years. This would ensure that the wolf population would thrive for a long time, and the moose wouldnt become overpopulated. This would also lead to increased vegetation and smaller species, like hares and beavers on Isle Royale.

Adding three male and three female wolves to Isle Royale each year for three years will have great results regarding the wolf population. One reason is because these wolves will not have LSTV, and it is highly unlikely that they possess the LSTV trait. This means that instead of almost one third of wolves born on Isle Royale having this malformation, only about one out of every one hundred wolves born will have the malformation (isleroyalewolf.org). Wolves with this malformation are in a lot of pain when walking, so hunting moose is basically impossible. If wolves can not hunt the moose, they wont have food, so they will die. If the amount of wolves with LSTV reduces to almost zero, the wolves will be able to hunt moose, therefore being able to survive. The wolf population would then continue to grow and stabilize at a healthy level. Another reason is because adding six wolves every year instead of adding eighteen wolves just once will more than likely mean that there will be three wolf packs instead of one. This is good for the wolves because if a large wolf virus were to occur like the one from 1980-1982 (isleroyalewolf.org), the wolves would be more spread out than if they were all in one pack. Instead of the wolf population dropping almost 75% lke it did during the previous wolf virus, the wolf population would only go down about 30% i the worst case scenario.

My form of Alternative B would be great for controlling the moose population too. Not only would the moose population go down because the wolves hunt the moose, but with three wolf packs on the island, the moose would have to change their eating habits. Instead of the moose sedentarily grazing on vegetation whenever they please, they would have to constantly be on the move. By using more energy and taking in less energy, the moose will have shorter lifespans, thus reducing the population even more.

Finally, adding in these wolves will do wonders for the vegetation and the other species of animals on the island. Since the wolves need to hunt the moose for food, the moose will almost constantly be on the move. This leads to the vegetation growing high enough to where the moose cant reach it. Forests will become lush and green instead of yellow and depressing. When Yellowstone National Park reintroduced wolves into the ecosystem, the effect was almost immediate. Valleys and gorges flourished since moose didnt eat the vegetation there anymore, for they could be trapped there by wolves very easily. The height of the trees even quintupled in a period of just six years in some areas (How Wolves Change Rivers). On Isle Royale, I think the increased vegetation will lead to an increase in the beaver and otter population. The snowshoe hares population will also increase because of the vegetation, and this will lead to an increased population of animals that eat the hares, like foxes, hawks, and weasels. All these species of animals and plants could prosper, all because less than 20 wolves can be added to Isle Royale.

There are many good cases for Alternatives A, C, and D, but I do not think they will be the best choices for the future of the wolves, moose, vegetation, and other species on Isle Royale. To start, Alternative A is the route of non-intervention. People say that humans havent intervened with Isle Royale yet, so they ask why should they start now? The problem with that question is, whether they know it or not, humans have already intervened. From 1980-1982 over thirty-five wolves died from a virus that was spread by a pet dog that was brought to the island by a human. If that never happened, then Isle Royale might not be in this current situation. I dont believe Alternative C is the way to go either. By bringing in as many wolves as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves is a little too much intervention. It would not make Isle Royale a natural ecosystem anymore. It would basically be a zoo exhibit. Likewise, Alternative D is not to my liking. I think the wolves need to be added to Isle Royale as soon as possible to ensure that the wolves that got to Isle Royale naturally will have a chance to live longer than just a couple more years.

Overall, I think my version of Alternative B is the way to go to ensure a thriving wolf population, a healthy moose population, and a variety of vegetation and other species on Isle Royale. Again, this would mean bringing in three male and three female wolves each year for three years. It would not only be good for the vegetation and animals on Isle Royale, but it would be a splendid sight for visitors on the island too. The National Park Service will be amazed at the results, and I know the people will be too. I am sure the National Park Service will decide what they think is the best fate for the wolves on Isle Royale, and I am anxious to hear the decision.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Anil. I am [REDACTED] and in my [REDACTED] Biology class we have been studying the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. I am writing this because I am concerned about the stability of the ecosystem on Isle Royale. As you know the wolf population has dropped drastically. This is conflicting and many people are disputing on whether to intervene or not. After learning a lot about Isle Royale I have made a decision myself on what I think the best next step would be. I think the best option is Alternative D. Let nature take its course and if the wolf population dying out has drastic effects on the park then add selectively picked wolves to the isle once. Alternative D is the best option for many options. This will result in minimum intervention in the National Park, allow for a healthier wolf population by minimizing the risk of diseases like LSTV, and an overall healthier ecosystem in Isle Royale.

First off, the current wolf population in Isle Royale has dropped to 3 wolves, one of them being a pup that seems to have deformities caused by LSTV. LSTV is a recessive trait in wolves, it is a condition in where spine and vertebrae of the lower back are dysfunctional/malformed. This is not ideal for wolves as they can't hunt and essentially survive. Inbreeding was a major problem among the wolves. LSTV is not caused directly by inbreeding, but is a recessive trait that is easier to be passed down if animals of a similar genotype breed. On Isle Royale about one-third of the wolves had LSTV while normally this was found in 1 out of every 100 wolves.(Inbreeding within the IR wolf population). This shows that the wolves are suffering from a lack of variety and although they are creating offspring, the wolf population is still suffering due to a much higher risk of the offspring being unable to survive. This threatens the dwindling wolf population as they are dropping significantly and of last year are down to the last 3. One of which is believed to have spinal deformities. Alternative D would be ideal in this situation. Since the last 3 wolves either have LSTV or the ability to pass it, it would be best to not get these wolves mixed in with healthy wolves, "Peterson, who led the study longest, initially advocated for letting the current wolf population die out and then be replaced with wolves carefully selected and imported from other places."(MinnPost). Since genetic rescue is no longer an option the best step would to introduce new healthy wolves so the "genetic depression" won't be repeated. Mixing in healthy wolves with the three left could just be a setup for disaster as the wolf population could potentially be in danger. The wolves currently on Isle Royale will most likely die as there is only one pup without much hope of making it past the year due to LSTV. This should happen and then the situation should be analyzed to see how the absence of wolves affect the ecosystem. If there seems to be negative consequences like a decrease in vegetation due to uncontrolled moose population, then the wolves should be reintroduced. With healthy wolves an incident like this should not occur again if people are more cautious. This rules out alternative B because introducing wolves without waiting a period of time could cause damage to the future wolf population.

Alternative D is also a great option because it involves minimal intervention, and the intervention is most purposeful. One option suggested (Alternative A) suggests no action or intervention should occur. I don't think this is the best option because humans and lack of caution caused the wolf population the decrease. Human introduced dangers include Canine Parvovirus, a disease that killed a lot of wolves that was introduced to Isle Royale by a visitor and a dog with that disease, and global warming. The climate changes has had negative effects on the park. Warmer weather leads to things like ticks, and less healthier moose. If the moose are less healthy in the summer this causes them to die out, giving wolves less food. These are all man-made disturbances, it would only make sense that minimal intervention should occur to fix what has already gone wrong. However too much intervention is also a bad thing, "Isle Royale is managed not only as a national park but as a wilderness area, under a body of law that limits human manipulation."(MinnPost). The animals are supposed to be wild and preserved. So too much human intervention would essentially defeat the purpose of a contained wildlife preserve and also break the law. This rules out Alternative C, bringing wolves whenever needed is not a good option as people have too much influence over the wildlife in the park.

Lastly, another major factor that is considered is maintaining a healthy and stable ecosystem in Isle Royale. This is threatened by the absence of the wolves. Without wolves, the moose population would greatly increase with no predator to keep them in check. A rise in moose means a decrease in its prey, which is the grass and vegetation of Isle Royale. As seen with Yellowstone National Park wolves were introduced many years after they had disappeared from the park and it greatly benefitted the ecosystem. Also, "But in recent years, as the wolf population has fallen to a historic low, predation on moose fallen virtually to zero, the moose population has soared and the fir forest is in trouble again"(MinnPost). This shows that wolves are an important component to other life forms in national parks. This is why wolves are needed and why option A should be ruled out. The stability of the ecosystem is the most important reason on why this is being disputed. Wolves serve a very important role in the ecosystem of Isle Royale, and the fact that they are threatened to extinction in Isle Royale could pose many consequences. All animals and vegetation need to be kept in check in an ecosystem, and the wolves being a keystone predator have this very significant role.

In conclusion, wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem in Isle Royale so they need to be brought back over time. Introducing them immediately with already unhealthy wolves could mean the same disaster with many wolves having LSTV. Also minimum intervention is significant as keeping Isle Royale natural and wild is just as important as it being stable. Alternative D is therefore the best option as it meets all these standards. Wolves need to be brought back in order for the ecosystem to be stable, however there should be a time period in between to allow for a healthy and new wolf population. Alternative D is the best option at saving Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: My name is Olivia, I am a highschool student [REDACTED], my [REDACTED] biology class is studying ecosystems and we have been looking at Isle Royale's unique situation for weeks. I am writing this in regards to the declining wolf population on Isle Royale and the problems their extinction would cause for the island. The alternative solution to Isle Royale's situation I believe fits best is Alternative C.

This solution would call for the National Parks Service bringing wolves to the Island as soon as possible and for as long is necessary to keep the wolf population stable. The wolf population is incredibly important to Isle Royale as it is a keystone species in the special ecosystem, keeping the moose in check, ultimately saving the vegetation of the island including the balsam fir. Alternative C would manage the wolf population very closely for the next 20 years, providing direction for all the populations in the most direct way and addressing environmental impacts immediately. Immediate action is important because conditions are not getting better on Isle Royale for the wolves and vegetation and they will not until the National Parks Service does something about it.

NPS should intervene with the wolf population because letting nature take its own course without human influence is virtually impossible. Whether intentional or not, over the course of many years humans have impacted the island in many different ways. Humans introduced a pair of wolves in the 1950s (Earth Journal). Humans caused global warming, resulting in temperature drops and consequently ice bridges being less likely to form, resulting in wolves not being able to come to the island on their own. The parvovirus was brought to the island because of human negligence and this caused a decrease in the wolf population as well.

With the increased impact of global warming, ice bridges form less and less often. This means that a natural migration that could save the wolf population is getting more and more unlikely every year. Last year two wolves came to the island via ice bridge but then left the island (Michigan Tech). For whatever reason, these wolves didn't stay, bringing up the question of whether other wolves that migrate will stay. Since there is no telling if wolves that do migrate will stay on the island, natural migration is not a viable option.

A problem the current wolf population faces is LSTV which affects wolves by limiting their hunting abilities, inflicting those with the disease with a hunched back and deformed tail (isleroyalwolf.org). By not being able to hunt properly, the moose population is also affected, as wolves will not be able to keep the population in check. The addition of The Old Gray Guy in 1997 increased the wolf population by adding new and better genes to the wolf gene pool, resulting in healthier wolf pups with a better chance at survival (Earth Journal). This shows that healthy wolves joining the population is not only good for the wolves of Isle Royale, but also the moose population because wolves keep them under control, helping the island's vegetation. Because LSTV is a recessive disorder, and the only wolf pup on the island exhibits symptoms, LSTV must be present in the two remaining adult wolves on Isle Royale (MinnPost). It is likely that the pup will die because LSTV, meaning it won't be reproducing with any new wolves added to the island. If added now, new wolves will probably not breed with the two old wolves on the island even if they are still alive (Michigan Tech News). If NPS added healthy wolves now and monitored their activity, then the new wolf population of Isle Royale would remain healthy.

The balsam fir is greatly depending on the wolf population to save it, which is depending on us to save it. The moose population is greatly increasing with essentially no wolves as predators and will continue to do so (Wolf and Moose Population Study). Moose are eating up the balsam fir, their preferred food, at increasingly high rates, and balsam firs take a long time to reproduce so a long-term absence to the wolves and increasing moose population could mean an end to the tree (MinnPost).

In conclusion, the best way to provide direction for the populations of Isle Royale for the next twenty years is directly managing the wolf population for the next twenty years. It is the best way to surely keep Isle Royale's vegetation from disappearing at the hands of the moose population. The wolves have been harmed by humans throughout the years and adding wolves for a second time would surely save the population benefiting the island. Immediate response is important for the balsam fir population which is at a big threat under the large moose population. Genetic rescue is unlikely to happen, as is natural rescue. Keeping up a policy of "non-intervention" can only harm Isle Royale, if we don't intervene then the population of wolves and then trees will go extinct. All humans have done to the Island is intervene since day one. Humans not intervening with it is simply not going to happen with increasing tourism and the effects humans have on temperature as a whole. It seems ridiculous to not intervene in the most necessary way, helping the island survive.

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Correspondence: My name is Mark, and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. Recently in my biology class we have been learning about the problem with the wolf population and I wanted to voice my opinion on what you should do to solve the problem. I believe the National Park Service should choose option B and bring wolves in as soon as possible from an area that is close to where the ice bridge usually forms by the Canadian mainland. This will then have the most natural effect on the Park, because it can be seen as if the wolves did cross the ice bridge, and have less human intervention.

In my opinion the park will most likely benefit from option B. Although the park wants to uphold their act of nonintervention, with the wolf population on Isle Royale becoming extinct the sooner you act the better. I would bring in six wolves from the area where the ice bridge connects right before the next mating season. John Vucetich of Michigan Tech University said, If somethings valuable, why wouldnt you try to keep it rather than let it go extinct and then try to put it back together. Also, with the introduction of wolves you will bring unique genes to Isle Royale which will limit the chances of the wolves inheriting LSTV. As you may know, LSTV is a recessive gene, but due to the cause of inbreeding it has become common for the wolves. With this gene the wolves receive spinal and pelvic deformation which makes it difficult for the wolves to hunt, and without food they will eventually die. With choosing alternative B, there is the possibility of seeing the same outcome that occurred when Old Grey Guy appeared at Isle Royale 1997. From 1998-2000 he

drove the abundance of wolves from 14-29. The park was lucky enough back then for genetic rescue to occur naturally. Due to the increase in temperatures, there is a rarer chance that you will find ice bridges forming and even more so to have wolves actually cross the bridge. Option B will also benefit the moose as well. With more wolves the moose population will be stabilized. In 2013, John Vucetich told Ron Meador of the MINNPOST that wolves are no longer having an impact on the moose population. In the years of 2012 and 2013 he said the wolves only killed 2% of the moose in Isle Royale. Without the wolves, the population of the moose will never stabilize and continue to grow. In the future the moose will reach its carrying capacity and the population will drop dramatically. Based on a graph showing the population of the moose and wolves from 1960-2015, it seems like harsher winters are making more of an effect on the moose population. Although it may seem like a temporary solution, not all winters are bound to be as mild. The moose population will be able to rise, so the best time to intervene is now to ensure stability between species on the island. With the growing moose population, their resources will reach the mooses carrying capacity. The Balsam Fir, which is the main part of their diet, will become difficult to find on Isle Royale. The lack of food will cause many of the moose to starve to death resulting in a plunging decrease in the population, which makes introducing new wolves to Isle Royale so vital. It might not just mean the wolves extinction from the island, but maybe the Balsam Firs as well. For instance, Yellowstone National Park came across a similar problem. Their website addressed that with the reintroduction of wolves to the park is gave life to many trees such as the Aspen. The same thing can happen in Isle Royale if we follow by their example. Out of the 4 alternatives, option B is the most rewarding. With new wolves being introduced to the wolves of Isle Royale, you can still have genes of the original wolves to live on and it will be the most natural way to fix their problems. If you were to choose option A, the wolves will most likely die off. Do you really want to see the wolves suffer for the rest of their life, or at least give them a fighting chance. Letting the wolves die out wont just hurt them, but the entire ecosystem as well. With option C, Isle Royale will be to inflicted by humans. If you decide to add wolves to Isle Royale, then it should be a one time thing otherwise the park will no longer be seen as an area with non-human intervention. Finally, I do not agree with option D, for the reason that by the time the NPS takes action the wolves may already be dead. It would also depend on if the NPS decides to bring in wolves as a one time event, or multiple introductions. I would not want to take that chance of disrupting the economy afterward. Therefore, I would choose option B due to the fact that adding wolves into the park as a one time event will cause the least amount of disturbance to the ecosystem. It will allow the Island to once again not be intervened by humans, stabilize the population of the moose, and will allow vegetation such the Balsam Fir to regrow. Thank you for taking the time to read about my opinion, but I hope you dont let the Isle Royale ecosystem to suffer any longer.

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Correspondence: My name is Madeline. I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. As part of a unit in my biology class we have been studying ecosystems and the moose and wolves of Isle Royale. With the evidence I have collected through the research that has been done on Isle Royale, I believe that the best plan is Alternative D. The best way to save the wolf population is to not take immediate action. By doing this there would be time to come up with a plan and some thresholds. If those are met then wolves could be added. Over the past 56 years the wolf and moose populations of Isle Royale have fluctuated drastically. Neither population has been very stable. The wolf population in Isle Royale has been very low for the past few years. There are many reasons for this, including climate change, parvovirus, the coming of Old Grey Guy, and LSTV. Although the wolf population has decreased substantially, I still think waiting and coming up with certain conditions when wolves should be added is a better idea than just to add wolves to the island.

One big issue for the wolves of Isle Royale in LSTV. Lumbosacral transitional vertebrae, or LSTV, is a genetic condition that causes spinal and pelvic deformation, and it is prevalent in the wolves born on Isle Royale. LSTV causes misshapen bones in the pelvis that damage the nerves that control a wolf's tail and hind legs. It also pinches nerves in the back and legs, thus preventing the wolf from having a full range of motion. This causes the wolves to be in a lot of pain and have a hard time hunting. If they cant hunt well, they will not get enough food, and eventually they will die from lack of nourishment. If the wolves die, then the moose population will increase and the vegetation will decrease. When wolves are inbred, like they are on Isle Royale, they have a higher chance of getting LSTV because the array of genes is smaller. If two wolves that are heterozygous for the trait mate there is a 25% chance for their pups to acquire LSTV. If we do nothing (Alternative A) there is a high chance that the wolf population will die off. With Alternative D, we wait and see if the wolves have more pups, and then we bring over new wolves later. The new wolves most likely will not have LSTV, which would mean that an Isle Royale wolf and a wolf brought to the island has very little or no chance of their offspring having LSTV. Also if nothing is done there might not be any wolves left on Isle Royale, which would cause an increase in the moose population and then a decrease in the vegetation. If this continued to occur, eventually there would not be enough food to sustain the moose, and they would start to die. Over time there could be nothing left on Isle Royale. In my opinion, not taking immediate action is the best plan because there are natural ways that the wolf population could increase without human intervention. For instance in 1997 when Old Grey Guy crossed an ice bridge from Canada to Isle Royale, he brought a new variety of genes. At this time the wolf population had a risk of all wolves having LSTV. When Old Grey Guy mated with other wolves on Isle Royale he expanded the wolf population. Not as many wolves had LSTV and the population increased by 2 wolves. The time frame for genetic rescue has ended, but there is time to come up with the best way to save the wolf population of Isle Royale or create a new population. In the Michigan Tech article from 2015, geneticists who studied the situation on Isle Royale agree that recovery of the population is unlikely now without new genetic material. This could happen naturally, and then in a few years new wolves could be brought over repopulate Isle Royale. An ice bridge could form, which would allow the natural recurrence of wolves crossing over to Isle Royale. This could have the same effect as Alternative C, which is to bring wolves to the island for at least 20 years. Ever since the study of Isle Royale began, a main concern was for humans to have little interference in the way the moose and wolves live. However, we have come to a point where the only way to fix the situation is to intervene. We dont have to do anything immediately, but we should act within the next few years or the life on Isle Royale could be lost.

Human intervention has already changed the wolf population. Climate change over the years has affected the wolves and moose. Due to the heat, moose were spending more time in the water and ended up getting ticks. Also parvovirus, which was brought over by a dog in 1980, drastically affected the wolves. By 1982 the wolf population had gone from 50 wolves to 14 wolves. This decrease allowed the moose population to grow, which decreased the vegetation. If we let the current wolf population of Isle Royale die off or get to a point where they can't save themselves, we could bring over a new wolf population that will most likely not have LSTV or have been affected by humans as much as some of the organisms on Isle Royale. The difference between Alternative D and Alternative B is that with Alternative D you are giving the original wolves of Isle Royale a chance to recover their population before humans intervene. Alternative B would immediately start to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. I feel it is important for humans to have little interference with the organisms on Isle Royale; although we might think our actions will not be a big deal, they could have a drastic impact on the islands populations and habitat.

In my opinion, Alternative D is the best option. It gives the current wolf population a chance to evolve naturally, it doesnt involve humans consistently intervening with the ecosystem on Isle Royale, new wolves will create variations in the gene pool, and it provides time to create a plan to save the wolves, moose, and vegetation of Isle Royale. The limited involvement of humans will allow the island to remain a natural, sustainable habitat, while ensuring balance among the wolf and moose populations.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Management,

My name is Ashlyn, and I am high school student writing from Illinois. In my [redacted] biology class, we learned about the natural ecosystem that is Isle Royale National Park and more specifically, the wolf population and its effect on the other species of the ecosystem. Throughout the years of the study, the wolf population, as seen on a graph of information charted from 1960-2016, has fluctuated greatly. Ron Meador states in a MINNPOST article, "The population trend on Isle Royale for the last six years has been steadily downward." At it's highest, the number of wolves in the park was 50 in 1980, shown on our graphs. The lowest population though, is the current wolves in the park, as there are only two left.

This brings me to why I think that you should act on the proposed Option D, the idea to not take immediate action and continue the nonintervention policy, allowing natural processes to continue. Important thresholds would be set to make sure the ecosystem is sustained, and If these thresholds are met, wolves would be brought into the park through multiple introductions as they are needed. This means that for the situation as it is right now, the wolves will most likely die out and with this opinion, will be replaced.

The steady decline of the wolf population was caused by multiple factors; things like canine parvovirus and harsh winters, but the most impactful of all of them were inbreeding and how it caused the spread of the LSTV disease. As said in the article, Inbreeding within the Isle Royale wolf population, "...the Isle Royale research group systematically inspected the skeletal remains from 50, or, so Isle Royale Isle Royale wolves have been collected over the last five decades." "A surprising number of these wolves suffered from several different kinds of congenital malformation in the spine." LSTV, or Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae, causes distortions of a wolf's spine, making it painful for them to move or more importantly, hunt. The LSTV gene is recessive, but due to the growing amount of infected wolves, many of the newborn pups would grow up being much weaker.

As the wolf population began to plummet, the moose population soared. In the years 1979-1989, as the wolf population dipped to around 15 wolves, the moose population soared, reaching numbers of 2500 in 1981. Now that there was less predators to kill off the moose, their numbers increased dramatically. Unfortunately, with so many moose, the bush fir forest suffered. At a meeting on June back in 2013 Rolf Peterson said, "These trees have been waiting 60-70 years to outgrow moose browsing, with more moose these trees can take even a century to regrow". The loss of the bush fir forest could have catastrophic consequences on the ecosystem, and there is too many moose for it to even have a chance to grow. The loss of hunting wolves made a huge impact on the entire ecosystem, as we can see in the swelling of the moose population and the loss of the bush for population, and we can see a similar pattern through recent years.

If Option D is implemented and the wolves are left to their own in a policy of nonintervention, then when they die off the population threat of LSTV is eliminated with them. Then, we start over with a brand new pool of genes, practically guaranteeing success and health for the new wolves and therefore, the ecosystem. If we were to pick Option C, where new wolves are dropped into the park as often as needed without waiting for the remaining two to die first, then LSTV could effect the new wolves through inbreeding and the threat would still be there, gradually escalating in the future years.

If we were to pick Option B, where wolves are dropped into the park once and then left on their own, the dropped wolves would eventually be affected by the disease even faster. Furthermore, if Option A was picked, Isle Royale would never recover. The wolves would die out, moose population would inflate, the bush fir forest would die, leaving other organisms without a habitat. Option D allows for nonintervention, a policy that was so important to the park on recent years, until it is absolutely necessary.

With the exception of Option A, all the proposed options allow for dropping wolves in either once, or however many times may be necessary. As we have seen with instances like the arrival of wolf #93, or "Old Grey Guy," the wolf population can be temporarily increased. with the introduction of new alleles, but the decline in population still comes to be. That is what I fear will happen if Options B or C are chosen, because while new genes might bring partial success to the population, LSTV will still be included in the gene pool because of the two last wolves currently residing on the island.

In conclusion, the wolves of Isle Royale, being a keystone species, are a fundamental piece of the ecosystem. Without them, the ecosystem is completely effected; moose will overpopulate, bush fire will die, and the dynamics of the ecosystem will not be healthy. In a Ted Talk given by George Monbiot, he showed how the wolves of Yellowstone had such an impact on the population that over the course of time, they changed how the rivers flowed. I understand that Yellowstone is a different place and situation than Isle Royale, but it shows just how powerful the impact of wolves can be. This is why we need to do anything at all costs to preserve the introduction of new, healthy, wolves to the park so they can keep the incredible ecosystem that is Isle Royale alive and thriving. I truly hope you'll take into consideration my opinions when making the choice of which proposed option to act on for the next twenty years, because I would like to see the natural ecosystem that is Isle Royale flourish and grow.

With thanks,
Ashlyn

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Correspondence: I am Gary, an [redacted] Biology student [redacted] in Park Ridge, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. I am writing this recommendation because my Biology teacher is assigning us to write a claim about taking action for the near-extinct population of the wolves on Isle Royale. For my claim, I have chosen to side with Letter C. I believe that if the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed, then we can bring new mating partners to Isle Royale and potentially get kickstart the population again. I believe this will be the most beneficial solution because it will also allow the wolves to immediately reproduce and give birth to pups who don't have LSTV disease.

I find Option C to be the most beneficial over the other three options because this option gives the most control over the wolf population and will help us get a better understanding of the their population. Option C lets us take immediate action to help potentially save the wolves as soon as possible, which in turn can help control the moose and vegetation population quickly. If we do not act now, which Options A and D propose to do, we would have to wait about 60-75 days just to see if the wolf pup will not have LSTV. The mating partners, although they seem to be in decent condition right now, could potentially die. Anything is possible with hazards like the abandoned copper mine that took the lives of three wolves in 2012.

While Options C and B are similar in concept, there could be a problem with introducing a whole wolf pack to Isle Royale immediately. We already know how successful introducing just one wolf can be to Isle Royale after seeing Old Grey Guy sparked new life into the population in 1997, adding new genes into the gene pool of the wolf pack. Without him, there would more inbred pups, which could have died off much sooner and lead to a much earlier extinction of the wolves. With Option B, the wolves would only be introduced as a one time event, but with Option C, the wolves would be introduced over the next twenty years. This means that the NPS can introduce wolves when they need to if the population is looking scarce.

While I believe all four options have their valid points, Option C makes the most sense to me because not only does this mean the NPS would act immediately to introduce new wolves, but the NPS would be able to introduce wolves not only as a one time event. We do need a genetic rescue as well because if there are no predators to kill the moose and maintain a healthy population, nearly all of the vegetation on Isle Royale would cease to exist. After the moose arrived about a century ago, they began to consume all of the fir trees on Isle Royale. In the late 1940s, Many scientists and biologists feared of a mass vegetation extinction, so they planned a genetic rescue in order to save the trees. They decided to introduce a few new wolves onto the island and it began to work for a while, with the wolves even thriving in 1980 with a population of 50. The situation Isle Royale is in today is a very similar one it was

in during the 1950s, and it's up to a genetic rescue to help save the vegetation and the moose from overpopulation. Thank you for considering my opinions and I hope we can make a change for the better on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale Wolf Recommendation

My name is Hannah and I am a freshmen and an [REDACTED] Biology student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. I heard about the wolf dilemma from my biology class, where we are currently studying ecosystems and populations, specifically the moose and wolves of Isle Royale. I am recommending alternative B, stating that a new pack of wolves should be taken to Isle Royale once and then they can establish themselves and attempt to grow on their own. I believe that small fixes and bringing new wolves to Isle Royale could prevent some of the problems that occurred with the existing wolves and initially caused their population to decrease, so this alternative could be the change that provides Isle Royale with a new, successful wolf population.

It is important for Isle Royale to have wolves for the reason that their population affects all other organisms in the island. For example, if the wolf population continued to decrease and eventually died out completely, there would be no predators to the moose, so the moose population would increase dramatically. Following this increase, the moose would continue to eat the plants and on Isle Royale, and with more moose feeding on these plants, the vegetation of the island would have to decrease. A main concern of this is decreasing the amounts of Balsam Fir that has been on the island long before the populations of moose or wolves. It is also possible that the wolves themselves can change their existing environment, because it has been done before. In the video, How Wolves Change Rivers, it discusses the effect of wolves in Yellowstone National Park, and how they even changed the behavior of the rivers. Because of the addition to the food chain, the wolves reduced the number of deer in the park, which increased the amount of vegetation, with less deer feeding on it. This regeneration of greenery, stabilized the land around the banks which caused the rivers to settle into their paths more. The rivers also formed more pools and eroded less, which was great for other wildlife populations in the park. This is a similar situation to the population on Isle Royale, so the addition of new wolves to the island could have a very similar, positive outcome to the one in Yellowstone National Park.

Some of problems that initially began the decrease of the wolf population was the spread of Canine Parvovirus and the wolf inbreeding with the LSTV deformation. The data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study shows that there was an all time high in the moose population in 1980 and within two years the population went from 50 wolves to 14 wolves. It later became known that this was the result of an outsider interference, specifically a human with their pet dog. Their dog had a virus called Canine Parvovirus that can easily be spread throughout dogs and wolves through fecal waste. This is a problem that could easily be fixed by Alternative B, and long as they prohibit or strictly limit the pets that visit Isle Royale in addition to adding wolves as a one time event.

Another event that caused fear for loss of the population was the inbreeding of the spinal and pelvic deformation. According to the article titled Inbreeding within the Isle Royale Wolf Population, this deformation was called Lumbo-sacral Transitional Vertebrae, and is not caused just from inbreeding, but if many wolves are heterozygous for this trait, inbreeding increases the chances of this deformation being spread throughout the population. The deformation become problematic to the wolves because it doesn't give them full range of motion in their hind legs and back. This prevents them from being able to hunt efficiently, causing them to eventually die much earlier than a healthy wolf, because of a lack of food supply. Implementing a new set of wolves would eliminate this problem, as long as they did not have the gene for LSTV, because they would bring upon a whole new set of genes that would not continue to pass along this deformation. These two physical problems, especially Canine Parvovirus created a visible downfall in the wolf population and are two of the most preventable causes by bringing in a new set of wolves to help reestablish the population.

As mentioned in the MINNPOST article, No New Wolves: Isle Royale to Continue, for Now, a Policy of Nonintervention, scientists and park service members would like to intervene with nature as little as possible, and would prefer to let nature take its course. Unfortunately, it's looking like this will not be an option if they want the populations and environment on Isle Royale to survive. With this in mind, it would seem the most logical to use Alternative B, because it both solves the problem of the wolf population decreasing, and letting nature happen as it is as much as possible. Alternative C would also fix the initial problem of the few number of wolves, but it would be problematic because implementing new wolves as much as needed would be going against their policy of nonintervention repeatedly. This alternative would also continue to change the types of wolves on the island and could potentially have negative effects. For example, countless amounts of new wolves that are originally from a different habitat could prevent the existing wolves from reproducing with them, which would stop the growth of the population. Alternatives A and D could possibly be fatal to the population because doing nothing has proven to be bad for the wolves as noticed in the last couple years when the wolf population has gone down from nineteen to three between 2010, and 2015. In Alternative D, it is mentioned that they will potentially take action, they would wait and make their decision after more monitoring in order to see if a change will occur naturally. This could also have the same negative effects as Alternative A because they could lose the original wolf population of Isle Royale. Letting the original wolf population die out and then carefully replacing them with carefully selected new wolves was an idea first put out by Rolf Peterson but he was eventually persuaded by John Vucetich, who said that it would be better to have a "genetic rescue" where new wolves would be added side by side the existing wolves in order to improve the gene pool. Alternative B is the most fitting to these ideas of Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich.

With the idea of the least amount of intervention as possible and keeping the original wolf population alive, Alternative B has proven itself to be the best. It not only solves the problem quicker and more efficiently, but it keeps the existing wolf population alive, and fixes the problems that would occur with the moose and vegetation if the wolf population ever did die. It also does all this with the least amount of intervention possible, which is important to Park Services and scientists studying this problem. For these reasons, Alternative B would be the most suitable for the situation on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Jonah. I am a student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge Illinois, and our class is observing the situation at Isle Royale. Studying the behavior of animals has always been an interesting topic for me. In my opinion, the right way to handle the wolves is to intervene and save them from extinction. Alternative C, dropping in wolves in however amount and whenever they are needed, is the best option. For at least twenty years, new breeding pairs would be created to further stabilize the wolf population. The actual amount of wolves transported will depend on the condition of their population in addition to how the moose and vegetation are also doing.

By helping the wolves survive, the complete ecosystem of Isle Royale will benefit. Everything living and nonliving factor at Isle Royale depends on the survival of the wolves. The wolves prey on the moose which blanket the island. Those moose then consume trees, plants, and other natural resources. In addition, those trees and certain plants provide life for other organisms that bring even more animals to the island. To sum it all up, wolves are what is known as a keystone species to the ecosystem on Isle Royale. If they go into extinction, the whole ecosystem will overturn.

A lot of data has been collected of the wolf population, and from the looks of it there is no way the wolf population will recover by itself. Because of the small amount of wolves, they are forced to mate with their siblings to continue on. This inbreeding is causing incidents of LSTV all over the wolf population. There was a point where one out of every four wolves had the spine deformity. For the first time ever, there were no wolf pups born in 2012.

This only kept the population of wolves spiraling down. They are said to be at the brink of extinction. Now only three wolves remain on Isle Royale. Introducing new genes to Isle Royale would add some diversity to the wolves and hopefully make their numbers go up. Over the next twenty years, those genes will spread out, creating whole new families and packs with unique traits. The wolves will prosper again.

More than two thousand moose can be supported on Isle Royale. Since wolves prey on moose, and the wolf population is at an all time low, the amount of moose will grow exponentially. With this increase in moose, a lot of other animals will go extinct because moose will rob several natural resources on the island. Plants like fir and certain trees can't even reproduce to survive moose browsing. Compiled with the decrease of wolves, the moose will become a ravaging species with no one to stop them. Over time, forests and plants will be destroyed if moose are allowed to reproduce very quickly.

Other alternatives to helping the island will not completely secure its fate. Alternative A is to leave the island as it is, to let nature take its course. The wolves on the island would die out, and no more new wolves would come over to Isle Royale. This is due to global climate change, which melts the ice bridges that other organisms need to get to Isle Royale. Alternative A would only lead to a moose overpopulation, and the downfall of the island. Alternative B is bringing wolves on a one time occasion. This option will not ensure the resurgence of wolves, and would just prolong the wolves demise. The wolves need more than three years to spread their genes out enough to rid of the inbreeding diseases rampant in their population. The best option is Alternative C. This is a surefire way to revive the wolfs, and keep the ecosystem running smoothly.

Isle Royale is the perfect example of how ecosystems work naturally and how organisms interact with one another. Interference with this environment is not supposed to be touched by humans, but the only reason why the wolf population is at a staggeringly low is because of us changing the climate. Because of this, we should give back what we took, and revitalize the island. By doing this, the big science experiment we call Isle Royale will continue to be observed and questioned. Isle Royale is an example of what the biggest ecosystem, our Earth, can end up as. Keeping this in mind, we should learn from what is happening at Isle Royale to hopefully change our future and keep us going in the right path.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Charlie, I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing to you because my class and I have recently learned about the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale in our accelerated Biology class. I have a suggestion based on historical evidence for how to act on the recent decline in the wolf population on the island. In my opinion, I think The National Park Service should choose alternative "B", which is to bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one time event, to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This alternative has a lot of evidence to support how it would keep the island's ecosystem stable.

I think The National Park Service needs to bring wolves back to the island for a number of reasons. First of all, and what I think is most important reason, is that the wolves are a keystone species on Isle Royale, and without them, the entire ecosystem would spiral out of control. Secondly, the only reason the wolves are dying out is because of global warming, and human caused diseases. Putting the wolves back in the ecosystem would be giving back for disrupting the island in the first place. Lastly, this island has been a hotspot for studying how different organisms interact with each other in a smaller, closed off environment. Why not keep that study going, and see how new wolves that are not used to being on the island change the relationships between the wolves and the other organisms.

The wolves were first affected by human causes in 1980. The data from the Isle Royale Wolf and Moose study shows evidence of a steep decline in the wolf population, when a healthy population of 50 wolves on the island was skimmed down to 30, after a pet dog that visited Isle Royale left Canine Parvovirus that spread quickly throughout the wolf population. However, this deadly virus didn't just stay for one year, when in 1981, the population of 30 decreased down to 14. This catastrophic, human caused event should have never really happened in the first place. During this same time period, the moose began a steady increase in their population. The moose population went from around 760 in 1980 to about 2375 in 1996. The moose population was able to grow like this because of the lack of predators. The data also shows that between the years 1982 and 1996, a series of mild winters, caused by global warming, allowed a small amount of ice bridges to form, which in turn allowed a small amount of wolves to get from the mainland to the island. This decrease in new wolves on the island allowed inbreeding to start, and genetic diseases to be more common.

This is not just about returning the wolf population back to normal, it is also about returning the moose and vegetation populations back to a stable state. Without the wolves, there are no predators to kill off the moose. With no predators, the moose can grow their population until there are no more resources for them to feed on. This overfeeding on vegetation will cause many plant species to become very scarce or even extinct on the island. In the past few years, Fir trees have been dying out because they have not been able to outgrow the rising moose population of about 1250, who constantly graze on their low branches. A small decrease in the wolf population would allow the Fir trees to grow just high enough to be out of the reach of the moose.

A similar situation also occurred in another National Park. At Yellowstone National Park, when wolves were reintroduced to the ecosystem, they saw an immediate impact on almost everything in the park. The populations of all the organisms in the ecosystem became stable again, and returned a certain beauty to the park that had not been seen since the last time wolves had lived in the area. I believe that if the population of wolves was restored on Isle Royale, like that of Yellowstone's, the same results would occur to the ecosystem on Isle Royale.

I think that Alternative "A", not intervening at all, is not a very good option because if we don't do anything, the island will go completely out of control in terms of population stability. Alternative "C", bringing wolves to the island as often as needed, is not a good option, because if the wolves are not surviving on the island, what is the point of bringing more wolves if inevitably, they are going to die out. This would also be the complete opposite of letting nature take its course. Also, if they are not surviving on the island, they probably are not very well suited to live on the island anyway. However, I do think that if another human cause directly kills off the wolves, The National Park Service should consider adding wolves to the island for a second time. Lastly, I think Alternative "D", not taking immediate action, and waiting it out is not a very good idea, because if we wait, something unexpected might happen and it might be too late to even try and bring them back.

In conclusion, I think that overall, alternative "B" is the best option based on all of the evidence I have gathered. It shows the most promise, and would make up for all human interferences that have disrupted the ecosystem of the island. In my opinion, this would be about the same as letting nature take its course. We would be simply returning the island to the state it would have been in if not for human interferences. The wolves help keep the moose and Fir Tree populations in check. They are a key species in this ecosystem, and without them the ecosystem would not run properly.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My name is Themi and I am [REDACTED] and I am a freshman student [REDACTED]. I think that Isle Royale is a very unique and beautiful place and I am especially fascinated with the wolves. I hate hearing about amazing animals nearing extinction, so I am very concerned about the Isle Royale wolves. I know that scientists and people in charge of Isle Royale are considering possible solutions to the declining wolf population, but I think that the best solution to save the wolf population is alternative B, which proposes the introduction of new wolves to the island just one time.

In 1997, when Old Grey Guy migrated to the island, he helped to stabilize the wolf population when it was at only 24 wolves. In 2000, the wolf population was at 29 wolves. Old Grey Guy's arrival was a genetic rescue. (Minnpost "As Isle Royale Wolves Slide Toward Extinction, a Call for 'Genetic Rescue'") Old Grey Guy provided new genes and traits to the population. Previously, many wolves had deformed backs. The arrival of Old Grey Guy brought biodiversity into the wolf population, which also lowered the chances of offspring being born with the deformity. Old Grey Guy was just one new wolf. He came to Isle Royale on his own by travelling on an ice bridge. (www.isleroyalewolf.org) There is little chance of more wolves migrating to Isle Royale before the rest of the wolves die out because ice bridges have not been forming due to abnormally warm winters. If ice bridges cannot form, no wolves can migrate to the island. Also, even though the wolf population increased to 29 wolves after his arrival, the wolves fell to an all time low two decades later. The decrease likely happened because wolves from the same pack bred with each other. (Michigan Tech News "Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale" with Peterson and Vucetich) This is known as inbreeding and it contributed to the spread of a genetic condition called LSTV. This caused back deformities in about 1/3 of Isle Royale wolves. Many wolves find it hard to survive with LSTV because the vertebrae are misshapen, causing the backs of wolves to be crooked. This is a very painful condition for the wolves, which then cannot run or hunt effectively. Wolves are not able to hunt even the weakest moose because they are in too much pain to do so. How was inbreeding related to cases of LSTV? Mating with close relatives caused the recessive gene for LSTV to be passed on to many offspring, so pups had a high chance of inheriting the trait from both parents. If new wolves are introduced, there will be more genetic diversity and the gene will not be passed on as often. There will be a higher chance of two mates passing on two dominant genes for normal backs than two recessive genes or a dominant and recessive gene. There would be less carriers of LSTV as well. Yellowstone also had a similar problem to Isle Royale with the declining wolves. Deer used to be everywhere and they were eating most of the vegetation. They had no predators. When wolves were reintroduced, the deer population was reduced and the deer even avoided certain parts of the park. Afterwards, the vegetation started to grow back and the trees were starting to grow. After the trees grew to be very large again, birds started coming in, increasing the diversity of the Yellowstone ecosystem. The number of beavers also increased greatly because there was enough vegetation for them to eat. As beavers built the dams, they provided homes for reptiles, otters, amphibians, fish, and ducks. Wolves also killed coyotes, increasing the bunny and mouse population. Since more Mice and Bunnies came, Birds like hawks and eagles, as well as foxes, weasels, and badgers came for the food. Bears increased in number because of carcasses left by wolves and greater numbers of berries. Not only that, but since the trees regained strength, river banks collapsed less often since they were more stable, so rivers had a more fixed course. Soil erosion also became more stabilized. (George Mombiot YouTube Video - Ted Talk) This is important because if wolves die out on Isle Royale, the moose will overrun the island and possibly eliminate most of the vegetation, causing the river banks to be weakened. Since there are also beavers on the island, the loss of vegetation could result in a dangerously low beaver population because they eat the vegetation, too. Less dams will also be built and other organisms that rely on dams for shelter will not be able to find a suitable habitat. Also, if vegetation is limited, birds that live in trees that moose eat will move out since their habitat is being eliminated. If more wolves are introduced, the moose population will be regulated and more vegetation will be available for other organisms to inhabit or to eat. The wolves can even stabilize the flow of rivers like in Yellowstone.

Other alternative solutions considered for the problem would not be very effective, however. If we go with option A and let nature take its course, the wolves will die out and the moose will overrun the island, causing a lot of change in the Isle Royale ecosystem, as listed above. If we choose option C and reintroduce wolves when needed, the Island will completely lose its Identity as a national park and humans will have intervened too much. Also, if we choose option D and intervene only when certain standards are met, we may never be able to intervene because these standards for reintroducing wolves (ex. The moose population is too high, the vegetation is too low) may only be met when the wolves are already gone. The moose would consume most vegetation by the time new wolves would actually bring the moose population down. If we go with option B and introduce wolves just once, there is limited human intervention and the wolf pack that is introduced may reach a good population size and stay that way, not allowing the moose to overpopulate.

There are already a lot of park rules that will protect the wolves. For example, pets are strictly prohibited from entering the island, so diseases like canine parvovirus will not kill a large number of wolves. In 1981, the virus arrived in Isle Royale and killed many wolves instantly. The population never really recovered and stayed fairly low. (2012 case study interview with Rolf Peterson) If the virus does not come back, the new pack will be able to flourish without much interference.

In conclusion, new wolves should be reintroduced just once to avoid destroying Isle Royale's identity as a national park. Since disturbances will be less common, the wolves can live in stability and benefit the ecosystem by eating moose and keeping the vegetation levels stable. Nonintervention will just cause the wolves to die out and the moose will overrun the Island. The wolves can do so much for Isle Royale, like they did in Yellowstone.

The wolves can be reintroduced, but there will still be that sense that Isle Royale is a national park. They are a keystone species in Isle Royale that control the moose population and help vegetation to flourish for other animals to eat and use. Like in Yellowstone, the wolves can affect the geography of the region by protecting vegetation. Moose are currently overpopulating the island and the vegetation is declining because the moose are eating it all. In 2015, graphs showed that the moose population was at around 1250 moose and they are still growing in numbers. In 2011, they started growing exponentially and there was a decline in vegetation. If a new pack is reintroduced once, there will still be limited intervention and the moose population can be controlled by the wolves. As John Vucetich said, it would be impossible to control the moose on our own through culling, so the wolves are the most effective controllers of the moose population. (Minnpost "As Isle Royale Wolves Slide Toward Extinction, a Call for 'Genetic Rescue'") The wolves are essential to the island and the Isle Royale ecosystem depends on them.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Liz and I am a freshman [REDACTED] from Park Ridge, IL. With my biology class, I have spent time getting to know how an ecosystem generally functions and how populations interact with each other. I have also thoroughly studied the Isle Royale situation, and I am familiar with the struggles the two populations have endured and the troubling situation they are in now. I would like to share my opinion and propose a possible course of action because I care about the future of the Isle Royale populations. Taking into consideration the ecosystem as a whole, I believe the most effective course of action would be to introduce new wolves to Isle Royale, option B. Although there are some faults in this plan, I have many reasons that prove this would be most effective.

The most obvious reason I am convinced option B will be most effective is because genetic rescue has worked before. The trend in the size of the wolf population from 1983 to 1996 should have been increasing. During that time period winters were mild, resulting in an increase in available vegetation and therefore an increase in moose population. The wolves would have obviously increased also, if not for the LSTV virus caused by inbreeding. The wolves were on a road heading towards inevitable extinction as LSTV kept spreading. They were saved in 1997 when "Old Grey Guy" crossed the ice bridge. He provided a mixture of new traits and genes to the population. Within a decade of his arrival more than half the genes in the Isle Royale population had descended from this single immigrant wolf. He provided a new healthy gene pool and essentially saved the entire wolf population from dying out. This shows that adding new wolves to the population would save the pack, just like in 1997. Accidental genetic rescue resulted from a single wolf who luckily happened to be strong and healthy. If scientists added wolves themselves, they could strategically do it to make the population never near dying out again. After reading a few Isle Royale related articles, I can confirm that several experts agree with my recommendation. John Vucetich tells MinnPost that the best option is to add new wolves (option B). He tells MinnPost: "Conserving something is preferable to restoring it. If something's valuable, why wouldn't you try to keep it rather than let it go extinct and then try to put it back?" I agree that saving the population would be more preferable than redeveloping it completely. Vucetich goes on to talk about the educational gains: "...what will we learn the most from? We already know a lot about extinction processes.

We won't learn anything new by documenting the precise point when Isle Royale wolves go extinct... When Old Grey Guy came in 1997 that was a genetic rescue that happened all on its own, and it ranks as one of the two or three most important findings in the entire study." Rolf Peterson had also been pressing for earlier intervention throughout the study.

In 1997 a wolf crossed the ice bridge and natural genetic rescue occurred. After 1998, the wolf population was saved and the trend in the data was fairly normal. The moose population was contained and vegetation increased. This occurred because of a single wolf who just happened to be strong and healthy. Keeping this in mind, I think that if carefully selected wolves were added to the pack, the wolves would never come near dying out again. Scientists would be able to carefully choose which wolves to add, controlling the number, sexes, and the health. All the conditions of the new wolves would be chosen to specifically cater to the old pack in order for them to thrive. Although this meticulous choosing would take some time, I believe it's the most reasonable and effective choice because the gene pool can be directly controlled.

One of the reasons the course of action is difficult to choose is because other alternatives show promising possible outcomes as well. I understand why Alternative A is one of the more preferred choices. In a world where every natural area is still somehow altered by human intervention, I understand why leaving the wolves' fate to nature seems like the right thing to do. But I also think that decision would lead to a dead end. Another wolf pack crossing the ice bridge is not guaranteed and even if one does, the rest of the ecosystem would undergo undesirable effects from the complete lack of wolves.

Alternative C seems like an obvious option, but after having studied how an ecosystem works, I don't think it would be necessary to keep adding wolves. A one-time addition of wolves would be enough to save the population because of eventual reproduction. Alternative D does not seem ideal either. Immediate action is needed and the wolves might die out by the time a threshold is found.

I believe Option B is the most effective course of action because if accidental and natural genetic rescue once saved the population then deliberate and strategic genetic rescue will make it thrive. In this way the rest of the ecosystem will flourish as well. I care about the future of Isle Royale enough to at least indirectly help restore balance to its ecosystem. Thank you for taking the time to read my recommendation and I hope my reasoning will be helpful when a final decision is being made.

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Correspondence: Dear National Park Management Service,

I'm Petiya, a student [REDACTED], in Chicago, Illinois. My class and I have been investigating the study of the Isle Royale populations as preparation for our unit test. As it turns out most of the students including me have developed curiosity and concern for what will happen to the wolf population. I am writing this letter to express the best possible option based on my view and the information I had gathered throughout the past few weeks. I believe the most appropriate decision would be to follow alternative D, where no immediate action would be taken until a certain threshold is met. I feel like there should be a couple of thresholds established, so that we can prevent the ecosystem from failing.

The main purpose of these thresholds should be to keep the ecosystem balanced. The only way to do that, it seems, is to keep each population stable. One idea is to add a pack of wolves to the island, and let them reestablish their population (Alternative B), and control the moose population which will help the plant life on Isle Royale. So, why not do that? The reason that Isle Royale has such a good reputation, is because human intervention is extremely low, close to none, actually. With humans inserting wolves in the habitat, that reputation will vanish. There is another reason as to why the wolves can't just be put on Isle Royale, and that's because when the new wolves mate with the "native" wolves, the gene for a very threatening disability can "spread". According to an article from your website titled Inbreeding within the Isle Royale wolf population, "The negative effects of Inbreeding accumulate over the generations." The disability is called lumbosacral transitional vertebrae or LSTV. LSTV is a deformation of the spine and pelvic. It affects the legs and hip of a wolf, and therefore can have impact on how effectively a wolf can hunt, more specifically pounce on its prey. If inbreeding occurs with the suggested new wolves, the results can be detrimental to the wolf population. The reason as to why I am so convinced it can occur, is because it was one of the causes as to why, right now, there is such a small amount of wolves left on the island. With all this said, I believe the threshold for the wolf population should be: if there are no wolves who cross an ice bridge naturally and there are no wolves left on the island, then humans can intervene by introducing a pack of wolves to Isle Royale.

The idea of adding new wolves to the island was set forth because as the wolves started to decrease, the moose increased. With no wolves present, the moose have become the "apex" predator. The moose are thriving without the wolves, for now. As soon as they reach carrying capacity they will decrease. This will allow the fir forest to replenish, because the moose won't be eating as much. The moose population would fluctuate a lot since the producers (fir) will just keep reproducing and the moose will eat the grass until once again, it becomes very limited. If the moose don't get hunted by the wolves, they will over-reproduce and lead to an unbearable season for the fir trees. That is the reason as to why we must set thresholds, and that is also why alternative A would not work. The moose mustn't increase over 10,000, which according to the graph I have outlined, seems to be the carrying capacity of the Isle Royale moose population. If the moose population continues to fluctuate severely, the wolves must be injected to stabilize the population of moose.

Without the wolves, the population of the vegetation will decrease, eventually affecting the moose population negatively. No new wolves: Isle Royale to continue, for now, a policy of nonintervention, an article from the Minnpost states that "as the wolf population has fallen to a historic low, predation on moose has fallen virtually to zero, the moose population has soared and the fir forest is in trouble again." Therefore the vegetation also must have a threshold. If the vegetation is too much, the moose will increase, making the vegetation decrease. If the plants are extremely limited, the moose will die due to starvation. So the threshold for the vegetation could be: if the vegetation becomes very limited, humans may introduce the wolves so that the moose can decrease and the plants will not be as limited.

In conclusion, alternative D is the most appropriate plan because it is like a mix of all the alternatives. Alternative D gives nature a chance to save itself, but it also includes a back up plan, if nature fails. As we have seen over the years, nature has successfully helped itself by sending wolves to Isle Royale in the first place. Then in 1998, Old Grey Guy appeared just in time to save the wolf population. It is best to leave nature to take care of this problem, if it fails to do so and the wolves die out, we will add a new wolf pack to the island. This way the inbreeding can cease and the LSTV gene can no longer appear as often. As proven, the island would not last long based on how populations fluctuate, if wolves were not present. Also, inbreeding has been proven to be a very undesirable since it can starve the wolves. So it would be better to introduce new and healthy genes to the gene pool. Adding wolves right away would prevent the LSTV from showing up as often but if the wolves decrease dramatically again, we risk inbreeding with the LSTV, this cancels out alternative B. Adding to that idea, if we were to act according to the outlines of alternative C we would lose the nonintervention idea that was established over 50 years ago. The best way to save the ecosystem is to have a plan with a back up plan engraved, leading us to alternative D.

Thank you for your time, and consideration of the public's ideas. I really hope that in the end you as the Isle Royale Park Service decide on the best choice available to preserve the beauty of this national park.

Thanks again,

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My name is Katie [REDACTED] and I am a freshman biology student from Chicago. I am writing this because I understand the pressing debate involving the wolves of Isle Royale and I would like to voice my opinion on actions taken regarding the future of the population. I recommend alternative C drawn-up by The National Park Service, to bring wolves to Isle Royale as much as possible for the next twenty years based on scientific and professional judgements. This plan will help stabilize the wolf population and keep their ecosystem ecologically sound. I came to support this solution after examining evidence on the history and characteristics of the wolf population, flaws of the other proposed solutions, Inbreeding and LSTV within the population and the ecological role of wolves on Isle Royale.

The population of wolves on the island is very fragile and could drop to dangerous levels in a short period of time. In an interview with John Vucetich, associate professor from Michigan Tech, in the MINNPOST, he addressed the instability of the Isle Royale wolves. He said that each year, a wolf has about a 25% chance of dying. This means that if there happened to be an accident on the island, a significant amount of wolves could be lost. This is significant to the problem the National Park Service is currently handling because it shows how easily a wolf population can vanish and how new wolves may need to be repeatedly introduced in order to stabilize the ecosystem.

Alternative C is the only effective solution to the current Isle Royale wolf crisis. The idea of continuing the NPS's policy of non-interference would mean almost-definite extinction of the wolves. Although preserving the natural, non-human beauty of the park is a nice idea, it is unrealistic and truly impossible. In the Michigan Tech News article, Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale, even John Vucetich admits recovery is unlikely without new genetic material. After years of non-intervention, the wolf population had dropped to an all-time-low of only 3 wolves and their future looks grim. Alternative B, suggesting wolves should be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event, is more realistic but does not solve every problem. Wolves do need to be brought to the island, but they need to be brought as many times as necessary to accommodate such an unpredictable population. The last solution, to not take immediate action and wait for even more evidence before deciding what to do, is not-ideal for the animals of Isle Royale. Waiting for another ecological sign prompting intervention is far too risky considering the current circumstances involving the wolves, moose and vegetation. Possible extinction of both tree and wolf species is too much of a serious issue for delayed or no interference. Option C is the the best course of action for Isle Royale that will allow the ecosystem to continue growing and thriving. Along with a comparison of solutions, another factor in deciding when and how to address the problem is the effect of inbreeding and LSTV on the Isle Royale wolves.

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My name is Katie and I am a freshman biology student from Chicago. I am writing this because I understand the pressing debate involving the wolves of Isle Royale and I would like to voice my opinion on actions taken regarding the future of the population. I recommend alternative C drawn-up by The National Park Service, to bring wolves to Isle Royale as much as possible for the next twenty years based on scientific and professional judgements. This plan will help stabilize the wolf population and keep their ecosystem ecologically sound. I came to support this solution after examining evidence on the history and characteristics of the wolf population, flaws of the other proposed solutions, Inbreeding and LSTV within the population and the ecological role of wolves on Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Mike, and I am a Freshmen [REDACTED], in Park Ridge, IL. My [REDACTED] biology class has been studying ecosystems recently, and we have been put up to the task of helping the National Park Service make a decision regarding the problems in Isle Royale. I believe the best option for the wolves, moose, and vegetation of Isle Royale would be option D, which is waiting for now until a threshold is hit and then adding more wolves to save the ecosystem of the island. This is because it would give the current wolves a chance to survive, and if they do we wait and see if they can recover, and if they dont, which will most likely happen, we enter wolves without the LSTV gene onto the island. Alternative D is the best option for the wolves of Isle Royale because it will eventually allow the wolves of Isle Royale to be prosperous again while they also can keep the rest of the populations in check. By waiting for a threshold, most likely when the vegetation gets to a certain limit, or all of the current wolves die, the ecosystem will not be destroyed if the wolves do die. This however, is only possible if we act fast, and we give these wolves, wolves who have been there for years and who know the island, a chance of survival. If the worst happens, which right now, seems to be what will happen and our beloved wolves do not make it through, then the NPS can bring in more wolves once the vegetation level drops because of overpopulation of moose, and hits the threshold. Another reason that this is the best plan for the wolves, is that it will clear the wolves of LSTV, which has run through the wolves in Isle Royale for years. The reason that this is important is that the wolves are no longer the main cause of death of the moose, which means they are not doing their job in the ecosystem of keeping the moose population in check. Isleroyalewolf.org said ...after 1980, climate replaced wolves as the dominant predictor of moose dynamics. The reason this is happening is because LSTV attacks the spine and pelvis, reshaping bones in that area, making it very hard, and close to impossible for those wolves to effectively attack moose. Also, Wolves are tight with their pack, and they hunt in packs as well, so when 1 of every 3 wolves cant hunt, they are hurting the full pack. Isleroyalewolf.org gave a statistic, that said 33% of wolves in Isle Royale have LSTV, while only 1% of wolves have it outside the island. If we introduce new wolves, that do not have this deformity in their genes, the islands wolf population wont have as much of an issue with this as they do currently, and the wolves will be strong, keeping all of the islands populations in check. Every organism has some sort of role in every ecosystem, for example, in the Isle Royale ecosystem the wolves keep the population of the moose in check by hunting them. The moose however are also very important, as they keep the vegetation in check. Option D, is also the best for saving the moose population as well. Although it may not seem like this is true right now, the moose population is in great danger on Isle Royale. This is because in recent years the moose population has started to grow rapidly again because of the small number of wolves. They are currently burning through all of their resources, and eventually will not have any left and their population too will drop. Therefore, Option D is also the best for the moose population of the island. If we add the wolves now, and the gene pool is not completely fixed and back to a 1% rate of LSTV, it may still be problem in the wolves, causing the moose population to not be hunted, and to continue to burn through their resources at a rate at which the vegetation won't always be able to support them at. Also, history has shown, that it is possible to have a somewhat stable population of both wolves and moose on Isle Royale if there is no LSTV problem. This means that if we can eliminate the problem, when the wolves die off eventually, the wolves and moose can be stable like they were in the 1960s, as seen from the data given from IsleRoyaleWolf.org. It shows that the two populations moved with each other, and did not move too far away from their carrying capacities. If we can get a healthy group of wolves on the island, like there was in the 60s before LSTV became a major problem, there is a great chance that the population of the moose can also return to its safe, original carrying capacity.

The wolves and moose, although the biggest and most well known organisms on the island, are not the only important organism there. The vegetation is one of the most important, if not the most important aspects of an ecosystem. Specifically on Isle Royale, there is the balsam fir. This species of fir is in danger of being wiped out by the moose who are currently eating away, while their population skyrockets. This specific fir needs to grow to a height in which the moose can not reach them to be able to reproduce, but right now they are having trouble reaching that height. This is why adding a new pack of wolves to the island would help the firs as well. If the moose population can be cut down, then the firs can grow again. We know this because it has already happened! When the wolves came to the island at first, and started to hunt moose, fir trees on the western two-thirds of Isle Royale were growing to heights that put them safely out of reach of the moose. This meant the fir forest had its first chance in a century to actually reproduce (MinnPost). By the data shown from the very beginning of the Wolves existence on this island, we know that with them we can keep the moose in check, which will allow the firs to grow to be able to feed the moose enough to keep them alive, resulting in an ecosystem full of prosperous, healthy organisms. This however is only possible by the use of option D and inserting new wolves into the island without LSTV.

The other options that have been stated have areas that may end up affecting the ecosystem in a negative way. Option A, that states a non-intervention policy would end up in death to the wolves, and eventually the whole ecosystem would fall apart because they are a keystone species. Although many people believe that we shouldn't mess with nature, I believe that we caused this problem to the wolves because humans are a main cause of global warming, and global warming caused the waters of Lake Superior to warm, so the chances of an ice bridge formed in allowing a natural genetic rescue to occur is very unlikely. Because we caused this, it is our duty to fix it. Option B is not much better either. By just adding the Wolves as a one time thing, we don't give the current wolves a chance to live at all, as the newer, stronger wolves will probably not get along with the current wolves, because it is a small island and packs like large territories. Lastly, option C would not allow a stable population because they are adding wolves when needed, always changing the population. This is also a death sentence to the current wolves, as I believe they most likely will not get along.

The project at Isle Royale is a very important one, that has helped the science world for years. I believe that it is important to continue this project, and to do this, option D must be used. It would give the wolves a chance but also purify the gene pool by adding completely new wolves to the island. The last factor to be noted is when and how many wolves should be added. I believe that more wolves should be added either right when the current wolves die, or once the vegetation level lowers to a dangerous level. I also believe that once these threshold has been hit that the NPS should add 10 wolves to the island, and slowly add another five until it is believed the wolves are close to their carrying capacity. I have been to this beautiful Island, and I have seen how amazing the wildlife is there. I have a personal connection to these animals, as I have grown up loving moose and wolves. I am very grateful that I have had the opportunity to help in the search for the solution to this problem at hand. I hope the best decision can be made, and that the wildlife is preserved.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kevin, and I am writing on behalf of [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. We have recently been studying the Wolf-Moose-Vegetation Problem on beautiful Isle Royale, in our Biology Class. I have been personally touched by this story, and I think at this point we, as humans, need to step in and help these animals survive in their natural habitat. I believe that Alternative B is the best option because that way we introduce different genes into the population, as naturally as possible. By doing this only once, the wolves should be able to reproduce enough to reach the carrying capacity of around two dozen wolves. Hopefully, this plan can have the same effect as Wolf 93 (Old Grey Guy) back in 1997, and in the next 20 years, we can restore the island to its innate condition.

The first reason why Alternative B is our best option is because of the impact it will have within the wolf population. We have seen in the past how genetic inbreeding has done extreme damage to the wolf population, which has occurred more and more often since the mid 1980s. The inbreeding has caused spinal malformation, called Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae (LSTV), in many wolves, and can prevent them from hunting successfully. When a pack of wolves crossed an ice bridge onto Isle Royale in 1949, they did not realize that they would become a mostly isolated population on the island. Its quite amazing how the wolves were able to make it this long, having been so isolated for so many years. With other factors contributing to their isolation, inbreeding became an even bigger issue during the 1990s. It wasn't until 1997, when a Canadian wolf, nicknamed Old Grey Guy for his distinct light color, crossed over a now rare ice bridge, and brought life to the depleted population. He did this by introducing many new genes to the island, which put inbreeding problems on hold. The spinal malformation would incline once again, where 1 in 3 wolves are now affected, stated a MINNPOST article from 2013. With Alternative B, we can accomplish the same thing accomplished by this audacious wolf, and for the next 20 years, the population can get back to a healthy rate. While intervening again may be necessary again after that period, a one-time event will give the wolves what they need to live and reproduce.

Another claim that makes Alternative B the best plan is the way it can help the moose and other life on Isle Royale. We all know that one species can affect another, but this statement is especially true on Isle Royale because of its isolation. Ecologists have seen, just with the wolves and the moose, how species can influence one another on the island, and data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study has showed us a lot in the past 60 years. For example, in 1980, when Canine Parvovirus came to the island from a pet dog, and the wolf population decreased by 36 in just 2 years, the moose population steadily increased for the next 12 years. These stats don't always make a lot of sense because, from 1972-1981 a series of harsh winters, killed of many of the moose, which sprung the wolf population up to 50 from 23, just 8 years earlier. Recently, with the moose population on the upswing, its unclear how it would affect new wolves, if they were brought to the island. It is likely that if the offspring were healthy, both the moose and wolf population would balance out. That is exactly what the island needs, even for the vegetation on the island, which is dependent on the moose too. What alternative B can do for the entire island, is give every living organism a chance to live on. There is a chain of events on the island, and it goes from the wolves down to the moose and other primary consumers, and all the way to the vegetation. The island needs the sufficient amount of wolves, and it needs it now.

The third concept shows why Alternative B should be selected is the idea of climate change, and what we can do to fix it. Climate change may be the ultimate reason why the wolves are in danger in the first place. Every issue that I've mentioned before stems from climate change. That includes; inbreeding/LSTV issues, along with, the ever-changing moose population. The impact of climate change begins with the lack of ice bridges forming that would link the island to Canada and both Minnesota and Michigan, said Michigan Tech professor, John Vucetich. Luckily, a bridge was formed in 1997 which allowed Wolf 93 to enter the island, but this hasn't happened in recent years restricting the population to the few wolves that remain. Climate change also limits how the wolves get their food. In the summer especially, moose remain in the water to cool off from increasing temperatures, and wolves cannot prey on the moose when they're in the water. The wolves also thrive in the cooler weather, so we need to give them some assistance in surviving with warmer weather, as well. Yet again, Alternative B has proved to be the most efficient plan to help reverse the effects of climate change, and by doing so, sustain the wolves on Isle Royale. Since humans are the reason behind climate change, we can step in this time, and reduce the damage we have already done.

The last thing that many may be unaware of, is the effect that bringing of new wolves into Yellowstone National Park. Acknowledging that Yellowstone is a much different environment than Isle Royale, I still think this could have a positive result, just as it did in Yellowstone. These wolves were added back into the park in 1987, as part of the Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Recovery Plan, disclosed nps.gov. They were able to rejuvenate the whole environment in the park. Being a keystone species at both Yellowstone and on Isle Royale, they control the well-being of most everything around them, including abiotic factors, such as water. They were credited with stabilizing the banks of rivers of Yellowstone, and I don't see why they can't do the same to

the freshwater shores of Isle Royale. While the wolves from Yellowstone National Park may have been hunting mostly elk, they were able to help the entire ecosystem reach healthy numbers, in terms of population. Alternative B can fulfill the idea of the National Park Service and let nature be nature, but there just needs to be wolves on the island to keep it so beautiful. If the plan can be executed like the one at Yellowstone, the longevity of the wolves can be carried on for more than 20 years.

Alternative A is wrong for the island because it appears that the wolf population will die out, and without the wolf population, Isle Royale is nothing. Even though the National Park Service has prided itself in leaving the environment alone, in this case, the island needs the wolves, to keep it so beautiful.

Alternative C should not be selected because it is not necessary to overload on the wolves, there just needs to be enough to benefit all living things on the island. I can infer that if new genes are brought onto Isle Royale just once, then the population will grow to a comfortable amount over the next 20 years.

Alternative D would fail Isle Royale because what humans have already done to our environment has caused enough damage to this beautiful piece of land, and action needs to be taken soon. This plan has been held off for long enough, and if something is going to be done, it must happen now.

All together, I know that we can give life to the wolf population, and Alternative B is the best option to do so. Not only are the wolves a substantial contributor to the ecosystem, but could you imagine Isle Royale without the wolves? Over the past 70 years we have associated Isle Royale with the wolf and moose study, and it would be sad to let that go. Adding just one pack of wolves to the population could do the most good in stopping inbreeding issues, and retreat LSTV occurrence back to normal. Also, the new wolves could help the whole view on the island, which may lead more tourists to the park.

Since climate change is so prevalent in our everyday lives, it is our duty to help other living creatures. Finally, if we have seen how this plan can work at other National Parks, why not try it on Isle Royale. Alternative B can bring an end to the Wolf-Moose-Vegetation Problem on Isle Royale, and for the next 20 years, bear joy to those who study it.

Thank you for your consideration,
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Correspondence: My name is Andre, a Freshman student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois, and I am writing in regards of the Isle Royale National Park Management Plan recommendation. I have decided that Alternative D would be the best plan, with the circumstances given on Isle Royale. The few wolves left have deformities, and live difficult lives due to the fact that we have allowed them to go into the state that they are currently in based on our own decisions and mistakes, though we made rules. It is a human mistake, and allowing the wolves to die to natural causes would be the best case.

Based on what's gone on with not only the wolves, but the moose as well, it is mainly humanly done. I'd recommend Option D, to allow natural occurrences in the park, and put wolves on again after an amount of time. Under certain thresholds, however. The wolves must die to allow the bringing of more, or in a worse case scenario, moose surpass 2000, which is over their carrying capacity. Choice D would benefit the wolves by allowing them to decide their fate. They can show their ability to breed, continue and prosper, or they can live their final years and die peacefully, without human "help". This option is necessary to make sure we allowed nature to attempt to rebuild the wolf population, instead of interfering with a "what could have been" type ordeal. According to the Isle Royale Facebook page, there are still two wolves left, who are able to still mate. However, the amount of inbreeding is most likely the reason why the third wolf (their cub) died. These two will most likely not be able to breed a successful pair of cubs that will be able to mate in a few years, and the toll that inbreeding has taken on the wolves. According to the Isle Royale website, the wolves have developed spines that pinch their nerves, and lead to pain and a flaw in their ability to hunt as predators. Wolves should still be placed on Isle Royale to continue the decades of research, with the new found information of what happens under certain issues. This is just one of the infinite results that could happen on the island, however it was tainted with human interaction. Allowing wolves to continue and make changes is what allowed ecologists such as George Monbiot to find such amazing discoveries on Wolf behavior and changes, such as how they affect rivers.

The wolves create large impacts on the moose population, not limiting to just their numbers. The moose are currently eating as much vegetation as they please, and this will eventually lead to an extreme decline. This behavior is normal for a population with unlimited resources, but their numbers will soon grow too large and many will die of starvation. If we bring back the wolves after a while, it will allow more moose to be born, but that will lead to more prey for the wolves. As the wolves arrive, the moose will lose numbers and will lower to a stable capacity. The moose who live will have more food now due to their loss in density, and will have a better chance at living healthily. However this also affects the vegetation.

With the wolves currently not being able to eat moose at a fast rate, the moose number is increasing without much of a limit. The vegetation that is attempting to grow is being eaten by the moose without having a chance. The majority of these open areas are great spaces for wolves to attack, so once the moose realize they shouldn't eat somewhere, the vegetation will be able to grow without as much trouble. This evidence was shown in George Monbiot's Ted Talk, as he explained how the presence of wolves lead to moose leaving, and vegetation growing as already stated. However, this also leads to more space for different organisms, and better habitats. This alternative allows the vegetation a chance to be able to grow.

Alternative D is most likely the best way to go, as the other alternatives have many flaws. Alternative A leads to no interaction whatsoever, meaning we leave it as is. Looking into the future of the island, the wolves will most likely die, leaving the moose alone to do as they please in a sense. If moose are allowed to continue to grow without limitations, the vegetation will not be able to grow. The moose will have numbers that go out of control, and this will lead to running out of resources and having a large amount of moose dying of starvation. Once this stabilizes, it could happen again and again. There's nothing there to really stabilize the moose, except for the vegetation. But when they have an excess of vegetation, there's no way to stop them from repeating their past. Alternative B is a humane approach, to bring wolves onto the island over 36 months, no matter what, but will lead to problems continuing in the wolves. The current wolves on the island have deformities in their bones which can be transferred to the cubs. The following generations will be worse and worse hunters with their deformities, and the wolves will be in pain due to the pinching of nerves. The moose will not be heavily affected if their major threat can barely catch them. Alternative C is very similar, bringing wolves over the next 20 years. The same results should be expected. The deformities will pass on and the wolves will not be able to perform at their top abilities. The only way to truly ensure wolves are able to be top apex predators, is to ensure they have no abnormalities and are able to hunt to their top ability.

Alternative D is the way to go for the Isle Royale situation. This alternative will allow the wolves to die off peacefully and let new wolves come in and stabilize the moose population. The new wolves will not have any form of abnormalities and will be able to hunt down the moose with precision, and ensure that they are at a stable rate in this predator - prey type situation. With the moose population stabilizing, the vegetation will grow and the island will be able to have better habitats and a possibly wider range of organisms. Alternative D is possibly the only alternative that could lead to a stable moose population, better vegetation, and healthy wolves making this outcome.

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Correspondence: My name is Lila. I am in ninth grade [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this because we have been studying the ecosystem and organisms in Isle Royale for the past few weeks in my biology class, and I would like to share my input on the topic. I believe

that the best option for the future of Isle Royale National Park is option D, or to continue current management of nonintervention until certain indicators or thresholds are met. I also think that indicators should be made based on the wolf population either hitting zero wolves, or remaining zero wolves for a predetermined period of time.

This choice would be the most beneficial to Isle Royale and the organisms on it for many reasons. First, it would be helpful to the wolf population. It would give them time to reproduce and attempt to regain higher numbers if possible, but would also reintroduce wolves to the island if it is clear that more are needed. This is also a better plan than adding more wolves to the current population, as this could continue the spread of LSTV if one or more of the current wolves were to mate with a newer wolf. Bringing enough new healthy wolves to Isle Royale would cause the population to increase. The thresholds I have chosen will also help the wolf population. New wolves will be brought once it is clear that there are no more on Isle Royale, or that none are coming to the island over ice bridges.

Option D would also be very beneficial to the moose population on Isle Royale. The number of moose on Isle Royale is constantly growing higher and higher exponentially. This is because the wolves that are on the island are so few and cannot efficiently hunt the moose. If the moose keep growing as fast as they are currently, they will soon begin to run out of food, and their population will crash when faced with limited resources. Bringing in more wolves that are healthy and capable of hunting the moose would help to control their numbers and keep their population from crashing. It would also lower their overall population, and a population with less moose has a lower risk of disease or other density-dependant issues that would affect them more when the population is very large, helping to stabilize and maintain a constant moose population for a long period of time.

Lastly, it would be very beneficial to the population of the vegetation on Isle Royale National Park. For example the balsam fir forest, which makes up for a very large part of the moose's preferred diet on Isle Royale. The balsam fir have been dying out as the moose population rises and they continue to feed upon it. It takes balsam fir a long time to reach a height where the moose cannot eat from them and, since the moose mostly eat the younger plants, most do not even reach that point. Once a balsam fir reaches about twelve feet they can reproduce, but most rarely grow more than two or three feet tall. Since they are not capable of reproducing and are being eaten by the exponentially growing moose population, it is very probable that they could go extinct on the island in the near future. Bringing healthy wolves to the island would help to increase their numbers. If the wolves could decrease the moose population it would give the balsam fir, and other vegetation, more time and more of a chance to grow large enough to be able to reproduce and keep up the food supply, sustaining all the other species on the island.

In conclusion, the best alternative for the future of Isle Royale is option D, or nonintervention until certain thresholds are met. I also believe that these thresholds should be based on the wolf population hitting, and remaining at zero for an extended period of time. Doing this would benefit the ecosystem of and all of the organisms in Isle Royale National Park, and would keep all of the species and their populations under control in the best possible way. Bringing more, healthy wolves would control the moose population, which would allow the vegetation to have time to grow, and thus sustain the ecosystem as a whole.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale may be home to many different populations, but out of all of them, the wolves are definitely in contention for the most important. I would describe them as a keystone species, as they regulate the amount of moose, which in turn regulates the amount of vegetation. Without the wolves being able to actively hunt, or even be alive for that matter, the moose population would continue to grow and grow, and the only thing they would be contributing to the island is their massive appetites. The moose, as their numbers would increase and increase, would only be eating the vegetation that surrounds them. After a few years pass, the numbers of moose would be so great that there would not be enough vegetation to sustain them all. Their numbers would drop drastically for a few reasons, even other than the fact that vegetation would have become a limiting resource, which I will describe later. The administrators of Isle Royale have given us, the public, four options pertaining to what should be done to keep the island's ecosystem in balance. Option C, the option in which immediate action is taken to stabilize the wolf population by introducing more wolves into the ecosystem, and then continue to relocate wolves to the island if numbers dip again, is by far the best course of action.

Option C has the most benefits and the least detriments out of all of the given paths. It allows immediate growth of the population; as many wolves as would be needed to keep the moose population stable would be introduced to the island would be relocated. This would possibly allow the pup out of the three remaining wolves to breed with the new wolves, and thus the new wolves would reinvigorate the gene pool of the possible offspring of the pup. The effects may be similar to what happened with Old Grey Guy in 1997. He met with the existing wolves, and bred with them, so as to introduce some new genes into the population. The reason that this was so important are two: Inbreeding and LSTV. Inbreeding has been a problem with the wolves for a while, and this causes the problem with LSTV. As siblings often have similar genes, they may also have similar genes for diseases. The disease in this case was LSTV. LSTV, or Lumbosacral Transitional Vertebrae, is a genetic canine disease in which vertebra near the base of the spine become deformed, and pinch at the spinal cord that lies beneath the bone. This causes problems with the hips and the hind legs, which would make wolves ineffective predators, which would cause them to be unable to catch food, which would make them die. Because this comes as a result of inbreeding, it is imperative that the wolves 1) Breed with wolves that are not direct relatives of themselves and 2) Breed with other wolves that do not have the LSTV gene. This is why the reinvigoration of the gene pool is so important. Without new wolves to breed with, the current wolves will produce pups that have this disease that makes hunting futile, and they will continue to die. The introduction of new wolves (without the LSTV gene) would allow for healthy pups to be produced, and for them to continue their lineage with more healthy pups that are capable of hunting. This needs to happen immediately. Without immediate action, the moose population will continue to grow at an alarming rate, as a result of there being no capable predators to kill them off. The moose would continue to grow and grow, and this would be catastrophic for all other life on the island. As the population grows, they would need more food to sustain the population. Moose only eat vegetation, so they would just continue to eat and eat, until there was no vegetation left. This would leave nothing for other herbivores on the island, so most of them would die off. With no vegetation left, the moose would die out. The reader of this may be wondering how they would die out, as vegetation grows back. The loss of the vegetation would be responsible for some deaths, but the real perpetrator for the extinction of the moose would be a density-dependent factor, in the form of ticks. These ticks would spread from moose to moose, much like it did in 1996. This caused an astronomical drop in the moose population, and what would stop it from happening again, with such a large population in such a small space? These factors determine why option C would be effective, but I have yet to prove why it is the best option out of all of the possible courses of action.

The most reasonable adversary to option C's prosperity would be option D. The aforementioned option C and option D, in which there is a policy of nonintervention until a certain low threshold is reached, may seem very similar. However, the main difference lies in the amount of time it would take for intervention to happen. I personally don't think the island can afford to wait until some threshold is reached to take action. Since 2011, the wolf population has dropped from 19 to 3, and the moose population has grown from 515 to around 1250. With the drastic decrease in the wolf population came a massive increase in the moose population, and it happened over such a short time. This may be attributed to the fact that the wolves that remain are not actively hunting, as one is just a pup, and all three have the disease discussed earlier, LSTV. We simply cannot afford to wait any longer, as the moose population will just continue to grow. Option B and option C may seem similar, but C definitely outweighs its competitor. With option B, the introduction of new wolves would be a one time event. This could be detrimental to the wolf population; if another chain of events caused the population to drop, the

administrators would not do anything to correct it. With option C, over the course of 20 years, the population would remain stable (with intervention when necessary). This could possibly get the wolves into good habits, such as avoiding inbreeding. As for option A, it's a no brainer. With more nonintervention, there would be nothing to stop the wolves to keep inbreeding and dying from not being able to catch their prey. They would simply go extinct, and the moose would have nothing to stop their population from growing and causing the aforementioned problems.

After carefully looking through past records and patterns, I have come to believe that option C is the most optimal course of action. While I understand that it is ultimately administration's call with regards to what will happen, I suggest that you take a look at the benefits that this course of action has to offer. I know that I am just a high schooler that is one of many to respond to your request for a decision, and my opinion may not even be considered. Despite that, there is one thing that I'm sure you would like to hear: I want the wolves and moose of Isle Royale to survive and thrive as much as all of you do!

Wishing you good luck in saving these fantastic beasts,

Stephen

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Correspondence: My name is Maggie and I'm a freshman in high school in Chicago, Illinois. For the past couple months our biology class has been studying the Isle Royale's wolf and moose population in order to better understand how an ecosystem works. After researching the history of these populations I feel I can help out the park service reach a decision of how to treat this ongoing problem of the declining wolf population.

I've chosen option D, which is to introduce new wolves whenever necessary. However, I think it's necessary to wait for the current wolves infected with LSTV to reach a point where they won't risk breeding and spreading the genetic disease to the next generation. After those wolves are gone I think it's important to reintroduce a healthy, genetically diverse range of wolves.

I chose this option because wolves are necessary to this island's ecosystem. Without wolves the moose population will reach unmanageable highs, this was demonstrated in 1995. The moose will both eat away at the fir tree populations (which has been on the island much longer than both the moose and the wolves) and eventually be so overpopulated they can't sustain themselves and the already present ticks will likely kill many of them. Predators are absolutely necessary to every ecosystem, especially one as fragile as an island; which due to isolation might not be able to recover from the extinction of such an essential species.

The park's past policy of non-intervention hasn't seen much success, the wolf population is currently at its all-time low of two, possibly three wolves. This shows that option A of letting nature take its course while we observe, will not work as it will lead to the eventual extinction of the wolves. To compare Isle Royale to another ecosystem dealing with losing their wolf population, Yellowstone, Isle Royale doesn't have the same vast amount of species and land Yellowstone did. Yellowstone has bears, coyotes, and many others that were able to control prey populations until the eventual reintroduction of wolves. Isle Royale doesn't have that same option. Especially with rising global temperatures and lack of ice bridges forming, without a long-term stable wolf population on the island it seems the island will forever be without a major predator. As mentioned on NPS website,

An option I was considered was the second option offered by Park Service, in which the park service would introduce the genetic rescue of wolves. However, after considering this seriously, I think due to climate change and the many years in which things have just changed too much, this option simply isn't viable.

In the past on Isle Royale, ice bridges formed which allowed new, genetically different, wolves to come to the island. This is absolutely essential to the wolf population. Isle Royale is a small island, it provides little space and due to that the absolute maximum amount of wolves we've ever seen on the island was 50 (in 1980). When considering breeding potential, that number is quite small, and if that number decreases, as it will due to natural fluctuations, the amount of potential mates who aren't closely related becomes much smaller. The wolves of Isle Royale have been inbred for many decades and while it didn't seem to show any effects, as read on the Isle Royale website, the original thoughts were proven wrong and the effects were subtle but still present. A big issue involving inbreeding is LSTV. In normal canine populations LSTV occurs in perhaps 1% of the population, in Isle Royale (a highly inbred population) it occurs in 33%. With the current population there seems little to no chance of finding a healthy, non-LSTV infected pup which dims the hope of any future healthy pups. To bring it back to ice bridges, when ice bridges formed, perhaps before global warming became such a relevant and visible issue, inbreeding wasn't as much an issue. Probably due to the fact of genetically diverse wolves coming over on an ice bridge. This was demonstrated by Old Grey Guy in the midst of the LSTV issues in 1997, the population fluctuated after his arrival but ultimately went up due to the multiple (34 in total) offspring he had. The wolf coming in and breeding saved the population, and now with no ice bridges forming, it seems highly unlikely a wolf will come at all and if it does, it is unlikely it will be able to mate. A population with an absolute maximum capacity of fifty (50 being an estimated minimum viable population size for species in general), cannot and will not sustain themselves for long without a new/genetically different visitor coming and breeding. Isle Royale's population has been much smaller than that for a while now and is already inbred and diseased.

The reasoning above is why option B won't work. Putting in wolves just once will eventually lead to the exact same place we are now. This is demonstrated by Old Grey Guy, again he brought in genetic diversity but he eventually began to mate with his own relatives and his genes dominated the whole population. This would lead to inbreeding problems once again, which proves my point. If continuing to invest in refreshing the gene pool, Isle Royale will need new wolves added whenever the population comes too close to this situation now, this would mimic a wolf coming over on an ice bridge. Along with this, the population will also probably need multiple new wolves when first re-introducing them in order to let the population build again without worrying about inbreeding. I would say the island's isolated location really works against a species that needs a lot of space for a small amount of animals. The park will need to invest actively in rebuilding the population and then continue with other wolves, if ice bridges not forming becomes an issue.

It seems unfortunately, us humans have caused an almost irreversible problem on this island and throughout the whole world. With the continued effects of global warming, no matter what we do, this population might not be able to sustain itself at all. However, I still believe this project is worth it. Our natural parks are incredibly important, not just for beauty and wildlife preservation but to educate the country about nature. Isle Royale specifically, is important because of the history behind it, the island is well known as the site of a long-term study of a predator-prey system. When first observing the island in 1958 after a couple years the scientists concluded, they [wolves and moose] seemed to exhibit some kind of "balance of nature." The longer the study went on the more the island went against previous conclusions. As Einstein said, "the more I learn, the more I realize how much I do not know. Modern science has found out and learned a great deal about nature, but as proven in this island, there is still so much we don't know. I hope the park doesn't leave the wolves to

the effects of human presence, its important we step in and set the population back to the way it should be. Nature is a mystery, but we shouldnt let the wolves future on the island be one too.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Ana and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. My [REDACTED] biology class has been studying ecosystems and the interactions between organisms for the past three weeks. I am providing my perspective on the wolves and moose on Isle Royale not only because my biology teacher gave us this assignment, but because I am a concerned United States citizen. The alternative I have chose to advocate for is Alternative C because I feel that is the most effective way to bring the wolves out of endangerment in the least amount of time.

I am advocating this alternative because the wolves of Isle Royale are a keystone species to Isle Royale. Meaning, without them, other species in the ecosystem would be either too low or too high. For example, since the wolf population is dangerously low right now, as the data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study shows that there is currently three wolves left on Isle Royale. The moose have no predators besides the wolves, and because of this, the moose population is continuing to grow. Because of the huge growth in the moose population, the balsam fir population, and the amount of vegetation in general, is starting to decline. The wolves control the moose population and, essentially, all of the other populations on the island.

Another reason I am selecting Alternative C is that the two adult wolves on Isle Royale most likely will not mate with incoming wolves, and since the wolves on the island are already six and eight years old, it is probable that they will die soon as well. If these wolves die, the moose population will continue to grow, maybe even exponentially, and the vegetation population will plummet. If we go with Alternative C, it will not be too late to save the population.

Another issue concerning the Isle Royale wolves is LSTV, or lumbosacral transitional vertebrae. LSTV is a malformation of the bones that make up a wolves pelvis. LSTV damages nerves that control a wolves tail and hind legs, because the vertebrae pinch the nerves and could also prevent full range of motion of the wolves back and legs. LSTV makes it difficult for wolves to move and hunt, which puts them at an even larger disadvantage since the moose are so much larger than them. We can see the drastic impact that this disease had on the wolves from 1983-1996, when the wolf population initially dropped to about 14 wolves, and continued to fluctuate, and in 1996, ended up with 22 wolves. Alternative C would be ideal because the NPS can bring in wolves that are heterozygous or homozygous for not having the LSTV gene, which would avoid one of the problems associated with the wolves.

Alternative C also insures that immediate action would be taken on the wolves, which in my opinion, is of great importance because the moose population has been continuing to thrive, even exceedingly so, and the amount of vegetation on the island is at an all time low. Rolf Peterson, a researcher from Michigan Tech and one of the heads of the Isle Royale Wolf study has said that "Thanks to wolf predation, fir trees on the western two-thirds of Isle Royale were growing to heights that put them safely out of reach of moose.

I do not think that Alternative A is the best option, because although there is the potential that another event like Old Gray Guy coming to Isle Royale could happen, it is not very likely. After the introduction of Old Gray Guy, the wolf population started to grow, because there was a greater variety in the gene pool. In fact, isleroyalewolf.org states that "within a decade of his arrival, he was one of the 7 breeding wolves out of 8 on Isle Royale, the other 6 were his immediate offspring." Also with Alternative A, there is a very great chance that no wolves will naturally migrate to Isle Royale, or that the two remaining mating wolves on the island will continue to mate. Without wolves on the island, the whole dynamic of the island is thrown off, and so is the stability of multiple species on Isle Royale.

I am not suggesting Alternative B because I believe that if wolves are brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event, there is always the possibility that a new disease or other endangering factor could be introduced to the wolves on the island. The data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study reflects this because in 1981-1982 there was a huge decline from 50-14 wolves because of the canine parvovirus disease that was inadvertently introduced to the island by humans.

I am not siding with Alternative D because although new wolves could potentially be introduced multiple times, by the time the "threshold" and "indicators" were met to reintroduce more wolves to the island, the other species that the wolves have an impact on could be extremely low, like we see with the vegetation, or extremely high, as we are seeing with the moose. It may be too late for the introduction of wolves to have an impact on Isle Royale's ecosystem at that point.

In conclusion, I believe that Alternative C is the best option for the Isle Royale wolves to thrive again, and for all of Isle Royale's populations to become more stable, as they were before the wolves started to die out. This alternative insures that more wolves will be brought to the island as often, or as little as the NPS sees fit, so if disease strikes, or if the moose population continued to grow at an exponential rate, the wolves on the island could bounce back. These wolves are not only a beautiful species, but they are important in maintaining a healthy ecosystem at Isle Royale.

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Correspondence: Addressing The Wolf Problem Of Isle Royale

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The situation the Isle Royale wolves are in right now is truly a worrying scenario. Data shows that there are only three wolves left and that they all have LSTV. This being said I believe the wolves will not last very long. When I saw that Isle Royale would be taking suggestions I would love to give my opinion. My name is Tyler [REDACTED] and I am a Freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge IL. I have been studying this topic in my biology class for the past 3 weeks and have been assigned the task of writing my idea on the Isle Royale wolf problem. Personally I have always loved wolves and in the past I have studied them and learned as much as I could about wolf packs, behavior and how they live their day to day lives. But now, given this opportunity I can give my opinion on the the problem. I believe that Isle Royale should chose option C to fix the current problem. I believe that introducing wolves whenever needed would be the best option for the park and here is why.

2015's Data shows that wolves on Isle Royale may be very short lived with only three known wolves on the island with only one breeding pair. Including the fact they all most likely have LSTV. So, my opinion is that Isle Royale should introduce new wolves to the island whenever they are needed, option C. I say this because option A or nonintervention has already been voided. We have already caused the wolves to die out once and not correcting what we have done to their population would simply be inhumane. By just leaving the wolves alone we would be dooming the wolf population and even all of Isle Royale as the moose would grow out of control destroying the island's habitat by growing too large and eating all of the vegetation. Once the moose ate most of the vegetation other animals would migrate away or eventually die off including the moose. After this happened Isle Royale would be littered with parts of old populations trying to rebuild using dead forests and limited vegetation. Even after populations grew over a long period of time the island may never go back to its former glory of predator versus prey. It would only be littered with belittled populations and the shadow of a greater past. This is why I don't think option A would work.

On the other hand option B would also most likely fail because the idea of a one time addition of wolves to the island has already failed. I am referring to the appearance of Old grey in 1997. In this scenario we see a powerful wolf enter Isle Royale and successfully return life to the wolves. But, this was short lived as the diversity he added was quick to disappear because there was only one pack with only one group of wolves who would keep inbreeding becoming more and more unhealthy and less reliable. As we see now with only three remaining wolves that attempt has already failed. The main problem though is what the wolves will do once they are released for the one time release. They could form one pack and fall to the same fate as the old wolves or they could disperse and last longer. But, the problem is we don't know what they will do. Plus since it is only a single introduction There will not be a way to correct it if something goes wrong. This is why I think option B would not work.

Another option that I believe would fail is option D. I say this because the remaining wolves are doomed as it is and waiting to take action could absolutely destroy the island. Knowing that the last three wolves on the island are a breeding pair and their offspring. It could be a long time before action is taken and by then the moose could have grown out of control and the vegetation could be shredded by the over populated moose. This would result in the death of many animals including the moose if they ate all of their resources. Time is an important factor in this problem so, I believe waiting would be out of the question because of the devastating outcomes it would bring to the island.

For these reasons I believe option C or the reintroduction of wolves whenever they are needed on the island would be the best route to take. I say this because we see that the wolves are going to die out and it is our fault. That is why it is necessary to take action now and over at least the next twenty years. I believe that adding wolves whenever they are needed would allow the wolf population to remain constant and hopefully stop the moose from growing and help restore some sort of order to the island. We see now that in the past four years the moose have more than doubled and are rising at alarming rates. So, it is important that action is taken quickly to bring back wolves to the island to keep the moose at bay and to allow vegetation to thrive on the island for other species and themselves.

Given the evidence I have provided I believe that Isle Royale's wolves need to be saved and taken care of until the island can be restored to its former glory. By doing this we can ensure that the island will be safe and possibly even thrive for many years in the future.

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I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Illinois. Currently in my Biology class we are studying Isle Royale National Park, to better understand a predator-prey relationship with the wolves and the moose. Through our learning about the national park we understand that the wolf population is declining rapidly and that may be hazardous to the vegetation on Isle Royale, because without the Wolves to keep the Moose population in check, the Moose would roam free without predation and would eat all of the vegetation. This scenario makes wolves a keystone species, because when you take wolves away from an ecosystem, the populations of animals will lose stability. Out of the four current options I think alternative C would be the best option to save the wolf population. Alternative C is the option of bringing as many wolves as needed for at least the next 20 years. This is the best idea for a couple of reasons.

First, alternative C would help stabilize the population of the wolves, moose, and vegetation on Isle Royale National Park for at least the near future as well as the other animals that roam the island such as mice or ducks, and if the wolves are successful at balancing the ecosystem then long-term equilibrium will be reached. If equilibrium is not reached then this alternative allows for numerous attempts at bringing wolves to the park. Secondly, bringing wolves to the park will help save the current wolf population in the fastest way possible from a genetic malformations in the spine that is crippling their population and making it hard for the wolves to hunt. Finally, alternative C is the least flawed out of all of the alternatives.

Adding wolves to Isle Royale will help stabilize an ecosystem that is very unstable right now,"Concerns remain that the upcoming increase in moose abundance will result in long-term damage to the health of Isle Royale's vegetative community."(Isle Royale Winter Study annual report) and,"The balance of predator-prey on Isle Royale has clearly tipped. The question remains what actions humans will or will to take to influence that scale."(Michigan Tech University, 2015) This information shows that the ecosystem is very unstable right now, that is why a multiple time approach would work better with introducing wolves to Isle Royale, because one time will likely not balance the scale completely, in terms of predator-prey, wolves-moose relationship.

Another advantage to alternative C is that it will help save the wolf population in the shortest amount of time from genetic abnormalities in the spine that make it hard for the wolves to hunt. Alternative C saves the wolves in the shortest amount of time by adding wolves whenever necessary. That is very important, because it is not only moose that we need to keep in check, but also a lot of other animals on Isle Royale that are dependent on wolves to keep the moose in check which in turn keeps the vegetation plentiful."Conserving something is preferable to restoring it. If something's valuable, why wouldn't you try to keep it rather than let it go extinct and then try to put it back?"(MinnPost,2013).

The main thing that alternative C has that the other alternatives do not have is flexibility. A good plan for saving the wolf population of Isle Royale has to have flexibility, because of a number of variables that could affect the wolf population such as a new disease or a change in the Isle Royale ecosystem.

Alternative A is a very stiff plan that requires no action be taken from the Park Service. This plan will simply not work because with only three wolves left on Isle Royale(Michigan Tech University,2015), it would be very hard for the few remaining wolves to revitalize the population, because of the current spinal abnormalities that they have. Alternative B is also a very stiff plan, that is to bring wolves to the island as a one time event. This plan is the second best plan, but it still lacks the ability to be successful if something goes wrong, say a virus is passed around and half of the wolves die within a couple months of them being brought to the island, then what is next? Alternative D is also not a bad plan, but it is not as good as alternative C because if none of the thresholds are met, but if the wolf population continues to stay very low, and ineffective at doing their job as a keystone species to keep most of the islands populations in check then no progress will be made.

In review, alternative C is clearly the best option for it's flexibility, and it's lack of potentially negative outcomes. Alternative C will bring equilibrium to the park's ecosystem. It will also save the current population from a terrible spinal malformation that is causing the wolves to lose effectiveness while hunting moose. Saving the wolves is a very important thing that needs to be done, and with alternative C, it will help rebalance the Isle Royale ecosystem.

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Correspondence: The Wolves of Isle Royale

Hello, my name is Ryan. I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, IL. I am writing this because in our last unit we used the example of the closed ecosystem on Isle Royale to better our understandings of ecosystems. Also, using what we learned, we need to write a response about how to deal with the problems of the declining wolf population. I believe that the best alternative to the problem is to let the wolves with the spinal malformation to die out, and to then proceed to repopulate the island with a relatively cleaner gene pool. This is alternative D. Quite frankly, this is not the alternative that I would want to be chosen. If I actually had a choice, I would go with alternative B, to be able to increase the longevity of the wolves with the bloodline

that has been on the Island since the start of the experiment. But, unfortunately, I have to think of the long term rather than the nicer choice. Alternative D allows the LSTV disease to be out of the gene pool for the new wolves to be introduced to the island. This is the smart option. This allows for the experiment to basically start from scratch. Every experiment has more than one trial. This can be take two for the wolves of Isle Royale. For my alternative, I chose D as the correct path of action. Specifically, alternative D was to introduce more wolves as a certain threshold was met. For example, as the moose get too large in number, or when the balsam fir gets too low. Those are both good thresholds to be set, but what I was thinking of as a good threshold to be set would be when the current wolf population reaches 0. I know that the chances of the wolves with LSTV breeding with a healthy wolf are extremely low, but there is still a chance. The reason I thought of this threshold was mainly to get rid of LSTV from the new generation of wolves on the island. If the threshold was to be set at when the current wolf population equals 0, that does allow for the moose population to get to extreme levels. Also, this means that it is possible for the Balsam Fir levels to get dangerously low. As discussed in Michigan Tech News article, Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale By Allison Mills, there has been an annual increase in moose, increasing each year by 22% since 2011. As you can see, this increase means that wolves need to be added to keep this ecosystem in check, but not before the gene pool on the island can clear up. As of one year ago, the wolf population is 3 wolves. (Mills, 2015).It was said in this article, that the one pup of the three wolves showed obvious signs to have LSTV, a hunched back, constricted waist, etc. Because of this, it is possible that this pup has died already. The lifespan of a Gray Wolf (the type of wolf on Isle Royale) is at most 13 years, but is on average five or six. Since the adult wolves are 6 and 8, and the pup is severely disabled, it may not be long before the wolf population reaches zero for the first time ever since the introduction to Isle Royale. To be more specific, to not just say add wolves, I was thinking that there would be two full packs. Since there is not really a set number for the amount of wolves in a pack, I would say that there would be two packs of ten. One on the east side of the island and one on the west side. Since many of the articles I have read for school have referenced a Middle Pack being one of the stronger packs. I would refrain from allowing too much competition from packs in the early stage of reintroduction. In Yellowstone National Park. The Druid pack came to be known as the top pack, and was that not because of where they were in the park, but rather which wolves showed the most ferocity. What if some wolves after a couple of generations did that on Isle Royale? Created their own Middle Pack. Overall, what I am trying to say is that when the wolf population reaches 0, to introduce two new packs with a clean gene pool. The moose population would go through a lot of change because of this alternative. To start off, they would flourish because of the lack of able bodied wolves to actually hunt them on the island. Then the number would start to steadily go down because of more wolves. But, the moose were never in dangers of going extinct on the island. The only considerable change in population would be the initial sudden drop because of twenty healthy wolves needing to feed when they get on the island. But, since 2011, the population of moose has been increasing by 22% annually. (Mills, 2015). This sudden drop will not put moose in any danger, just a lower number than previous years with less wolves. As for vegetation on the island, particularly Balsam Fir, it will go back to normal levels. Since the wolves have been depleting, there have been more and more moose, and, well, a moose has got to eat. And since moose eat mainly balsam fir, the amount of firs has gotten dangerously low. And after eating the firs, when they start to grow again, the moose dont have as many full grown, so they eat the sprouting plants and stop them from growing bigger. Just like the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone, the new wolves in Isle Royale will help These Balsam Firs flourish. Overall, I think Alternative D is the correct choice for helping the ecosystem of Isle Royale. First off, there will be twenty new wolves, ready to hunt and breed with a fresh gene pool. Secondly, there will not be as many moose. That itself is not a problem, the problem lies within the moose's diet. With the reintroduction of wolves, there will be less moose, which in turn means more Balsam Fir.

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Correspondence:
I am Ethan. I am a student [REDACTED] Park Ridge, Illinois, [REDACTED]. I am writing this for my Biology class [REDACTED]. We want to help the National Parks Service make a decision that is best for the ecosystem of Isle Royale. We want the wolves, moose and vegetation all to be able to survive and flourish on Isle Royale. I want to help you by giving my opinion on the best alternative for the ecosystem of Isle Royale. I think Alternative D is the best course of action. In alternative D the National Parks Service would not take immediate action. Instead, certain thresholds will be created and if those thresholds are met wolves will be reintroduced to Isle Royale. This alternative will greatly benefit the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

Alternative D will greatly benefit the wolves of Isle Royale. They are dying out, there were only 3 on the island in 2015. However populations do tend to stabilize, meaning that it is possible for these wolves to survive. Two of the wolves left are a mating pair meaning they can still reproduce and the wolf population. I say we stay out of it and let nature take its course. From 1980 to 1996 the wolves suffered a great decline in population. In 1980 there were 50 wolves on Isle Royale, the most there had ever been. But by 1982 there were only 14 wolves left and from 1982-1996 the wolf population stayed low due to LSTV. Things did not look good for the wolves. It seemed they could die out. However after 1996 the population stabilized and until now the population was stable. Populations can and will restabilize if given the time. However in some cases a species will die out. If the wolves die out the entire ecosystem of Isle Royale will fall apart. This is why we need to save the wolves if necessary. If the wolves go extinct or if there is only one gender of wolf left we need to step in and save the wolves. Nonintervention is important because it helps us get a better understanding of how these animals would interact in the wild. However, we cannot sit back and allow the wolves to die out. For the good of the park we must intervene. However, only in an extreme situation must we intervene. Nonintervention should be preserved for as long as possible so we can see how animals react without human interference, but once the wolves die that can only mean bad thing for Isle Royale. The wolves keep the moose in check and moose keep the vegetation in check. It is all a perfect system, but if one of those components is lost, the whole thing falls apart.

Alternative D is the best thing for the moose of Isle Royale. At the beginning of the study, the main threat to the moose was the wolves. This show as the changes in wolf population would affect moose and the changes in moose population would affect wolves. Also, at the beginning, neither population grew too high or too low. However, recently there has been a great decline in wolves. This has caused the wolves to no longer be the main threat to the moose population. The moose population has increased rapidly because of this. In 2015 there were about 12500 moose, when in 2011 there were only about 500. This rapid increase in moose means more resources are being used by moose. Soon, there will be only a limited amount of resources on the island and high number of moose on the island. This will cause a catastrophic decrease in the moose population. If the number of moose grows too high there will be major effects. All life on Isle Royale will fall apart. The ecosystem is dependent on the stability of organisms. If the moose population keeps growing it will overpopulate. There will not be enough food to feed all the moose. They will reach a point where food for the moose is scarce. This means that most of moose will struggle to find food. Many moose will die of hunger. The amount of moose that die will be huge. The moose population could stay very low for a long time or the moose could die out completely. Therefore, if the moose population reaches a certain height we must bring wolves to Isle Royale. If more wolves are introduced into Isle Royale they will keep the moose population set able. If we build a healthy wolf population the wolves will become the moose's main cause of death again. The wolves will start effectively preying on the moose again. At first, they will lower the population of moose. However, in the long run, this is a good thing for the moose population. Once the moose have gone down to an amount that allows all living things to thrive, the wolves will keep the moose population stable. This will cause all organisms in the ecosystem of Isle Royale to stay stable, making for a healthy ecosystem. Isle Royale needs wolves when its ecosystem is at risk of falling apart.

Alternative D is best for the vegetation of Isle Royale. The moose have increased greatly in recent years. Due to the lack of wolves, the moose are growing uncontrollably. The moose main source of food is the vegetation. This means the vegetation on Isle Royale is directly affected by the population of moose on Isle Royale. The more moose on Isle Royale the more demand there is for food. This means more vegetation will be eaten than will reproduce. This

means as the moose population grows the vegetation will decrease. The growing population of moose will kill all the vegetation on Isle Royale. Then there will be little or no vegetation left on Isle Royale. The vegetation is directly impacted by the moose population. When there are more moose, there is less vegetation, when there are less moose, there are more vegetation. We already know the amount of wolves directly impacts the amount of moose as the moose are thriving because of a decrease in wolves. We also know that the amount of moose directly impacts the vegetation on Isle Royale. This means the amount of wolves indirectly impacts the amount of vegetation. So, if the wolf population goes down, the amount of vegetation goes down. This means if there is only a small amount of vegetation left we should reintroduce more wolves to Isle Royale. This way the wolves will eat more moose causing the moose population to go down, so there will be less moose that will eat the vegetation on Isle Royale. This will cause the amount of vegetation to go up and save the vegetation. This means Alternative D is the best alternative for the vegetation on Isle Royale. Alternative D is the best option for Isle Royale. Alternative D is the best for the wolves on Isle Royale, the moose on Isle Royale and the vegetation on Isle Royale. A policy of nonintervention will be practice because it is important to let nature run its course. However, the wolf population is too low, the moose population is too high and the amount of vegetation is too low. So, if the wolf population gets too low, the moose population gets too high or the amount of vegetation gets too low, more wolves need to brought to Isle Royale to save the ecosystem of Isle Royale. This is the best option for Isle Royale. It will let the study go on while still maintaining the park. I feel out of all the options, Alternative D is by far the best. I hope you consider what I have to say.

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Correspondence: I am Danny [REDACTED], a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this because my class and I have been investigating the wolves and moose relationship of Isle Royale. As we have been investigating the different fluctuations in the wolf and moose populations, we have discovered that in recent years, the wolf population has severely declined, reaching an all time low of three in 2015. There have been numerous discussions over whether the park service should intervene or not, and I think I have the answer to all these questions. The Park Service proposed 4 options for what to do, and I strongly recommend alternative D. If the park acted on alternative D, then they would let nature take its course until a certain threshold is reached. In my opinion that threshold is when all the wolves die out. The NPS would then introduce more wolves all at once or in different intervals. By doing this, the wolves of Isle Royale would either survive from their current number of three, or a new number of wolves would be introduced without any of the LSTV malformations.

New wolves need to be introduced for the sake of Isle Royale for several reasons. First, without the wolves serving as a major predator to the moose, the moose population has skyrocketed in recent years. In 2015, with only three wolves to hunt the moose, the population shot up to around 1250. The increase of the moose population has also had major effects on the vegetation of Isle Royale and specifically the Balsam Fir. Moose browse so heavily that ecologists, including Aldo Leopold, were advocating for wolves to be brought to the island for decades before the first wolf arrived. On the western two-thirds of the island, where moose browsing is heaviest, firs rarely grow more than two or three feet tall. If they can survive to about 9 feet, they can survive the moose, and if they can get to about 12 feet, they can reproduce. With the help of the wolves, fir trees were growing to heights safely out of reach of the moose, which allowed for them to reproduce for the first time in a century. The opportunity to reproduce for the Balsam Fir is quickly disappearing with the latest crash of the wolves and concurrent soaring of the moose herd. Without the predation of wolves on Isle Royale, the forest may be stripped away by the moose. Alternative D would help to save the forest because in the likely event that the three remaining wolves die out, new wolves would be introduced to help stop the rapid increase in the moose population and to help save the Balsam Fir population.

In alternative D, the NPS would initially let nature take its course and would allow for the potential three wolves to perhaps recover and to start up the wolf population again. That is highly unlikely, however, because the three remaining wolves all have LSTV, a spinal malformation which decreases their effectivity to hunt. This plan would allow for the wolf population to die out, where they could then be replaced with wolves carefully selected and imported from other places. Rolf Peterson, who led the study of the wolves and moose the longest, advocated for this method. He explained that the strategy was the probable best option for avoiding a repeat of the genetic depression that has resulted from generations of inbreeding on the island. By letting the current wolves die out and introducing new carefully selected ones, the chances of LSTV in the wolves would be much lower. LSTV was very common among the wolves of Isle Royale, as 33 percent of them had the spinal malformation. There is only a 1 percent incidence of LSTV in normal populations. With a new and specifically selected group of wolves, the chances of inbreeding would be very small which would lead to less disabilities and malformations.

Alternative D would help to introduce new wolves and would also help to get rid of the LSTV spinal malformation.

There are numerous reasons why the other alternatives are not the best choice to help save Isle Royale. First, Alternative A is definitely not the answer. Alternative A is the idea in which the NPS should not intervene and just let nature take its course. The chances of the three remaining wolves surviving are very low because of the LSTV spinal malformation that they all currently have. If the wolves were to die, then the moose population would skyrocket, which lead to the population of Balsam Fir decreasing dramatically. Alternative B is not the answer either. In alternative B, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event to help increase the longevity of the wolf population. This alternative should not be chosen because there is still a possibility that one of the new wolves would breed with one of the remaining wolves with LSTV. This would lead to the wolf population not completely recovering because their ability to effectively hunt would be affected. If they can not hunt efficiently, than the population may never recover. Alternative C is not the right option for the same reasons. In alternative C, wolves would come as often as needed to Isle Royale. This is a wrong option because there is still a chance that LSTV could be passed down in the case that one of the new wolves breeds with the LSTV wolves. In my opinion, Alternative D is clearly the right option.

Whoever may be reading this, I strongly encourage you to pick alternative D. It would be in the best interests of the ecosystem if the NPS chose this option. New and improved wolves would be brought in, which would help to monitor the moose population and to help save the vegetation of Isle Royale. The chances of inbreeding and wolves inheriting LSTV would also be much lower. In order to save the ecosystem of Isle Royale, we must act quickly and efficiently, and I believe that the clear best choice is alternative D. I believe and have the utmost confidence that you will make the right decision to save these animals.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Management Plan Recommendation

Hello, my name is George, a student [REDACTED] located in the suburbs of Chicago. We have been learning about the history between the wolves and moose of Isle Royale, and tracking their populations since the beginning of the study. My class and I have been able to observe the dramatic fluctuations and instability between these two populations. As a frequent visitor of national parks, as well as a nature lover, I care about these quick-changing populations and believe a solution is necessary to protect and maintain the ecological welfare of Isle Royale National Park. I believe that the best alternative solution to solving the wolf-moose crisis is Alternative D. In Alternative D, no immediate action will occur, and we will evaluate the situation and possible thresholds to fix the moose-wolf-vegetation population problem. It will provide time for the populations to stabilize, as well as provides room to add a threshold that will change the island in the short and long term.

Since the beginning of the Isle Royale Wolf Study, the wolf and moose populations have fluctuated greatly. Once again, a major fluctuation is upon us. The wolf population has drastically decreased 90% i the last ten years, or 94% i the last 36 years. Although the wolf populations have drastically decreased,

they had also increased at a greater rate over time. From 1969-1980, the wolf population went up a shocking 177%. The same can be said about the moose. From 1996 to 1997, the moose population dropped by 62%. Although they drastically decreased in just one year, the moose population had gone up 174% in a fourteen year period (Isle Royale Wolf Study). This demonstrates that recommending Alternative D would work best because it provides us the benefit of time. If the population of the moose grew out of control, according to history the population could drastically decrease due to an interference or disease, or natural disaster (Minnpost Articles). This tells us that we don't need immediate solutions because it is unknown what the future moose population will be. This speaks the same for the wolves. Although this year brings an all-time low to the population, history shows that the populations have drastically increased from small populations because of specific weather patterns, addition of outsider organisms, etc. Alternative D also provides the optional addition of outsider wolves to rebalance the population which would raise the population. If the wolves were to go extinct, then a possible threshold could be to add additional wolves. We could add wolves at a convenient time, for example if the moose were growing out of control and the vegetation levels are dropping, or if other populations grow out of control. Currently, the moose population is steadily growing higher. The last time this happened was after a drastic decrease in 1996.

Besides offering time, Alternative D provides options. Although the Isle Royale Wolf Study has provided us with plenty of information, we will never know what might happen next. Someone similar to Old Grey Guy could wander upon Isle Royale and bring new life. He brought new genes to the wolf population. Although experts say that ice bridges are uncommon, in the past several years wolves have made their way to and from the island showing that ice bridges may still occur. Also, if the wolf couple has twins once a year for the next ten years, the population would rise to 22, (just the wolf couple and their children, not counting their 'grandchildren'). Although unlikely, it's possible. If this were not to happen and the wolves all died out, we could have options. Such options include re-introducing new wolves, or another species that could maintain the moose population. Our priorities are to protect all nature on Isle Royale which is dropping or rising in numbers due to factors such as diseases such as LSTV and Canine Parvovirus (Minnpost), climate change, ticks, etc. This includes the populations of both moose, wolves, and plants (especially balsam fir), but unfortunately we won't know anything until future years to come. Currently, the wolves are in an immediate danger zone, which could link to extinction. We would have the option to reintroduce them, but it may not be necessary due to our knowledge of the history of the wolves and moose and how their populations can change drastically. Besides creating a thriving and diverse environment of different species of animals on Isle Royale, wolves are crucial to the populations of different biotic and abiotic components. We have seen that in Yellowstone National Park, bringing back wolves severely changed the park in a positive way. It even changed how the rivers flow (How Wolves Change Rivers)! I believe that if the wolves die out, we should carefully track the populations of different species on the island to see if the reintroduction of wolves is necessary.

Previously - the wolves were mediating life on Isle Royale. They kept the populations of moose and the vegetation on the island as well as other animals on the island stable. I believe that they are crucial to the survival of all species on the island, but in the next 20 years we should wait and see if they are really needed anymore - and if the populations of vegetation and moose can remain stable by themselves. If the moose population reaches more than 2000 in the next 20 years, I believe the reintroduction of wolves would be necessary to maintain the populations of the moose and vegetation on the island. This can be done such as in Alternative C - to introduce the wolves as needed for at least the next 20 years. However, I have come to the conclusion that Alternatives A, B, and C would not work as well as Alternative D. This is because these three alternatives don't account for the possible natural changes that would occur over the next 20 years (i.e. the moose dying off because of global warming, a wildfire killing off all the vegetation, etc.). To maintain the population of the vegetation, we will need to maintain the moose population and track the amounts of vegetation. It may still thrive on the island. To maintain the moose population, wolves would need to be re-introduced.

Throughout history, Isle Royale has shown us how populations can change rapidly and without any warning. One year the moose reach an all-time high, the next they might see one of their lowest populations ever. Unfortunately, the wolf population has decreased to such a low number that they aren't successfully maintaining moose and vegetation populations on Isle Royale (Minnpost). Although now they aren't killing moose as much as they used to, there is still potential for them to become fearful predators by either bringing new wolves over or somehow a wolf finding its way onto the island. Although the moose would do better without the wolves, these two species are a great example of a predator-prey relationship and that animals need each other to build a working ecosystem.

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Correspondence: My name is Will [REDACTED], and I am a freshman student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this letter because my [REDACTED] biology class has been studying what has been going on between the wolf and moose populations of Isle Royale over the past 50 or so years, and I have found it really interesting and shocking that the wolf population could be on the brink of extinction on the island. While I hope that my opinion will be valued, I more importantly hope that the right decision is made. To me, the best possible outcome is one that would leave the island as undisturbed as possible while stabilizing the populations at the same time. Of the four options, I feel that alternative C (bringing wolves as often as needed over the next 20 years) is the best choice to carry out because it allows the humans to interact enough to the point where they are making a difference, but only when it is necessary and is certain to benefit the island as a whole. I feel that immediate action is required because of how low the wolf population has gotten, but not such drastic action that might greatly alter both the wolf and moose populations.

It doesn't take a genius to realize that the wolf population on Isle Royale has been failing to carry out their ecological duty of controlling the moose, which needs to be addressed immediately. In 2015, the wolf population on Isle Royale dropped to an all-time low of 3, which allowed the moose to skyrocket back up to 1,250, nearly 200 more than there had been the previous year (isleroyalewolf.org). This is a very drastic change considering that the wolf population is usually averaging about two dozen (Ron Meador of MinnPost). If something is not changed immediately or in the near future, the wolves will be completely ineffective at controlling the moose or possibly could even die out altogether. Alternative C directly addresses this problem because wolves could immediately be reintroduced to the population. It would be best for this to happen while the wolves are still alive so that fluctuations among the population would be minimized. If we wait for something to naturally change on the island, we are not only allowing more likelihood of the wolves dying out, but also for the moose population to rapidly increase to a point of instability. If wolves were reintroduced at this point, they would feast on the abundant moose until the wolf population grew incredibly large, so large to the point that the moose could die out in the same situation that the wolves were in just years before. Basically, because of how rapidly the moose population could grow with so few wolves, once the wolves were able to regenerate, they could hunt so easily that they would grow out of control just as the moose did before them. If immediate action were to take place to minimally increase the wolf population, the wolves could recover while the moose are still relatively normal in number, so that at the end of the day, both populations could stabilize much more easily.

Alternative C would also be the best option to benefit the moose and vegetation as well. Over the years, the moose population has gotten as high as almost 2,400, and as low as just over 300, so it has fluctuated greatly. As of right now, the moose population is on the rise, and that will not be changing unless the wolf population suddenly surges once again, which is next to impossible to happen naturally because of only 3 wolves remaining (isleroyalewolf.org). Land bridges are forming less and less often because the temperature has increased recently due to global warming, so it is also highly improbable that any new wolves would come to the island naturally (Alternative A). Letting nature take its course for much longer will cause the moose to keep increasing until they run out of vegetation to eat. Ron Meador of the Minnesota Post told us that balsam fir, the main item on the moose diet, need to grow to 12 feet to reproduce, and that on the island they rarely grow more than 2 or 3 feet tall. If the vegetation cannot reproduce, then the moose are bound to run out of food, and this will only happen quicker if the process of adding more wolves is delayed. If Alternative C were to be chosen, wolves could be gradually placed back onto Isle Royale over the course of a few years so that just enough would be there (probably 15-20 of them) and they could control the moose

population, but also not be in grave danger. However, if Alternative B were to be chosen and all of these wolves were inserted at once, there is a chance that they could reproduce rapidly and grow the wolf population so much in a matter of years that the moose would become the ones in trouble. In Alternative C, if the wolves grew to a healthy number within the first few insertions, no more wolves would need to be added and the population could stabilize once again. The problem with Alternative D is that even though wolves could be added in increments like C, by the time it is implemented, the moose population could already be too large, and great fluctuations would occur for many years. This is because if the wolves have so many moose to feed on, then they could grow out of control, but then they would run out of food and the moose would come back. This would happen over and over again and neither population would really be able to stabilize for quite some time.

One common problem that people have with introducing new wolves immediately is the LSTV disorder and how it is reoccurring within the wolf population, making them ineffective hunters. Most of the current wolf population is heterozygous for the LSTV trait or has it, which is why it shows up so commonly. However, if certain wolves were to be placed on the island that were homozygous for the normal vertebrae trait, no matter what kind of wolf they bred with, it would not have LSTV. This would also make it less likely for future generations to have the disease as well because the offspring of a heterozygous wolf and homozygous non-LSTV wolf still have a 50% chance of having no recessive genes at all. Even if the new wolves didn't mate with the old ones, they could still start their own sort of pack or join with the others, solving the bigger picture of controlling the moose population all the same. Overall, the wolf population problem on Isle Royale is a very serious issue that must be solved immediately in order to prevent the moose from growing out of control. I have been fortunate enough to see each of these majestic animals in nature and I would hate to see either of them vanish from Isle Royale. It would be truly terrible for one of them to disappear from the island because of humans making the wrong decision. Through my limited studies, it seems to me that Alternative C is the best approach at this time. By introducing wolves over time but effective as soon as possible, it gives the wolves a chance to recover and also control the moose, but also allows their population to stay in control as well so that they don't get out of hand. The future of the island is in the hands of the people. We have more than enough resources, it's just a matter of making the right decision.

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Correspondence: Hello, I am Natalie, a freshman student [REDACTED], located in Park Ridge, IL. In biology class we have been investigating Isle Royale, and we have learned about how the moose and wolves have been living and interacting on the island. We discovered drastic changes in wolf population in some years and drastic changes in moose populations in other years. We know that today the wolf population is at its lowest point, and they are in danger of dying out. We also know that because of this the moose are thriving, which puts danger on the fir trees and vegetation on Isle Royale. With all of that information, I have come to understand that the NPS has chosen to do something about it, and that they would appreciate the public's input, so that is why I am writing this paper. I personally believe that the best approach the NPS should make regarding Isle Royale's concerning conditions is Alternative C. Out of all of the alternatives, alternative C gives the NPS the most control over when and how many wolves should be brought to Isle Royale, and it can actually make a difference before it's too late.

The NPS is trying to make a decision to save the populations on Isle Royale, and I believe the best way to save the populations on Isle Royale is through option C. On Isle Royale, there have been drastic changes in the wolf and moose populations, which have been investigated for years. The data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study shows that that Isle Royale has experienced both mild winters and harsh winters. In 1980, humans inadvertently introduced the disease canine parvovirus to the island, causing a huge decrease in the wolves, 50 wolves to 14 wolves, from 1980 to 1982. Canine parvovirus kills wolf pups, and it spread through the wolves feces. Then from 1996 to 1997, there was a severe winter, the outbreak of winter ticks in moose, and the wolf "old grey guy" came to the island. During this time, the moose population greatly decreased, from 2398 moose to 900 moose, because of the horrible outbreak of winter ticks. The wolves increased by 2 wolves, mainly because of old grey guy coming onto the island. Then from 1997 to today, the moose population has experienced fluctuations, but more recently has been increasing, putting danger to the fir trees of the island. The wolf population fluctuated greatly during this time, because of old grey guy, inbreeding, and LSTV being spread through inbreeding. These are the biggest problems for the island today, and alternative C could be the solution.

I think Alternative C would be best for Isle Royale, because the wolf population was down to 3 in 2015. Inbreeding has been a serious problem for the wolves, causing a third of the wolves on Isle Royale to suffer from LSTV. LSTV causes wolves to have damage to the nerves in their tails and hind legs, and it prevents a full range of motion in their back and legs. This creates a strain on how a wolf hunts, weakening them with in catching food and defending themselves. Inbreeding does not cause LSTV, but if individuals in a population are heterozygous for the trait, inbreeding increases passing on the recessive alleles, causing individuals homozygous recessive for the trait. Because the wolves of Isle Royale don't have much genetic diversity in the gene pool, there is a greater chance of passing on the disease. Alternative C allows the NPS to bring wolves to the island as often as needed, which would cause much more genetic diversity. Then LSTV and inbreeding would not be as present in the wolves, strengthening the wolves greatly. More wolves means the moose will be hunted, and then the populations could stabilize, which puts the fir trees and vegetation of the island in less danger.

Another big problem for Isle Royale is climate change, which is a problem for many ecosystems today. Every part of the ecosystem is affected by climate change, like a warmer climate making it harder for the moose to survive, vegetation grows more, and wolves then have less prey. Humans can't control climate change, but since alternative C allows the NPS to bring wolves as often as needed, if the climate did change, they would be able to do something about it.

Out of all the alternatives, alternative C gives the NPS the most power. Alternative A does mean no human intervention, but without doing anything, the island will be in great danger. There is very little hope for the three wolves left to save the population, because of inbreeding and LSTV. The wolves can only hold on for so long. No wolves or a small amount of wolves means the moose are not being hunted, and they will increase too much. They will eventually reach the carrying capacity, and will run out of food. An increase in the moose population also creates great danger for the fir trees of Isle Royale. Nonintervention will only lead to many problems. Alternative B is a good approach for the NPS to take, but alternative C is better because they would bring wolves to the island as often as needed. With alternative B, bringing wolves to the island only once does not give the NPS the control they need. Things could go wrong, and the NPS wouldn't be able to do anything about it. Alternative D is not the best approach either because once a threshold is met, it could be too late. We need to take immediate action, and alternative D is the opposite of that. Alternative C gives the NPS the most control to save the life of Isle Royale.

Isle Royale has experienced many things, bad and good. The island gives us a good example on how everything in ecosystems interact and how every part is dependent on each other. We need to save the life on the Isle Royale, and the best way to do that is through alternative C. I hope that the wolves are saved, and that from there all the other populations will follow. I also hope that my input did help, and I hope that we will see the life of Isle Royale continue on for a long time.

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Correspondence: I am Michael a 9th grade biology student [REDACTED] in Park Ridge Illinois and I am learning about Isle Royale. I find the relationship between the moose and wolves quite fascinating and something worth studying. I am really concerned for the ecosystem on the island and I hope it can be restored. Personally the option that I would pick would be option D and then C. I say you let nature take it's course and if the moose need to

be maintained then reintroduce the wolves to the park. I say option C because if you do one and done meaning you just bring multiple wolves over one time then the same problems will come back since they will inbreed. If you bring in wolves for the next 20 years you can keep bringing in ones with new genetic material to keep the gene pool diverse. If the wolf population can stay at a healthy number and have multiple packs this should hopefully be successful.

The wolf population has drastically decreased in recent years and has never really been quite stable on Isle Royale due to the problem of inbreeding. Now by choosing option D it means wolves may not have to be reintroduced if the moose and vegetation levels are good, but this is unlikely as the moose will have no predators (assuming the two wolves left die) and the vegetation will decrease. If this happens the whole ecosystem of Isle Royale would falter and go crashing down. So wolves will probably have to be reintroduced to Isle Royale but I believe as often as needed. If you were to do it as often as needed you could bring in new genetic material anytime you need to over the 20 year period. This way the gene pool will stay mixed up and hopefully prevent inbreeding which is a "natural process in small isolated populations (that) had led to physical deformities and has likely resulted in low productivity and survival" as stated in the Moose- Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS. Hopefully the wolves can establish enough packs to keep the gene pool diverse but you also can't have too many because the population would be too high and they would then go down. The evidence that points to this inbreeding problem is if you look at the years shortly after 1997. The wolf population goes up quite a bit even though the moose population had just crashed. The only explanation for this is "Old Gray Guy" who was a wolf that came over from the mainland in 1997 and was a so called "genetic rescue". He mixed up the gene pool and was able to help create healthy wolves that could fulfill their role of being a successful predator. The population fluctuated a good rate for a bit but eventually showed signs of decline and is now at only two wolves left with probably no chance of genetic rescue as Allison Mills of Michigan Tech News stated " as a mating pair, neither is likely to be interested in other potential mates introduced for genetic rescue". I think wolves are necessary for maintaining a successful ecosystem because they hunt on the weak and old while the strongest of the moose survive which keeps their population healthy and stable. While maybe no plan is perfect I think plan D and then C if it comes to it would be best for the wolves.

Plan D I think would be the best for the moose because if they are able to live as a stable population and not cause the vegetation to decrease drastically then they could live in peacefulness with no predators. Obviously that will probably not happen so the wolves will be reintroduced but that's a good thing. There population could be at stable levels and there would be enough vegetation for the moose. John Vucetich and Rolf Peterson both stated in the Winter Study annual report that "Concerns remain that the upcoming increase in moose abundance will result in long-term damage to the health of Isle Royale's vegetative community". The wolves would address this problem by controlling the moose population and as I said earlier the wolves would hunt on the weak and old which would lead to survival of the strongest. This would lead to healthier and stronger offspring which would be beneficial to the moose and you would always still have the weak and old for the wolves to eat.

The vegetation on Isle Royale specifically the balsam fir tree will most likely suffer if wolves are not reintroduced and already is. With vegetation being the producers they are what drives an ecosystem and keeps it going. Without the plants you have nothing because nothing can get energy. While it would be unlikely the entire population of plants would disappear, it would at least drop quite a bit because of all the moose that would be eating it. Rolf Peterson, former project leader said "Some of these trees have been waiting for 60 to 70 years" to grow but if the moose eat it before it can grow then it can't reproduce leading to a drop in the balsam fir population. The moose population, after reproducing rapidly, would significantly drop because of the decrease in the amount of food. In order to have a successful ecosystem you need organisms to keep other organisms in check so everything can work in harmony or at least close to it.

While the other alternatives may be successful because who knows, I just don't feel the evidence points towards them like it does towards option D. For option A you have no intervention which would most likely lead to an Ecosystem disaster as there would be absolutely nothing to control the moose population that would eliminate much of the plant and balsam fir population. With the decrease in the plant population the moose themselves would then suffer along with the other animals on Isle Royale. This would not lead to a very successful ecosystem. The problems with B and C is that right now there are still two wolves on the island that would not accept another wolf to mate with since they are a mating pair. John Vucetich, associate professor from Michigan Tech said "There is now a good chance that it is too late to conduct genetic rescue" so you might as well start with a clean slate instead of trying to make it work with the wolves on the the island. Though the bigger issue with B would be the fact that the inbreeding problem may arouse again since this is a one time event.

Alternative D would ultimately be the best possible alternative because we are letting nature run it's course and if the ecosystem is unsuccessful on Isle Royale we can intervene. Unfortunately because of our past interventions and the presently occurring one of climate change we can only do our best to maintain the ecosystem on Isle Royale. It will probably be successful for the 20 years this project runs because of alternative D but I think sometime after the project is done we may see nature take it's course again and the ecosystem may falter because the island may not be equipped for the wolves and moose because of climate change. Though it could always be successful if the wolves are able to stay stable and keep the moose in check allowing the balsam fir to be successful. That would be the formula to success.

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Correspondence: My name is Katie. I am a freshmen in high school [REDACTED] Illinois. For our biology unit, we learned about the moose and wolves of Isle Royale. For a project we need to send a letter voicing our opinion on different types of intervention on the island. A few years ago I was lucky enough to visit Isle Royale. I saw first hand the beauty of the island and the animals inside and now feel the best course of intervention would be to go forth with option D, letting the remaining wolves run their course and then adding in more wolves if/once they die. The best case scenario is that 10 wolves would be added once the remaining wolves die and then periodically bring in more wolves if necessary.

The 3 remaining wolves on Isle Royale probably do not have that much time left (2 are middle aged and their pup is weak from LSTV), so I believe that if the National Park Service waits for the remaining wolves to die out, it will be the only chance of regaining stability on the island. Isleroyalewolf.org provided that on average 1% o wolves suffer from LSTV, however on Isle Royale 33% o the wolves on Isle Royale suffered from the genetic disease. LSTV stands for lumbosacral transitional vertebrae. The current wolves on the island are all carriers and affected by the genetic disease LSTV that was spread through the wolf population very quickly with inbreeding because of the limited options for mating. As the creators of the Isleroyalewolf.org stated, ... this wolf would have likely suffered damage to nerves that control its tail and hind legs as this vertebrae could pinch the nerves or prevents full range of motion in the wolves back legs. The isleroyalewolf.org supplied information wolves started to become noticeably affected by LSTV around the 1980s. They were suffering for years when they should have been thriving because of the increase in prey, but they were actually weakened because of their inability to sufficiently hunt and reached their at the time all time low of 12 wolves. John Vucetich said to Minnpost On Isle Royale, the percentage of moose killed by wolves each year averages 15 percent and can be as high as 24 percent. The last 2 years it was more like 2 percent. More moose die of pneumonia. Their inability to hunt and drastic decline in population has been the reason for the moose increase in population, causing the vegetation on the island to drastically suffer. Since 2011, the wolves have declined by over 16 wolves, causing the moose to increase by over 700 because of their lack of predators. So, in order to make sure that the wolves can be effective hunters, the only option would be to wait for the remaining wolves to die, so that LSTV would be much less likely to harm the population because usually it only affects 1% o the wolves. Quickly after the wolves die, the National Park Service could introduce 10 new wolves - 5 female and 5 male. The wolves could then reproduce and the population would begin increasing. The wolves would have more options of mates, so inbreeding chances would be low, minimizing the chance of any genetic diseases like LSTV to spread across the population. Periodically the National Park Service could introduce 1-2 more wolves every few years to alter the gene pool, keeping the animals less

susceptible to genetic diseases because of less inbreeding and more genetic diversity. The wolves would be strong enough to be effective predators and keep the moose population down, allowing for the rise of balsam fir and vegetation.

It is expected that within a few years the wolf population in Isle Royale will drop to zero. Without the wolves the moose would not have any predators, so they would steadily increase, making more moose need food. Moose are large herbivores and each require a lot of food. So, the vegetation population will start to go down. For example the Ron Meader from Minnpost stated that when the moose population was low, the balsam fir, a native plant on the western two-thirds of Isle Royale were growing to heights that put them safely out of reach of moose. This meant that the fir forest had its first chance in a century to reproduce and expand, but in recent years, as the wolf population has fallen to a historic low, predation on moose has fallen virtually to zero, the moose population has soared and the fir forest is in trouble again. Among the concerns of the fir population possibly going extinct, there is also the concern that the moose would take a drastic turn for the worse also. If the fir, one of the mooses food sources disappears, then so could the moose. Isleroyalewolf.org provided that in 1983-96, the wolves were increasing tremendously and in 1996, the population reached its all time high of merely 2400 because of their lack of predators. This inevitably led to a 1500 moose decline in one year because there was a severe winter making the food disappear and ticks spreading easily. The way that the population trend was moving in the 80-90s is similar to what is happening in Isle Royale now leading me to believe that their population will drop drastically too because they will run out of food since, they will be more populated than the carrying capacity. So, inevitably the moose, the wolves and the vegetation will all die out if intervention does not take place.

The other options given have many flaws that I believe would not lead to a successful restoration. No intervention (plan A) would cause the wolves to die off and the moose population would skyrocket, causing the fir to become nonexistent which will eventually lead the moose to starvation and inevitably, death. It is very improbable that more wolves would migrate to Isle Royale on an ice bridge because climate change is causing warmer temperatures, making ice bridges less frequent. Rolf said that it is already too late to not intervene because we already have with climate change, so we should do something to change it. In Plan B, introducing more wolves on Isle Royale could cause competition between the new and remaining wolves. The island is not that large, so it would be inevitable that they would meet. This would most likely cause death of the weaker, remaining wolves because they are very territorial. In plan D, nature would be able to take its course and the wolves would die naturally, without the remaining wolves to be put into a competitive situation, like it would be with implementing plan B. The third option (alternative C) would also not work because adding 1 or 2 wolves at a time would not do anything for the sake of the island because the remaining wolves would not mate with anyone else, so genetic rescue would not be completed. Also, encounterings between the new wolves and the remaining wolves could cause violence and competition. There is no guarantee that they would get along. The other alternatives have too big of downsides so, plan D would be best and safest option for intervention.

Isle Royale is a beautiful island full of nature that I hope will be there for a long time. But, at the rate at which the wolves are declining, the surrounding organisms could decline with it. The wolves have a bigger impact on the environment than one would think, so the right intervention is very important because the wolves are keystone species. Everything is connected in an ecosystem. When I went to Isle Royale, I was able to see all of the animals and beautiful wildlife, but if the wolves die out and no intervention is then taken, the scenery could be much different. There would not be as much vegetation, making all of the organisms on the island become affected. As a concerned citizen, I am hoping that the National Park Service will make the right decision and restore the wolf population after using scenario D by letting the remaining wolves die, so LSTV wouldnt be as prominent in the new wolf population that would be added to the island.

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Correspondence: My name is Rachael and I am a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. I am writing this because my biology class has been studying the wolves and the moose on Isle Royale. I feel I can help the National Park Service (NPS) with their decision on how to handle the wolf population. The alternative that I am recommending is Alternative C. I think that the NPS should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years. It is the best alternative because it will benefit the wolves, moose, and the vegetation.

Alternative C will benefit the wolf population. Wolves arrived on the island about 66 years ago around 1950. Moose arrived on the island about 100 years ago in the early 1900s. Though there have been fluctuations over the years, according to the Introduction to Our Class Case Study-The Wolves & Moose of Isle Royale, the 1959 and 2010 population counts were very similar. The 1959 wolf population was 20 and the moose population was 538. 51 years later in 2010, the wolves were at 19 and the moose were at 510. The long term average wolf population is 22. However, according to the data from the Isle Royale Wolf & Moose Study, from 2010 to 2015 the wolf population has decreased dramatically to 3 wolves, while the moose population has risen to 1250. In the Michigan Tech News article, Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale, Allison Mills writes about how it looks like only one mating pair and its unhealthy pup are left on Isle Royale. In her article, John Vucetich and Rolf Peterson, lead researchers of the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Study, believe that the wolf population decline is a result of wolf inbreeding. They, as well as all geneticists who have studied the current situation, agree that recovery of the wolf population is unlikely without new genetic material. In the MINNPOST article, As Isle Royale wolves slide toward extinction, a call for 'genetic rescue', Vucetich states that adding new wolves to the remnant population at Isle Royale is his preferred option to combat the wolf population decline. He believes genetic rescue is a potentially important tool for managing populations all across the planet. In a Ted Talk video, George Monbiot talked about how wolves are so valuable to an ecosystem. He said that when wolves were brought into Yellowstone, the whole ecosystem transformed for the better. Different animal populations went up and the vegetation increased, all in response to the wolves. If wolves go extinct at Isle Royale, the whole ecosystem could crash. Vucetich, who has been analyzing the 50 plus year wolf and moose data, believes new wolves should be introduced to the island. Managing the wolf population over the next 20 years will ensure a larger wolf population which will benefit the whole ecosystem. It will also be a healthier wolf population due to less inbreeding. I would recommend bringing in 4 young breeding pairs, all from different packs.

Alternative C will also benefit the moose population. Moose survive by eating the island vegetation. According to the Moose Life Cycle and Nutritional Needs article, moose consume thirty to forty pounds of vegetation a day. Due to the increase in moose population they may consume too much of the island's vegetation, which can have long lasting effects on the island. In fact this is not a new concern according to the MINNPOST article, What should be done to save Isle Royale wolves? In this article it states that in the 1940s ecologist, Aldo Leopold argued for bringing wolves to Isle Royale to save the forests from being destroyed by moose. Before any action was taken, several wolves crossed the ice to the island and began to hunt the moose, and until about 2011 the wolf-moose-vegetation relationship remained in balance. In the MinnPost article, As Isle Royale wolves slide toward extinction a call for 'genetic rescue', according to John Vucetich Without their wolf predators, the moose population may have to be controlled with culling. Culling is usually done by hunters killing the moose. Vucetich said that Yellowstone had sharpshooters kill elk to control their numbers, but it was very controversial and turned out not to be such a good thing to do. He does not believe culling is a good substitute for wolf predation and believes the public would be opposed to it. If the moose population gets too large there won't be enough food for all the moose and many will end up slowly starving to death. It would be kinder to manage the wolf population for the next 20 years and therefore ensure there is enough food for both groups.

Alternative C will also be beneficial to the vegetation. Vegetation on the island, especially the Balsam Fir, was there long before the moose and the wolves. Moose browse heavily on the fir but according to Peterson in the MINNPOST article No new wolves: Isle Royale to continue, for now, a policy of nonintervention, thanks to wolf predation, fir trees on the western two-thirds of Isle Royale had been growing to heights that put them out of reach of the moose which allowed them to reproduce. However in recent years the fir forest is in trouble again due to the decline of the wolf population and the increase in moose. In the Michigan Tech News article Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale, both Peterson and Vucetich write in the Winter Study annual report "Concerns remain that the upcoming increase in moose abundance will result in long-term damage to the health of Isle Royale's vegetative community." With the decline of their wolf predators the moose population will continue to grow, and over the years this will harm the vegetation on Isle Royale. Their meal of choice the Balsam Fir will most likely not be able to reproduce because the moose won't let it grow tall enough. If the wolf population is managed for the next 20 years it will decrease the moose population and let the vegetation increase and reproduce at healthy levels. Other alternatives have been proposed but I don't believe they are as good as Alternative C. I believe Alternative A would result in the wolf population dying out and that it would result in a permanent change to the ecosystem. I believe Alternative B would be risky because if some natural disaster (i.e. forest fire) or disease affected the wolves during this one time event then you would be unable to bring any more new wolves in. It also may only help the ecosystem for a shorter period of time. I don't agree with Alternative D because I think action should be taken right away. If you wait too long a problem could occur with the wolves-moose-vegetation and it would be too late to reverse it. I believe the National Park Service should introduce new wolves to the Isle Royale wolf population as often as necessary over the next 20 years. The long term average wolf population is 22. Now it is down to 3 and over the past 4 decades predation rate has been the best predictor of moose population. The moose-wolf-vegetation food web is tightly coupled so the drastic change in the wolf population will greatly affect the future of the other two. The experts who have been studying this situation for many years believe that introducing new wolves to the population is the best thing to do. When wolves were introduced into Yellowstone, it did positive things for the ecosystem and that is what you will see happen at Isle Royale with Alternative C.

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Correspondence: Hello, my name is Cindy and Im a freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge, Illinois. Im writing because my class and I have been following Isle Royale for about three weeks now. Ive learned that there have been drastic fluctuations in the wolf population, for the worse. I think that through the right steps and timing, the wolf population of Isle Royale can be restored. I recommend Alternative D because I believe that it would be the best course of action to take. In short, no immediate action should be taken until a threshold was met, and once it is met, wolves should be brought to the island as a one time event.

Isle Royale started when the moose were introduced to the island in the early 1900s. The population had fluctuations due to weather and food. Scientists had been thinking of bringing wolves to the island to help keep the moose population in check. However, wolves had been observed crossing the ice bridge before they had the chance to do anything. Later, four wolves were added by the scientists and researchers. Over many decades, the moose and wolf populations were never stable and were always increasing or decreasing. The vegetation was never stable either, due to the fact that it was the source of food for the moose. Until recently, a record low wolf population has the moose population on the rise and the vegetation population falling. The wolf population has lowered drastically and is in danger of becoming extinct now. No immediate action should be taken, unless completely necessary. Which is when all the wolves or vegetation go extinct, then bringing new wolves as a one time event should take place as soon as possible. The wolf Isle Royale population had started when one female and one or two male wolves crossed an ice bridge and started the first wolf pack. There is still a possibility that the remaining wolves could reproduce and start a new pack. During the harsh winters (1972-1981), the wolves increased from 23 to 50 wolves, which is the highest it had ever been. Then during the end of mild winters till 1982, the wolves were affected by the Canine Parvovirus which then dropped the population from 50 to 14 wolves because so many new pups couldnt survive, and the adult wolves couldnt fight it off. In the MINNPOST article, No new wolves: Isle Royale to continue, for now, policy of nonintervention, Ron Meador stated that no new wolves were added in the year of 2013. In fact, there was a decline, from nine to eight wolves. This is extremely alarming because the wolf population should be increasing at this point, not decreasing. They are at an all-time low point and are in danger of becoming extinct on the island. The park shouldnt interfere now because if genetic rescue was performed now, then it is still very likely the wolves cant and wont survive due to LSTV. LSTV didnt help at all to population growth. Since the two remaining wolves most likely inherited LSTV, so their offspring most likely will inherit it from them. If new wolves were reintroduced, a good part of the population could still have LSTV. From 1982-1995, the wolf population was not even close to being stable. Especially between the years of 1984-1988, data shows that there was a sharp decline from 24 to 12 wolves, which is during the time when the wolves developed LSTV. In the article, Inbreeding within the Isle Royale wolf population, it stated that since the population wasnt really diverse with healthy wolves, the wolves with the recessive trait were forced to breed within the pack. Allowing LSTV to become more widespread and a common trait to have. Consequently, more wolves inherited LSTV than not. As a result, about 30% suffered from this malfunction whereas usually only 1% suffer from it in normal populations. Then later, from 2014-2015, case studies show the lowest wolf population ever recorded on Isle Royale. A six wolf drop down to three remaining wolves. Allison Mills states in her article, Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale, that the group most likely consists of one breeding pair and their pup. Whom doesnt appear healthy, and will most likely not live to see the next year. She and John Vucetich proposed that its too late to perform genetic rescue due to the fact the current pair would not mate with any other wolves. However, each year, a female wolf can breed from 4-6 pups. While it is unlikely, it is still possible that if the pair breed again, some healthy pups could survive and breed with each other, any wolves that cross the ice bridge, or from genetic rescue. Allison Mills says that visiting wolves raise hopes for saving the wolf population. But if this doesnt work, Peterson thinks that letting the current wolf population die out and then replace it with new wolves, would be the best option to avoid repeating genetic depression again. Then, over the course of 20 years, the wolf population will slowly rebuild either with reintroducing wolves or rebuilding itself, to where the predator-prey relationship would become more stable. And develop a healthy interaction between the wolf and moose.

The decrease in wolves has evoked a steady increase in moose, one that will be hard to stop once wolves are too few in numbers for too long. John Vucetich said, Its not the presence of wolves that matters so much, its whether wolves are performing their ecological function. The wolves have been keeping the moose population in check. During the mild winters of 1960-1972, there had been a good number of wolves to prevent the moose population from getting too high when there was plenty of vegetation available. Then during the harsh winters of 1972-1981, the moose population was low due to the large amounts of wolves and low amounts of vegetation. But when the wolf population started drastically declining in 1981, the moose population started shooting up because of the canine parvovirus, mild winters (more vegetation), and less predators. Michelle Mills made the predator-prey status clear, it had obviously tipped, and in favor of the moose. Ron Meador said that predation on moose has fallen virtually to zero. Which is really beneficial for the moose, however, not as beneficial to the balsamic fir forest population. However, in 1996, there was a severe winter with moose ticks. As a result, the moose population fell from 2398 to 900 moose. But then, when the wolf population started falling in 2006, the moose population started increasing again. And ever since the wolf population started having no impact on the moose, there wasnt much stopping the population from growing. Vucetich said hunting is not a good substitution in place of wolves. However, the moose population needs to be as close to stable as possible, or else it will reach the point where there is no more food left. And as a result, the moose population will have a devastating drop and potentially have trouble getting back up again. When the wolves restore by itself or are reintroduced over the course of 20 years, the decline in moose population wont happen immediately. However, there would be a gradual decline over time. The moose wont be able to increase to the point it runs out of food in a year, which is enough time for the two or three

remaining wolves to reproduce and live, or go extinct. Which then, should the park intervene and reintroduce wolves. The decrease in wolves has or will also indirectly impact the vegetation. This is because if the moose population increases, then the vegetation will decrease. Since the moose population has been increasing at such a fast rate. As case studies show, from 1982-1996, there was such a fast growth rate for the moose. Vegetation would have decreased at a fast rate too. Especially the balsamic fir trees because it is the preferred main source of food for the moose. Whenever the moose population goes down, then the vegetation will most likely go up. And whenever the moose population goes up, the vegetation will most likely go down due to the fact that more moose need to be fed. Vucetich and Peterson wrote that, "...the upcoming increase in moose abundance will result in long-term damage to the health of the Isle Royales vegetative community. If the vegetation reaches the point where it can't reproduce and grow at the same rate the moose needs them, the moose could be facing their biggest challenge yet. The fir population can barely mature before its consumed. However during the time span of 20 years, when the moose population starts declining slowly, and the balsamic fir and vegetation can have the time it needs to reflower. It'll take about one year to determine if the wolves are going to go extinct or reproduce and live, which isn't enough time to completely wipe out the vegetation. While the vegetation is on the edge of danger, waiting is still an option, only we have a limited amount of time. So we shouldn't take any immediate actions and interfere. Only until it was deemed absolutely necessary.

The other three alternatives aren't as effective and beneficial towards Isle Royale. Alternative A would be the worst option out of the four. This is because wolves are the only predators of the moose. And if they aren't there, nothing will effectively hold the moose population back, not until they run out of resources. If the wolves go extinct, they need to be reintroduced. Allison Mills said, that a proliferation of moose could actually be harmful. The ecosystem needs a balance between populations. An ecosystem cannot function properly if one population is missing. If there are moose on the island, there needs to be wolves. Alternatives B and C are not the best courses of action to take. Humans shouldn't need to interfere with nature until it is absolutely necessary. If the wolf population didn't want to face genetic depression again, then the wolves should all die out, to have a lesser risk of the reintroduction of wolves inheriting LSTV again. Alternative D would be the best course of action to take because it's almost guaranteed that balance between the populations would be restored. The wolf population would regrow either by itself or when wolves are reintroduced. Before, Vucetich said that genetic rescue would be the wisest choice to follow through with, however, now that there are only three wolves left on the island he says that, There is now a good chance that it is too late to conduct genetic rescue.

In conclusion, the wolf and moose populations are both struggling but in two completely different reasons. The wolf population needs to be brought back up to bring the moose population back down, so that the vegetation population can grow too. Nature can't be natural if humans step in. It should be nonintervention until the wolf or vegetation population diminishes. The study of Isle Royale has been the longest study of predator-prey relationships, and it shouldn't stop now. So much dedication and hard work was put forth to make this work, continue, and grow. It is entirely possible to restore the former fame of the island through the right steps and patience. I hope for the best of Isle Royale, good luck!

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By, Tyler [REDACTED]

The situation the Isle Royale wolves are in right now is truly a worrying scenario. Data shows that there are only three wolves left and that they all have LSTV. This being said I believe the wolves will not last very long. When I saw that Isle Royale would be taking suggestions I would love to give my opinion. My name is Tyler [REDACTED] and I am a Freshman [REDACTED] in Park Ridge IL. I have been studying this topic in my biology class for the past 3 weeks and have been assigned the task of writing my idea on the Isle Royale wolf problem. Personally I have always loved wolves and in the past I have studied them and learned as much as I could about wolf packs, behavior and how they live their day to day lives. But now, given this opportunity I can give my opinion on the problem. I believe that Isle Royale should choose option C to fix the current problem. I believe that introducing wolves whenever needed would be the best option for the park and here is why.

2015's Data shows that wolves on Isle Royale may be very short lived with only three known wolves on the island with only one breeding pair. Including the fact they all most likely have LSTV. So, my opinion is that Isle Royale should introduce new wolves to the island whenever they are needed, option C. I say this because option A or nonintervention has already been voided. We have already caused the wolves to die out once and not correcting what we have done to their population would simply be inhumane. By just leaving the wolves alone we would be dooming the wolf population and even all of Isle Royale as the moose would grow out of control destroying the island's habitat by growing too large and eating all of the vegetation. Once the moose ate most of the vegetation other animals would migrate away or eventually die off including the moose. After this happened Isle Royale would be littered with parts of old populations trying to rebuild using dead forests and limited vegetation. Even after populations grew over a long period of time the island may never go back to its former glory of predator versus prey. It would only be littered with belittled populations and the shadow of a greater past. This is why I don't think option A would work.

On the other hand option B would also most likely fail because the idea of a one time addition of wolves to the island has already failed. I am referring to the appearance of Old grey in 1997. In this scenario we see a powerful wolf enter Isle Royale and successfully return life to the wolves. But, this was short lived as the diversity he added was quick to disappear because there was only one pack with only one group of wolves who would keep inbreeding becoming more and more unhealthy and less reliable. As we see now with only three remaining wolves that attempt has already failed. The main problem though is what the wolves will do once they are released for the one time release. They could form one pack and fall to the same fate as the old wolves or they could disperse and last longer. But, the problem is we don't know what they will do. Plus since it is only a single introduction there will not be a way to correct it if something goes wrong. This is why I think option B would not work.

Another option that I believe would fail is option D. I say this because the remaining wolves are doomed as it is and waiting to take action could absolutely destroy the island. Knowing that the last three wolves on the island are a breeding pair and their offspring. It could be a long time before action is taken and by then the moose could have grown out of control and the vegetation could be shredded by the over populated moose. This would result in the death of many animals including the moose if they ate all of their resources. Time is an important factor in this problem so, I believe waiting would be out of the question because of the devastating outcomes it would bring to the island.

For these reasons I believe option C or the reintroduction of wolves whenever they are needed on the island would be the best route to take. I say this because we see that the wolves are going to die out and it is our fault. That is why it is necessary to take action now and over at least the next twenty years. I believe that adding wolves whenever they are needed would allow the wolf population to remain constant and hopefully stop the moose from growing and help restore some sort of order to the island. We see now that in the past four years the moose have more than doubled and are rising at alarming rates. So, it is important that action is taken quickly to bring back wolves to the island to keep the moose at bay and to allow vegetation to thrive on the island for other species and themselves.

Given the evidence I have provided I believe that Isle Royale's wolves need to be saved and taken care of until the island can be restored to its former glory. By doing this we can ensure that the island will be safe and possibly even thrive for many years in the future.

Information from: Minipost, John vucetic, NPS

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Correspondence: Hi! My name is Natalia, and Im a student [REDACTED], Park Ridge, IL. In biology we were learning about the ecosystem of Isle royale, and all ecosystems in general, how they work and function and what makes up ecosystems, so thats why were writing these letters in order to help support the ecosystem in Isle Royale. In my opinion, I think you should wait and see what happens to the wolves on Isle Royale, because chances are very slim but they still might survive and be able to reproduce if by any chance some wolves from Canada across the Ice bridge to Isle Royale. If they die out, you can put in new wolves that arent genetically diseased with the LSD disease, which will create healthy pups and make the population grow into a healthy population that will support the ecosystem of Isle Royale. Therefore Alternative D is probably the best plan to think about out of the 4 plans in total, since it gives a chance for the current population of wolves to still recover, but if they do die out, new wolves can be brought to the island in order to keep the moose population under control. As the last years went by, we could see that the moose population is growing a lot recently, which doesnt do any good to the island itself because the moose eat the vegetation on the island, especially their preferred snack the Balsam Fir. If the moose continue to rise, the amount of fir and other vegetation will decrease causing the moose population to crash from hunger. Although the moose may decrease in numbers, the fir might not be easily restored to its original high numbers. As it was stated in a MINNPOST article, in order for a fir to reproduce, it needs to be at least 12 feet tall, and firs are basically pine trees, which would take it several years to reach that height. The moose, however, will not let a good fir just sit there and grow for several years, instead the moose will eat it while it is still small, which disables the fir from reproducing. Without the wolves scaring the moose to not wander into areas of the island where they can easily be caught, which allowed the fir to grow fully in those areas. Without the wolves being a real threat to the moose, the moose eat every vegetation everywhere, which is really harming the island because if there are not more vegetation left on the island, it becomes barren, and no life could then live on the barren island, no moose, no wolves, no bugs, no plants, nothing can live anymore, everything will die off. Therefore we can cross out Alternative A, which is to take no action, because taking no action will but the island under a risk of totally dying out if the wolves do manage to fully die out, and if they do die out, it wont be a predator-prey relationship study anymore and all Isle Royale research will end there basically. Alternative B, to bring wolves to the island as a one-time event to increase the longevity of the wolf population would have totally worked, if only the wolves already living on the island did not have LSTV. LSTV is a genetic disease, that caused pups to be born with malformed spine, legs, and tail. It is considered as a recessive trait, but research shows that LSTV were more occurring on Isle Royale than anywhere else on the globe. In normal populations, wolves would have a 1% chance of being born with LSTV, while on Isle Royale, wolves have a 33% chance of being born with LSTV according to Isle Royale research. Malformed spines, legs and tails dont allow the wolves to hunt properly, and in a lot of cases to die young. If new wolves were to be brought to Isle Royale, chances are they might mate with the remaining wolves on the island, who have the LSTV in their genes. With punnett square math, we can assume that the chances of a pup having LSTV will decrease, but it will still be there, and the more wolves mate, the chances will only increase again, until we are back at square one with malformed wolves and very little population. So alternative B wont work. Alternative C, which is to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for the next 20 years wouldve been ok, if only the LSTV gene was not present, because it wont just disappear, and although the chances of a pup getting LSTV might lower, they will just rise back up as more wolves mate, until new wolves come and everything cycles again. This can be seen when Old Grey Guy came to the island in 1997, when the wolf population was in decline. He came, he mated, and we can see how the wolf population increased as he improved the gene pool of the existing wolves. There have been a few years where with Old Grey Guy, the population was still low, but before 2006, before Old Grey died, the population was higher and was doing way better than they have been doing the 14 years before Old Grays arrival. After Old Grey passed away, you can see a sharp decrease in the wolf population, as more and more wolves were born with LSTV, and a lot dying from it, until in 2015 there were only 3 wolves left. This shows that no matter how many wolves you put into Isle Royale in attempt of a genetic rescue, the LSTV wont go away and only more wolves will die and suffer from it than the amount of wolves that would suffer from it if you dont bring in more wolves before the already existing wolves die out. Therefore, out of all of the alternatives, Alternative D is the best choice, because it still gives a chance to the 3 wolves on Isle Royale to still be able to do something to increase the population by some kind of miracle, and if they do die out, the wolves can start off from a clean page, they will be healthy and effectively keep track of the moose population. Chances are small, but wolves from other areas like Canada might cross the Ice Bridge that forms during winter and mate with the remaining wolves on Isle Royale. This will be a natural genetic rescue, which can give us useful intel on how natural genetic rescues work, just like Old Gray Guy, and the research timeline will go on, and may be the wolves, although with LSTV, might have a small chance of still being able to hunt afterwards to keep the moose population under control. I mean, isnt interesting what will happen to the 3 wolves? I really want something to happen, and I think if something were to happen, it would be so cool and interesting just like the case with Old Gray Guy. But if all goes wrong, and the wolves do die out, new wolves can be brought in, and this would be sort of like a chapter 2 or trial 2 of Isle Royale, effects of wolves on the ecosystem of Isle Royale. Wolves will be healthy and fully capable of hunting efficiently, and keep moose population under control. All options involve human interaction(except for A), but this one has the most chances of created a healthy wolf population in Isle Royale with the second least amount of human interaction (right after A) so that we could at least try to keep the ecosystem as natural as possible. And if you are worried that in the next 20 years the moose population might grow a lot, enough to destroy the fir population on Isle Royale before the wolves could start controlling the moose population, worry not. Because of global warming, climate changes make it hard for the moose to survive, so if there is a low population of wolves for a while, that's okay since there is most likely going to be a huge decrease in the moose population dying out from hunger and lack of food. Moose have a very hard time dealing with life in the heat, and global warming increased the heat over the last few years on Isle Royale, which causes the moose to be more lazy and eat less, which makes them be not prepared for the harsh winters, eventually making them die out. So the moose population wont overgrow too much and wont harm the fir population too much, it still will harm it, but 20 years is enough for the wolves to get back on track again and start hunting properly again, so all will be ok. It would be really cool if the wolves on Isle Royale somehow managed to increase their population, and I would be very happy and surprised if they did, but if they dont, it will be sad, but on the other hand new healthy wolves will be brought and fix Isle Royale really soon, by decreasing the amount of moose on the island and allowing the fir trees to grow again, restoring balance to Isle Royale once more.

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Correspondence: The plan to import wolves as needed to Isle Royale is the best of the plans which are under consideration, I believe. It allows for readjusting and tweaking according to the dictates of nature and it carries over for enough years to give time for a fair trial.

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Correspondence: I support alternative B as it would preserve the wolf population with the smallest impact in the wilderness by people.

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Correspondence: My vote would be for Alternative C. Bring wolves back as needed. I've been to the island a number of times and would hate to see an exploding moose population (as much as I love moose) that would decimate the island vegetation and eventually end up sick and starving. I'm all for letting Mother Nature do her thing (Mama knows best) but if us humans can help to restore the environment and varying ecosystems that we've damaged with our gluttony then I believe we should take whatever steps necessary to do so.

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Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death.

Correspondence ID: 888 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: The NPS must find a way to import wolves to Isle Royale. The continuation of the research on predator-prey relations on the Island is essential, the human role in the compromise of the wolf population is undeniable, and the wolves deserve our intervention in their destruction through inbreeding and isolation. The ecosystem of the Island desperately needs the wolf as a keystone species, and without their participation in the trophic system of the Island there will be severe ecological consequences from which the Island will not soon recover.

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Correspondence: I am very upset with the National Park Service for allowing this "problem" to happen! For years the wolves on ISNP have been in the news and the Park Service HAS FAILED to do anything to help. This Wait and See policy of yours is WRONG! Humans were at fault - Humans via the Park Service (as is YOUR JOB) needed to fix this.

As the Head of Isle Royale National Park - Ms. Green how does it feel to be known as the one (and you will be blamed whether or not its true) who allowed this to happen. I would not want to be in your shoes.

Isle Royale has been part of my family's history before it became a National Park. Shame on you for putting "her" in danger! By allowing the Wolves to die out, you are allowing the Moose to overbreed and destroy "her" ecosystem!

Our Government is suppose to PROTECT OUR TREASURES OF NATURE. The National Park Service is not doing its job and if a regular employee doesn't do their job what happens - they get fired, canned, dismissed, replaced with someone who can and will do the JOB correctly.

DO YOUR JOB!

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Correspondence: I support the reintroduction of wolves to Isle Royale in order to maintain the ecosystem. The natural process was changed by the virus brought in by a domesticated animal. I would prefer alternative C in order to assure the health of the pack. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 891 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: My name is Allison and I am from Illinois. I am currently enrolled in [REDACTED] Biology class. My teacher had us investigate Isle Royale as it relates to the bigger ideas of populations, interactions, and ecosystems. We have also done research on the current status of the wolves and the moose on the island, and the possible solutions to fix it. I would suggest implementing Alternative C over the next 20 years due to the fact that the National Park Service would have the ability to add wolves onto the island as needed, which would help the population to reach stability. The wolves would also help other forms of life on the island thrive.

The current population on the island is on the road to extinction. Early in the years of the wolf population history, the population of the wolves had fluctuated dramatically. The data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study shows that in 1980, Canine Parvovirus was introduced by a dog that was visiting the island. The virus is spread through fecal waste, so it is was easily transmitted to the wolves on the island. This caused a decrease of 36 wolves between 1980 and 1982. This was the first major decrease of the wolf population. When LSTV was introduced to the population in 1982, it had a greater effect on the population due to inbreeding. On the Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale Website it states, "LSTV is a genetic condition that results in a spinal and pelvic deformation" and "LSTV is a recessive genetic condition... inbreeding increases the chances of passing on the recessive alleles, resulting in individuals homozygous recessive for the trait." This means that in order to inherit the disease, one must inherit 2 recessive alleles from a combination of the parent's genotypes. Inbreeding increases the chance of this disease spreading because inbreeding is when member of the same population that are closely related breed, which increases the chances of two parents being homozygous recessive for the trait. This caused the population to decrease dramatically hitting an all time low up until that point of 12 wolves shown from the data from the Isle Royale Wolf Study. The wolf population was temporarily saved when a wolf named "Old Gray Guy" entered the island by crossing an ice bridge that was formed during the winter, which is an easy way for animals to get to the island. Old Gray Guy saved the population because new genes were introduced, decreasing the likelihood of LSTV being passed onto offspring according to the Minnpost article As Isle Royale wolves slide toward extinction, a call for 'genetic rescue'. Fast forward to 2015, and there are only 3 wolves remaining on the island consisting of 2 adult wolves and a wolf pup. According to Michigan Tech News, Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale, "As a mating pair, neither is likely to be interested in other potential mate introduced for genetic rescue." This means that the remaining adult wolves on the island would not mate with anyone else, causing the new wolves that would be put there to be rejected. The new wolves would not be able to conduct genetic rescue like many scientists were hoping. According to Michigan Tech News, Down to Three Wolves on Isle Royale, "The pup does not appear

healthy". It was showing signs of LSTV which was not a promising sign for the wolf population's future. The pup soon died leaving only the 2 adult wolves on the island. This ultimately meant that the current population on the island would become extinct because they would not be able to give birth to enough healthy pups to support the population, and would eventually die themselves.

The impact that the new wolves will have on the wolf population and the island itself is tremendous. When the new wolves are put onto the island, they will not mate with the remaining wolves, but will instead most likely start a new pack. If only wolves that have no trait for the disease LSTV are put onto the island, it means that it will not be able to be transferred to offspring. This will help to further advance the population on the island in the future, because no wolves will have the trait. Inbreeding will also become less of a problem because the wolves that are put there will have others to mate with, rather than those of their own family or bloodline. If inbreeding does become a problem in the future though, more wolves can be put onto the island in order to fix this problem, because Alternative C entails putting wolves on the island as often as needed. The moose and the vegetation on the island would also benefit from the wolves on the island. The Isle Royale Wolf Study stated that "During one severe winter, there was intense competition amongst moose for declining vegetation and an outbreak of winter ticks- a parasite that negatively affects the health of Moose." The ticks have the ability to spread more easily when there is a higher density of moose on the island, and without the presence of the wolves, the population of the moose is increasing rapidly. When the wolves are placed on the island, the hope is that the number of moose decreases, so the tick will not be able to spread as easily. The vegetation will also change as a result of this, because the "Moose favor some boreal tree species such as balsam fir for food in the winter, this may alter the available moose forage in the future in the future", according to the National Park Service website. When the moose population decreases, the vegetation will have a better chance of growing to maturity, because less moose will be eating it. In the Minnpost article, What should be done to save Isle Royale Wolves? Maybe nothing, experts say, Rolf Peterson states, "Some of these trees have been waiting for 60 to 70 years". The trees are finally getting their chance to reproduce and expand, but can't due to the moose eating them prematurely. The amount of vegetation would increase due to the decrease in the moose population. The vegetation being able to grow also helps the moose population in the future, because the vegetation will be able to grow without having their growth stopped by the moose, allowing further generations to have a food source.

Alternative C should be implemented because it allows for the population to be regulated and to be helped when in crisis. Doing nothing (as outlined in Alternative A) would result in the wolf population becoming extinct, which would impact many other life forms on the island negatively. For example, the moose population would increase leaving the vegetation to decrease. Implementing Alternative B would at first seem like a benefit to the population, but if the population suffers from an illness or a long term disruption, the population could start inbreeding again, causing the same issues the current population is experiencing now. Alternative D would not help the population either, because letting the natural processes keep occurring could lead to the National Park Service being too late when they decide to take action. The vegetation could already be in danger, for example the Balsam Fir, due to the continued increase in the moose population because of the lack of predation. In conclusion, I recommend implementing Alternative C due to the fact that the wolf population will be able to rebuild themselves with little struggles from LSTV and inbreeding, and that other life forms on the island will be able to thrive, due to the wolves being reintroduced.

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Correspondence: I am a life member of [REDACTED], an annual supporter of the park, and have visited Isle Royale five times over a period of thirty years. In my trips there I have had the pleasure of seeing dozens of moose, and never any wolves. My love for the park, and for the work of the moose / wolf study is great. But I strongly believe, that in the absence of convincing evidence that humans have significantly controlled or influenced the outcomes of the current low wolf population, the most logical, and natural, course the NPS should take is option 1 of no intervention, or at worst option 4 of introducing additional wolves under very strict parameters in order to prevent serious degradation of the Park due to extreme fluctuation of the moose population that could possibly ruin the rest of the park ecology.

We must not romanticize the natural conditions of population changes or even local "extinction." The wolves and the moose displaced the coyotes and deer formerly there. It is a closed system. Neither should we try to redefine a "normal" condition that never existed. We could well speculate, eg, that human activity in fact drove the wolves and moose TO the island when otherwise they never would have gone there. Then what? We cannot by nature predict the unintended consequences of well-intended intervention. Moose and wolf populations seem to be doing well off the island. In the interest of science and the nature of the 60 year study we've conducted, we should let nature play itself out and not load the dice because we've become attached to our study subjects. Thank you.

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Correspondence: I wholeheartedly agree with Proposal C. It was mans' intervention that killed off the wolves in the first place so I cannot see doing nothing to repair that damage. The action should be taken immediately before the moose population grows to an untenable size. Thank you.

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Correspondence: Dear NPS, Lake Superior Isle Royale

I am writing as a spokesperson of the organization [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are dedicated to the recognition and protection of designated Wilderness areas throughout the United States, in the national parks and separate areas.

The most feasible and even logical approach to the unique opportunity for Isle Royale is articulated in Alternate C.

Thank you for this consideration.

signed

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 900 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I strongly support intervention on Isle Royale immediately to preserve wolf predation and the balance nature intended between the wolf and Moose population on Isle Royale even if that means an unusual response is required from the Federal Government in this case.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 901 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: While the decrease in wolves in recent years has allowed the moose population to grow exponentially, I do not think introducing new wolves to Isle Royale is the answer. The increased moose population will undoubtedly result in reduced vegetation on the island which is going to have many ecological effects. However, this is the longest, uninfluenced by man, predator-prey study in the history of studies of this sort. Comprising that now would negate any future research. Due to climate change, there is no guarantees that an ice bridge will form in future years, but that same argument could have been made three years ago and since then we have seen an ice bridge every winter except for this winter due to an El Niño event. I think the only option is to let the study continue. It has no effect on any mainland areas, so what is the harm if the study goes on? Let nature run its course and we can continue to learn from this scenario. If we put wolves on Isle Royale, we will never have the opportunity at a study like this ever again.

Correspondence ID: 902 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: My choice of input for Wolf Population on Isle Royale is ALTERNATIVE C.

I graduated in Forest Management from Michigan Tech. Followed by a Masters Degree from University of Idaho. Through my entire forestry career I was involved with supplying forest products to Mills [pulpwood, board, and sawmills]. Working throughout northern [REDACTED] I have had the opportunity to interact and assist wildlife through forest management. Although Isle Royale does not provide timber harvesting as a forest management tool, it does provide a wolf population that has a unique balance in a difficult and limited "area" - a large island surrounded by water. I had two wildlife courses while attending Michigan Tech and am quite familiar with the wolf/moose interactive populations on Isle Royale.

In recent years the National Park system has created, advertises, and strongly supports "The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass" - I call it my 'senior pass'. A significant thought behind creating this Pass is to allow grandparents to share their later-in-life experiences with their children and grandchildren. And I firmly believe this concert, and have fully supported it.

However... how am I in good faith to go forward in trusting the NPS, if they discontinue the support for maintaining a viable wolf population on Isle Royale after 62 years; while I have to discuss with my three grandchildren why the NPS "gave up" on sustaining the difficult ebb and flow balance of the Wolf & Moose populations within the confines of such a unique place as Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 903 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

I have lived in the UP for more than fifty of my 86 years and am vitally interested in the survival of wolves on Isle Royale. As you well know they are very close to extinction, due largely to inbreeding.

Your apparent decision to do nothing dismays us.

We propose therefore that the people take over responsibility and, subject to the approval of the resident naturalists - a dedicated bunch - who know the situation better than anybody else - that the people plan and transport a couple of small wolf packs from Minnesota to the island - as soon as possible.

THE GENERAL IDEA IS TO INFUSE NEW WOLF BLOOD INTO THE ISLAND ECOLOGY - TO BENEFIT WOLVES AND MOOSE AND HABITAT, AND TO PLEASE THE MANY VISITORS TO THE ISLAND.

I BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORT IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.

THANK YOU. PLEASE RESPOND POSITIVELY AND PROMPTLY, JACK [REDACTED], 4.25.2016

Correspondence ID: 904 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: It would be in the best interest of Michigan's ecosystem to introduce more wolves to Isle Royale. Bringing back the wolf population would help the environment get back to a healthier state. If proof is needed, all one has to do is look at Yellowstone National Park. The entire environment changed and became better after the wolf population was reintroduced. The natural grasses came back, the prey population decreased, etc. So please, bring the wolves back to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 905 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Thank you for providing the public with the opportunity to express their perspectives of this issue. I've visited Isle Royale six times to date. A life aspiration is to trek every inch of every trail within this enchanted gem. I have a vested interest in the Isle's preservation, and wish it the best as for one's children.

Some may argue that Isle Royale must be left to her own natural progression, and not intervene for our selfish emotion or purpose. I would counter that humans have already intervened in the natural course of things involving the island. Climate change has likely altered the frequency of ice bridge formation within the lifetime of creatures now living on the Isle, thus influencing fauna's option of ingress or egress based upon each animal's survival pressures and strategies.

A recent focus upon only the wolf population does not address the wholistic nature of Isle Royale, for vegetation and moose population are an interconnected web, something emphasized in interpretative sessions taught by Rangers on location. Whatever happens to the wolves will also influence everything else.

With these thoughts in mind, it is my view that the best course of action must come quickly and involves the introduction of additional wolves to such degree that other principals, moose and vegetation, are held in balance. This is not precedent; impact assessment and timely intervention at other National Parks to mitigate extreme environmental consequence has been proven prudent, for example the modification of nonintervention regarding forest fire management, or the reintroduction of native species, or elimination of invasive species throughout the Parks system. I would defer to the experts and their accumulated data and study to determine the extent of intervention promoting sustainable balance.

Regards,



Correspondence ID: 906 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: It is a Wilderness Area let it play out to its natural conclusion. If you are going to start managing Isle Royale then start doing so and remove its wilderness designation. You can't have it both ways.

Correspondence ID: 907 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think that the Michigan DNR should trap nuisance wolves, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and transport them, for release, in Isle Royale (like when moose were re-introduced to the U. P. several years back, from Canada).

Correspondence ID: 908 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would be in favor of introducing a limited number of wolves to Isle Royale and monitoring that for five years.

Correspondence ID: 909 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: We support introducing wolves as needed to maintain a viable population on Isle Royale. They are critical in controlling the moose population. We have been backpacking Isle Royal yearly since 1991 and have seen firsthand the benefit that a wolf population provides. Thank you very much.



Correspondence ID: 910 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I first learned of the Isle Royale wolves from the Journal Science, and was fascinated to discover how long-studied the wolves on this island are. There is an ecological and scientific precedent to ensure the ongoing presence of wolves on the island. Introducing unrelated wolves to the island should be done with the hope to continue the genetic lineage of the two surviving wolves, and to provide a new population to replace the wolves should the two native ones not survive. Big predators are amazing and charismatic animals. Let's keep them around!

Correspondence ID: 911 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I support "Option C" that would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. I support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Please implement Option C.

Correspondence ID: 912 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The moose only won this round because the wolf gene pool was not large enough because new wolves could not cross the ice to the island. We helped cause this problem so lets help new wolves get to the island.

Correspondence ID: 913 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,26,2016 07:33:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm actually submitting this form in preparation for an assignment where I'm going to encourage my students to use information from our environmental science class to comment on the plan. We discuss the wolves of Isle Royale in my class when discussing both predator-prey dynamics and global warming. So I'd really like to see if the comments are public, if a confirmation email is sent by the system, or if there's some other way to track my students' participation.

Correspondence ID: 914 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,26,2016 09:52:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe you must intervene with Isle Royal and re-introduce a wolf population. As nice as it might be to say non-intervention is the most "natural" management, there is nothing natural about the way humans have impacted the surrounding environment and in order to allow the island to continue to exist as a relatively primal forest, the moose population must be controlled.

Correspondence ID: 915 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Rolf,

Let it run to the bitter end.

Inventory the rate of forest deconstruction to a point of almost no recovery.

Re-introduce the wolves at that point and measure the rate of recovery.

-Steve
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 916 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,26,2016 10:13:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I went to Isle Royale one time when I was in college at Michigan Tech. I have been following the wolf/moose study for awhile. I think that new wolves should be introduced to Isle Royale just as moose were introduced to the UP years ago. I believe global warming has harmed the environment and something has to be done to keep Isle Royale pristine. The moose may destroy it and need to be checked. If this is not done, hopefully, some wolves will make it over anyway, but I think since humans affected this ecosystem already, we should do something to help it improve.

Correspondence ID: 917 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,26,2016 11:56:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After reviewing the alternatives, Alternative C, re-introducing wolves periodically over 20 years as needed, is the best solution at this time. Maintaining a wolf population on the island will keep the moose population in check, which also lowers the amount of damage to vegetation/trees on the island. Plus, with periodically introducing wolves, this will help lessen the genetic inbreeding that is one of the main causes of the reduction in the wolf population on Isle Royale.

I grew up in the U.P. and graduated from Michigan Tech. There have always been wolves on Isle Royale in my lifetime. Unfortunately, with global warming, wolves are not able to travel across to the island, so a bit of intervention is needed--since we have some responsibility in causing global warming.

Correspondence ID: 918 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,26,2016 12:22:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: These beautiful animals once roamed by the thousands and only a few exist now throughout the United States. Wolves are very intelligent animals and like us they take care of their young one's just like we take care of ours. They are also important to our ecology. Scientist have also fought hard for their existence. They are part of the Great American Heritage and it would be ashamed if we do not do anything to help them exist. I hope

that you will do everything possible to aid in the management of these beautiful magnificent animals for future generations to enjoy. Thank you for your consideration.

Marie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 919 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,26,2016 20:08:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that wolves are an important part of the ecosystem in many places, and on Isle Royale in particular. Sadly, they have been hunted and forced out of many areas by human habitation, but in this unique location is an ideal place for them to exist without bothering, or being bothered by people. In also believe that the ongoing wolf and moose study being conducted on Isle Royale is of great scientific value and should not be abandoned.

As stewards of this island I would like to see the National Park Service make sure that wolves continue to be a part of Isle Royale. Unfortunately, it sounds like the current wolf population has diminished past the point where it can be re-vitalized. If this is true, then the park service should re-introduce enough animals so that this important predator can establish breeding colonies again and continue to be a part of Isle Royale's future.

Correspondence ID: 920 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,27,2016 17:40:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After looking over the proposed approaches for wolf management on Isle Royale, I support Alternative C as the plan to move forward with. I believe that the wolf population on Isle Royale is incredibly important for the islands ecosystem and has perhaps been put in the position it is in today due to humans introducing disease that devastated the population some years ago. Therefore I believe that introducing wolves to the island and maintaining the population over the next 20 years is the best of the alternatives.

Thank you for taking public comment on this issue!

Ted [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 921 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,28,2016 06:27:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: When I look at Isle Royale, I do see wilderness. A wilderness where the main character really is Lake Superior - the vast and untamable Lake Superior. The land of Isle Royale is also important as wilderness, but vast and untamable are not descriptors for the land. One thing we have learned, by watching her, is that she is too small to reliably maintain a wolf population. Today, and into the future, there will be times when an influx of genes from the mainland become a requirement for a healthy wolf population.

We also know that an unchecked moose population will devastate the vegetation. I don't suppose we really know what that would do to the visitor numbers for Isle Royale, but we can (and must) do our best to look into the future. I expect, the island would become much less attractive, and we will have a hard time drawing 18,000 people. For the sake of discussion, I will say the visitor-ship drops to 12,000. That could bode ill for Isle Royale.

I have not taken the time to research details, so please be careful quoting me on these points, but some headlines you can google up are a concern:

- 1- "Ted Cruz Launches Senate Fight To Auction Off America's Public Lands"
- 2- "Republican Senators Just Voted To Sell Off Your National Forests"
- 3- "Has the park system grown too large to maintain?"
- 4- "Donald Trump's unusual plan to eliminate the national debt" - by selling assets
- 4- "The national park popularity contest" - Senator Coburn's view of Isle Royale

It is not the details of these headlines I am calling out, but please note that these headlines point to an emotion, or attitude, we need to take note of - an emotion that has surprised most of us, but has been clearly shown in the groundswell of support for Donald Trump. Donald Trump is a bellwether to an undercurrent of thinking that should be seen as a threat to public lands in general, and Isle Royale in particular. Looking at costs, Isle Royale is not a very economical asset.

I would not say it is our job to win a popularity contest with Isle Royale, but we can argue for preventing it from becoming "unattractive". There is a risk to the existence, or maintenance, of Isle Royale as a park that we should keep in mind.

With or without any risk to Isle Royale maintaining National Park status and funding, I propose that we need to accept Isle Royale as too small to maintain as "hands-off wilderness" for wolves and moose. But, we must manage the wolf and moose population in order for it to be a viable "wilderness" for everything else. It can be a wilderness for the loons, beaver, otter, calypso, balsam fir... and the human visitors. When we talk about wilderness, we talk much about - untrammeled - and we should. But, if you read very much of Sigurd Olsen, you get the "feeling" that was behind our wilderness movement. The feeling, the experience, is important. There is a feeling we love about wilderness, and that feeling will be difficult for most people to find if the moose are allowed to devastate the vegetation.

Our best course for Isle Royale is to accept a management role (as minimal as possible) over the wolves and moose.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 922 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please consider the work of Peterson and Vucetich... their experience provides the most appropriate perspective for making recommendations. As such, I would like to see the immediate genetic rescue of Isle Royale wolves. I believe this measure is the only way to ensure that a population of wolves continues to function as predators limiting the population of moose on the island. Without this population of wolves, the moose population will almost certainly rise to levels that exceed the carrying capacity of the island, resulting in consequences that are potentially much more harmful to the biological community than the loss of a single species (the wolves) as well as continued public outcry and the potential for even more costly and invasive interventions.

Correspondence ID: 923 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,28,2016 08:53:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do like Your ideas of introducing wolves back onto the island over a period of time. But it does not matter if you introduce them over a period of 36 months or the next 20 year. Once you stop introducing new wolves the countdown clock starts, because eventually over many years the wolves will start to die and eventually they will be forced to inbreed again. It may take quite a long time but the wolves will end up exactly where they are now. So you might as well let the wolves die off, if they are not meant to be there then do not force it.

Correspondence ID: 924 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In order to evaluate the proper course of action for the wolves, we need to point out the true benefit the wolves provide. From an analytical standpoint, the wolves only provide one value to the island; they control the population of carnivores ie. moose. Neither the wolves nor the moose are native to the island. Allowing the wolves to go extinct, centeris paribus, would prove disastrous to the geological aspects of the island. That said, it is obvious that we need to intervene.

From my perspective, there are three options: 1) save the wolves by introducing free genes into the pack. This would require regular maintenance with no end in sight. 2) Allow the wolves to die off and sell hunting permits to remove the moose. Use the added funds from hunting operations to maintain the island. Hunters would replace the apex predator and serve as a control measure to the moose. 3) Allow the wolves to die off and replace their vacant apex predator spot with grizzle bears. Grizzle bears have a much longer life span and breed less often. This option would also require gene maintenance however, not nearly as frequently, about 1/3.

Correspondence ID: 925 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: [REDACTED] Middle School 6th graders voted on the NPS decision regarding bringing wolves to Isle Royale. The following is a sample of student reasoning submitted for each alternative:

A

The study has been going on for many years and human intervention now would waste all the years of data gathered on the NATURAL predator/prey relationship.

Give the wolves a chance to cross a future ice bridge to help themselves.

Let the ecosystem naturally change or recover.

B

Help the wolves, but only once and then keep intervention to a minimum.

We have to help the wolves by giving them a little boost to help the moose and restore balance to the ecosystem.

One time introduction would immediately introduce more genetic diversity.

C

A long term wolf restoration is the only way to make the project succeed.

This will make SURE that the ecosystem is helped and make sure the money won't be wasted like it could in alternative B.

D

Let's give the wolves a chance to fix this on their own, and then if needed help later.

The two wolves that are there MIGHT be a successful breeding pair.

Correspondence ID: 926 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,29,2016 08:16:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's do what Yellowstone has successfully accomplished for the Wolves. Let's reintroduce them back to Isle Royale. I am sure thousands of Wolf Biologist, Scientists, Advocates can work together to make this happen. A far as the last 2 wolves left on the island, lets try to make the rest of their life happy and keep them comfortable. Why not move them to a sanctuary where they can be admired and live out the rest of their days being pampered!?!? Has anyone thought of that?

Correspondence ID: 927 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,29,2016 10:34:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do agree with the NPS plan of making a broad range of potential management action on determining how to control the moose and wolf populations for the next 20 years. Their main purpose is to determine whether and how to bring wolves to the Isle Royale National Park to function as the apex predator in the near term. They will use science and the best information available in considering how the key resources of issue change are either positive or negative. They would bring them back in terms of potential changes of moose and wolf populations along with their health, vegetation conditions and etc. I think they should still continue to work and prepare for all of their situations.

Hope [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 928 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,29,2016 10:45:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that we should not interfere with the population of wolves because we should keep the island uninfluenced by humans. My first reason for this is that we don't even know if the wolves we introduce will survive. My second reason is we aren't sure that this won't happen again down the road so why prolong it? And finally i feel we should leave it untouched because the island didn't have human contact for 56 years we should not interfere with it now.

Correspondence ID: 929 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,29,2016 11:26:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am an 8th grade science teacher in [REDACTED], IN. I have my students read the article "The Last Wolf?" by Laurie McClellan during our population/ecology unit. We also read through the annual report as a class. After two days of study, I had them vote on the NPS alternative approaches. There votes are as follows:

A - 1
B - 18
C - 39
D - 1

I encouraged the students to not vote if they did not feel strongly about the topic. Many students opted for this, as I have over a hundred students in my classes. I hope that this information helps you in your decision.

Correspondence ID: 930 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative D is likely the most effective strategy for the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management plan.

The overall health of the ecosystem will be impacted if the plant succession issue is not addressed. The moose is the primary prey for the wolves on the island. The moose population will likely crash if the boreal forest vanishes. It is therefore important to manage the vegetation. Restoration of the boreal forest is important for the long term success of the wolves, and should therefore be addressed before wolf reintroduction.

Controlled burns have been successful in Florida for managing the succession of hard wood vegetation. Burns could allow the fast growing boreal trees to regain their foothold. The additional measure of planting would also be help restore the island ecosystems.

It will be important to manually control the moose population while the vegetative restoration is underway. Without an adequate wolf population to control for the moose, a boom in the moose population could undermine the restoration of the boreal ecosystem.

Once the boreal forest system is restored and management has been established to maintain its future health, it would be viable to begin reintroduction of the wolves. The gradual reintroduction plan should allow for a smoother transition that accounts for establishing gene flow.

Correspondence ID: 931 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,29,2016 15:14:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Of the four preliminary alternatives being considered, bringing wolves to ISRO as often as needed to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least 20 years seems the most reasonable to me. I understand the NPS stand on interfering with the natural process but Isle Royale is a special circumstance (besides the fact that humans have had a tremendous impact on the environment and thus have interfered everywhere). If there are no wolves on the island, the moose will absolutely destroy it (and culling the moose would be interfering with the natural process, too). Humans have caused tremendous problems for the environment-doing what we can to maintain the wolf-moose balance seems the honorable and sensible thing to do. The scientists involved in the wolf-moose discussion need to be listened to. They fully understand the dire situation. Had their recommendations been followed earlier, perhaps Isle Royale would not be in the peril it is right now. Isle Royale needs wolves ASAP!

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 932 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,30,2016 07:24:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that the Isle Royale Wolves should be saved, or at least an attempt to save them. The moose population is climbing by a lot, because there aren't any wolves to keep their population regulated. This leads to over browsing of vegetation and crops, which can't be undone. There are many wolves under attack in most western states, so if they take from there, that might help both sides. It will help them have a safe place to live, while it will increase the number of wolves at Isle Royale National Park. It is a great way to preserve the unique environment of the Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 933 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,30,2016 12:20:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I like plan C. I feel if unchecked, the moose population could negatively impact the tree growth at ISRO NP. When introducing new wolf families to the island, perhaps a mating couple could be introduced in the western area, another pair in the east and if necessary another pair in the Chippewa Harbor area.

Correspondence ID: 934 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,30,2016 15:11:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A. No intervention.

Correspondence ID: 935 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,30,2016 21:41:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan C, introduction of wolves immediately, and again in a few years, is the most attractive alternative. There is no question that without predation (or culling by hunters), the moose will literally eat themselves out of house and home, destroying much of the beauty of Isle Royale vegetation that we enjoy and bringing upon themselves the problems of disease and disfigurement that overpopulation brings about. There is also no question that the current wolf population decline is due to lack of genetic diversity, so a single addition of more wolves would only be a temporary solution, and addition of other wolves during the 20 year period being considered will be necessary to avoid the problem of inbreeding occurring again, since winters cold enough to provide ice bridges again are not likely in the near future. Isle Royale needs our help to preserve its beautiful vegetation and to continue as an example of predator-prey relationships for scientific study. Reintroduction of healthy wolves will provide great benefit and help maintain Isle Royale as the unique isolated ecosystem that it is.

Correspondence ID: 936 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,01,2016 15:49:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I was born & raised in Michigan & return there & Isle Royale often. I know there are considerations to make about humans not interfering in the "natural" workings of life on Isle Royale. But humans already do that by managing the park. I am strongly in favor of returning some wolves to the park to give "nature" a second go of it. Whether wolves can maintain themselves in the long run may be problematic but without them I see chaos & lots of human intervention to keep the moose from creating havoc with the island's vegetation & with their own population levels. Wolves can do all of that simpler than humans can & I cherish the two chance encounters I've had with wolves on my visits to the island. Even when you don't see them, hearing them & knowing they are there is something very special. So for what it's worth, here is a strong vote in favor of intervention to bring back a wolf population! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 937 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,01,2016 20:50:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My question is should we try to mess with the order of nature. I feel in this case yes. If we do not get involved and let the wolves parish, it could have major consequences for the island. The moose population would grow to an overwhelming number. The increase in moose would have a negative effect on the plats and the land. The increasing moose population would graze on the vegetation, which could cause the land to change inform. This is do to the lack of plants to help keep its land from together. The lack of plant life on the island would then have its own impact on the land, and other animals that depend on the plants to revive. The reason the wolves are going instinct on the island is do to the lack of new genes being introduced the population. Should we interfere? My suggestion is to try to intervene in a way that would have the least noticeable effects to the environment. We should try to simulate a scenario that will introduce new wolves to the island that is most like a natural event. This would have the least amount of negative effects on the already changing ecosystem. By bring in wolves from areas that are from surrounding areas or from areas that the perverse wolves have come from, this would help simulate what would happen in a natural event. With having rangers observing the wolves for so long in the past, they should be able to help in the selection of wolves that would have the least amount of trouble adapting to new surrounding. By introducing new wolves to the island this will hopefully restart the wolves gene pool and increase their numbers. i feel as if the goal is to try to persevere the ecosystem on the island with the least amount of negative percussion s do to our interference. in turn hopefully natural order will naturally balance out again.

Correspondence ID: 938 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,02,2016 10:59:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In Terms of the Isle Royale wolf situation, I strongly believe that we need to release more wolves to the area. With only two wolves left and the high chances of inbreeding, in order for their to be natural selection and a new species of healthy, wild wolves to be born a new group must be introduced. Being as the island is so remote, and has such unique land features, I strongly believe the wolves will be able to quickly adapt to this

environment and start a new family quite easily. With introducing the wolves into the National Park, we will be able to reach ecological balance again and reducing the inbreeding that has been taking place over the last years.

Correspondence ID: 939 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:01:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think option D would be the best option. We should wait and see what kind of negative effects take place before we start making serious changes that could change the population of the moose and the like negatively. If things start to change for the worse, then I would give the ok to send in more wolves and possibly start a new pack.

Correspondence ID: 940 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:04:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that no action should be taken right away and evaluate the situation with threshold and resource indicators (alternative D). if the threshold was met then wolves would only be brought to the island once or a few times only if it is needed. This is a good alternative because it can fix the problem on the island but since it is only being done once than it won't have a major impact on other environments from taking the wolves away.

Correspondence ID: 941 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:04:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe Alternative B would be the best decision for Isle Royale. Whenever an animal is captured and brought to a new environment, the environment from which it came from is being disrupted by the loss of the wolves. Doing this over a shortened period of time gives the former environment time to return to its natural equilibrium, versus removing wolves from an area for a period of 20 years. Besides, over this smaller period, it is enough time and enough wolves to introduce new genes, allowing for the continuation of the species on the Isle.

Correspondence ID: 942 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:05:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see the wolves be brought back to the island for visitors sake and just for the islands natural habitat. The island after the wolves die the island forest is either going to be brought down to nothing or just small plants that the moose done eat. So since the wolves are eating so much of the forest the wolves should be brought on by us so that the islands ecosystem will not be destroyed by the moose. That is why the wolves should be put back on the island.

Correspondence ID: 943 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:11:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe Alternative A should take place on Isle Royale. There aren't very many opportunities on Earth for Humans to study how Nature would be if Humans never existed. If we intervene now, we'll never know. There's no real reason that we would need to know what happens without Humans. But, if people argue there's reason we need to know than I could say there's no real reason that we need to intervene and help the Island's situation. I think it would just be cool if we could observe how it would be without Humans.

Correspondence ID: 944 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:14:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My personal opinion with a help if some arguments, I think opinion A would be the best chose. Let Nature be nature.

Correspondence ID: 945 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 11:18:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am not a crook.
I believe that the National Parks Service should use option B, because it will end 1 of two ways: I could solve the inbreeding issues and also save the vegetation on Isle Royal, or if it fails then is just shows that it was not meant to be so the lesson is learned.

Correspondence ID: 946 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 14:51:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: These wolves should be saved. too much time has been wasted, why were they not saved years ago!!! Of course new wolves need to be introduced, there are so many waiting for releasing, what the hell are you waiting for.
It seems that the US Gov. wants wolves to vanish, are special interest groups with deep pockets paying to let wolves vanish???

Stop wasting taxpayers money, do your job, and release so0me wolves NOW to save these two, (be sure you release both males & females).

Correspondence ID: 947 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 14:57:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not understand why there is even a discussion on this. Of course these wolves need help, it is due to man's disregard to the plant that there is global warming, which has cut these wolves off from the main land. they can't get new wolves in and are trapped.

With so many wolves waiting for releasing, there should be no question on how to help them. Free some wolves there so these 2 can mate, and survive. Why is it that the Government wants wolves to become extinct? Why is there any question , just do it, SAVE THEM!!!

Correspondence ID: 948 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.02,2016 17:08:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring wolves back to Isle Royale to help contain the unsustainable moose population. Keep the wolf packs healthy by improving their gene pool with new wolf imports now and as often as needed into the future. I think the NPS is more than competent to manage both the moose and wolf populations for the benefit of both animals and for the interests of visitors to IRNP.

I was in IRNP in August of 2015 for camping and hiking- -what a unique national park. Please keep the our park remote and wild!

Thank you,
Doug [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 949 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.03,2016 09:56:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I say that you should treat them like other living things with care and love. So since I believe that you should always have other people backs. So I say you should he,p the wolves to show them you have their backs to help them just like people

Correspondence ID: 950 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,03,2016 10:21:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A. No interference. If climate change has screwed up things, then why in the last 4 winters did the ice freeze over from Isle Royale to the mainland 3 out of the 4 winters, and wolves could have crossed had they desired. If man can interfere then lets hunt the moose. Manis not a predator in National Parks therefore I believe it is not natural but a fake environment.

Correspondence ID: 951 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: People truly think that this is one of the most beautiful places in the state. If it went downhill and it was kept up to its greatness it will lose peoples interest. Isle Royale truly shows the beauty of Michigan. There is many place you can go in Michigan for tourism. But how often can you get a beautiful site like this. As I read through the article I feel that you should go with concept C, I feel this way the wolves could repopulate and they could keep the moose population under control. I feel the island is too beautiful to just let it go. If you were to allow the wolves back on the island it would keep the moose population down and make the environment a better place, the vegetation won't be affected as bad. You don't have to put a lot of wolves on the island maybe if you made a system where you can put one on and then let it make the ecosystem better. Also a good idea could be to make sure the moose population doesn't get out of control you could remove some of the moose from the isle when you put a wolf on that way it equals out and it will still help the ecosystem and won't harm the other species that live on the island.

Correspondence ID: 952 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Humans have interfered with the eco-system on Isle Royale by causing climate change, which has altered the ability of wolves to cross the ice and invigorate the breeding packs on the island. Isle Royale no longer an eco-system free of human interference. Human behavior has in effect, ended that long term scientific experiment.

Therefore, I believe that wolves should be re- introduced to the island, for the good of the moose population and the health of the vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 953 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think that the NPS should choose alternative B. I say this because it seems to be the smartest decision when you are trying to keep the food web into place and if you let the wolves die out then the moose population will sky rocket and with there being too many moose then the vegetation will go down and with the vegetation down, the bees and the butterflies and bird population will also go down. You need wolves in Isle Royale to keep the population going. This alternative sounds the most well thought out and planned alternative. With alternative D you say over twenty years you will monitor the population of the moose and then take action if needed, and how do you even decide when help is needed? That will only turn out the same exact way that the wolf population turned out, you will decide to do something when it is already too late. I say take immediate action right now and put wolves on Isle Royale before it is too late. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 954 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe I have commented before, but the obvious occurrence of a collapse of the wolves shown but the Wolf-Moose study of 2015-2016 has moved me to comment again. Of the four alternatives in your management Environmental Impact Statement, two (A and D) now appear to lead toward a catastrophic change. It is less and less likely that there will be an ice-bridge in the future to allow a path for possible wolf migration onto the Island. So you will be faced with an enormous task of trying to manage the moose by culling (or some other means) and reforestation to keep the Island in balance. The alternatives (B or C) seem a highly more successful and easier alternative to rebalance the Island's ecology. The smarter choice would be (C): to plan on bringing wolves as needed to create and maintain a self-sustaining population over the years to come.

I have visited Isle Royale six or seven times in the past 15 years. It was incredible that on one visit, we heard the wolves and caught a quick glimpse from afar (near Wood Lake). Knowing that wolves are on the Island is a wonderful plus. So achieving a healthy wolf population should be your highest priority. It also is probably cheaper and easier than trying to manage the ecology without wolves.

Sincerely, Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 955 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,04,2016 10:57:44
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Correspondence: I believe that alternative D is by far the best choice for handling the situation on Isle Royal. Everything happens for a reason, so initially not getting involved, letting nature do it's thing, and observing what happens appears to be the best solution. However, due to the island being a travel spot, it must be monitored. Having the threshold will provide a safe place for travelers but still allow the environment to thrive until the threshold is met.

Correspondence ID: 956 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I think that alternative c is the best because the environment needs the wolves in it. Without the wolves the population of moose would get out of control and then they smaller plants that they feed on would have a hard time growing. The same thing that happened in yellowstone would happen on the island and eventually wolves would be brought back.

Correspondence ID: 957 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Alternative B looks to be the best plan for Isle Royale. The current state of the wolves and moose of Isle Royale is already in decline. Introducing more wolves to the environment would help keep the moose population in check, which in turn would affect the rest of the environment slowly but surely. But it should be a one time thing, if it fails to help the population of the wolves then it will be what it will be. Alternative B is the best plan for Isle Royale, because all the wolves need is a little help to get going, too much and it could get out of hand.

Correspondence ID: 958 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,04,2016 11:07:56
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Correspondence: I think wolves should be added in every year to prevent inbreeding and they should be checked on every once in awhile to make sure it's still populated. This is important because if they have wolves they will keep the ecosystem balanced.

Correspondence ID: 959 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,04,2016 11:08:24
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Correspondence: Alternative D should be the one chosen for many reasons. One, it takes into consideration the maintenance of the other wildlife on the island, such as the moose and shrubbery, and how they all work together to maintain a balance. Since the moose are being preyed on by the wolves, their population is rising which in turn is making the shrubbery disappear. Wolves need to be brought in as needed to maintain the balance in the ecosystem. Also, the predator prey relationship seen on Isle Royale is very unique, and needs to be preserved as much as possible.

Correspondence ID: 960 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,04,2016 11:08:31
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Correspondence: I think Alternative C is probably the best choice, because each time you see the wolves population go down, you'll bring some more over and see if that will work itself out. I see that it's not only a one time thing. If you see the same change in the next 4 years then you will do the same thing and bring more wolves over. I think that would make a huge different and help a lot with the population of the wolves and balance out the population of the moose too. So, one wont be more over populated then the other.

Correspondence ID: 961 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe that option D is the best choice. This is because it will provide the opportunity to see the result of the island without wolves after a period of time. Once the threshold for the key resources is met, the wolves will be brought back in and the land will continue to develop as it was before. This will mean that the research behind the moose and wolf population as well as the environment impacted by them will continue to be collected. Although not bringing in the wolves will be the more natural way to go, by waiting for a certain threshold to be met the research involved with after the wolves are gone will still be obtained.

Correspondence ID: 962 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would chose alliterative B because it is the only option where there is little human interference. If humans kept interfering we might do something bad to the wolf population. If we sent lots of wolfs all the time the ecosystem would become messed up and we could cause more problems. If we only add a few wolfs one time to the current wolf population they would come back on their own. This has happened before when only one wolf was added. If we do nothing to the island all the wolves would die on their own.

Correspondence ID: 963 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Isle Royale is home to over 1200 moose, and 2 wolves. The wolf population is no longer increasing, and the species will die out and become extinct in no time. At first, my opinion about putting more wolves on the Island was simple, it would just create problems. Wolves being put on the Island would be exposed to new territory, new diseases, and could evidently kill out the moose population. But as I thought more about this issue, I realized that letting nature run its course was something we should not do. The moose were originally brought to Isle Royale, meaning even the moose needed help at one time, and look how its population has grown over the years. If we let nature run its course, the moose population would increase, allowing the moose to eat all the vegetation on the Island, leading to starvation, and eventually death. I think we need to put a few wolves on Isle Royale as soon as possible to help the wolf population prosper. Wolves are essential for maintaining the moose population, as well as provide food for smaller species on the land, such as birds, foxes, and smaller rodents.

Correspondence ID: 964 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Option B seems like the best option for the current situation. The Canadian Wolf that entered had a huge positive impact and other wolves would do the same. To do nothing would be to kill the last two wolves on the island. Wolves are a very important component to the ecosystem of Isle Royal and should be protected. The Moose population would go crazy without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 965 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: The scientists who best know the conditions of Isle Royale and how important the presence of wolves are to keeping the island in a balanced state have repeatedly stated that the only way to ensure that balance is the addition of wolves to the island. It is just too hard to argue with their logic. Without a predator like the wolves to keep the moose population in check the island will be overrun and the vegetation will suffer until there is not enough to feed the ever-growing moose population. Please consider what these scientists have been saying for years and allow wolves to be reintroduced to the island so that it remains a viable environment for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 966 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Regarding bringing wolves to Isle Royale NP:

I am in favor of bringing wolves to Isle Royale. The Isle Royale ecosystem is a fragile environment, with many dynamic flora and fauna interplay's going on. The loss of wolves will severely impact these dynamics (is already occurring with the increase of moose numbers) and change the Islands ecological integrity. The loss of wolves will set in motion changes in ecological diversity that will impact all the species of plants and animals that "now" exist at Isle Royale.

It is my belief that the NPS should provide the necessary means and stewardship mindset to try and protect this Island. It is my guess that the vast majority of people who come to the island do so because they find it immensely satisfying sharing their experience with wolves, even though they may not see one.

Bring the wolves back and continue to monitor/evaluate what goes on.

Correspondence ID: 967 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I believe that the National Park Service should bring wolves into the park. Wolves are a necessary part of the ecosystem in the park. They keep the population of moose down. By keeping the population of moose down, this allows for vegetation to grow around streams and ponds. This allows for other animals and plants to grow. A key factor in this is the beaver, the beaver is greatly affected by the wolf population. The population of wolves and beavers are directly related. If one is up, so is the other. Wolves prevent the moose from going to the waterways as often and so this allows for beavers to do what they need to, create dams and habitats for other animals. So you see, the wolves are a keystone species to this ecosystem, without them, everything falls apart. As for farmers, they may loose a calf or small animal once an awhile, but it may be their neighbor's fault. Some people are trying to see the moose and elk, so they sit out hay or other forages, to try and bring them in. This then brings in the wolf population as well. The wolves are just trying to get their food, and if their food is closer to people, they will be too. Also, some people are cleaning up the remain of a dead animal that the wolves have killed, this needs to be managed. The wolves will eat all of that dead animal, they will come back and finish it off. If people interfere with this process and clean up the dead remains, they wolves will be forced to kill another animal. As you can see, if a few steps are taken and wolves are reintroduced, this will be a well working ecosystem. Everything will fall into place.

Correspondence ID: 968 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: The environment has is becoming a concern to humans day by day. Animals such as the Isle Royale wolves are being exposed to being in the critical endanger list of extinction. An action to safe these species needs to be done. The two wolves remaining on the Lake Superior island, male and female, cannot be the last two in this island. With the NPS alternatives, I think alternative C should be done. Wolves need to be brought to the Royale as often as needed in order to prevent extinction. The anticipated life of the plan for wolves is 20 years. We cannot have another of the many species extinct from our environment when there is something us humans could prevent.

Correspondence ID: 969 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The environment has is becoming a concern to humans day by day. Animals such as the Isle Royale wolves are being exposed to being in the critical endanger list of extinction. An action to safe these species needs to be done. The two wolves remaining on the Lake Superior island,

male and female, cannot be the last two in this island. With the NPS alternatives, I think alternative C should be done. Wolves need to be brought to the Royale as often as needed in order to prevent extinction. The anticipated life of the plan for wolves is 20 years. We cannot have another of the many species extinct from our environment when there is something us humans could prevent.

Correspondence ID: 970 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I would go with Alternative C- The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on the best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.
The reason I chose this Alternative was because I think it is very important if a population of a certain species is maintained, for example here the wolves. If we keep bringing them over, they will start to breed and then the population will keep increasing. If we wouldn't do this than something could happen to the few wolves we started with at the beginning. With that happening, than the population has died out until we bring more over! I didn't just go along with this one, because I think wolves are cute. It's always important to make sure we have just the right number of a certain specie for a population!

Correspondence ID: 971 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I have previously commented more extensively. I will simply say now I think it is important to have wolves on the island in order to have a healthy ecosystem. I therefore prefer alternative C, with alternative B as a second choice. I do not believe there should be frequent changes, but it may be necessary to have more than one introduction over the 20 year period.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 972 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 09:11:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: More wolves should be taken to Isle Royale, to keep the population up.

Correspondence ID: 973 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 11:59:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative C as the only viable means of re-establishing a wolf population on Isle Royale. Predation on moose is vital to the preservation of vegetation on the island, and to the overall health of the ecosystem. This action needs to be taken immediately, not deferred to next year. In fact, it should have begun several years ago when the researchers who have been studying the wolf-moose relationship on the island for over 50 years recommended it. Decisions on wildlife management in the national parks should always be based on the best scientific research available, not on ad hoc observations and theories of visitors and park staff.

Correspondence ID: 974 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

National Parks Service
Isle Royale National Park
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Dear Superintendent Green,

In our 7th grade science class we have been studying and researching Isle Royale. It was a blast to study different animals. Our science teacher showed us a video on Isle Royale. It was a video on the wolf and moose population. I have heard they are going down. We did a graph on the wolf and moose population over the years. It was fascinating to see the difference over the course of the years. I wonder why they are dying out. But I don't want to think about that. I would like to tell you what my opinion on what Isle Royale should do to save the environment.

I think Isle Royale should do nothing right now but keep monitoring the wolves. This would let the scientists study and learn more about the wolves. If you track each and every wolf they wouldn't die out as easily. I know that they aren't reproducing because they don't have mates. So if they add some wolves then they could mate sooner. This will help the wolves grow quicker. I know there is only two wolves on Isle Royale right now but if they are both males or females then they can't mate.

The next reasoning that I have been thinking about is if we just monitor them once in awhile the studies wouldn't end. Also, that Isle Royale would have more time to think about they should do. The wolves would not die out if they are monitored. If this doesn't work we can decide on a different option in the future. At least they get inference with humans. They need the help. We want to help them so they can grow on their population.

The very last reasoning I have for you is that this might be interfering but it will help all of the wolves and other species. This will be a great opportunity for the scientists and the wolves to grow their population back to where it wasn't a problem. It does cost money but it will make a difference in the environment. Wolves have been on Isle Royale for more than 50 years. They can handle the environment. They will adjust quickly. With food and shelter they will adjust quickly.

I thank you for your time reading my letter to Isle Royale. I hope this will help make your final decision on what to do on Isle Royale with the wolf/moose population. Thanks for your consideration. I really enjoy studying different places I haven't learned or even heard about. It's so fascinating to see and hear about the different animals especially on Isle Royale. This really helped me learn about a mysterious island I have never heard of before.

Sincerely,

Kennedy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 975 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Given the effects of climate change and the benefits of Wolves to the Isle Royale Ecosystem I support efforts to introduce a new genetic line of wolves into the Isle Royale environment as soon as possible to sustain the ecological balance and the biodiversity of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 976 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 19:21:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This past month in our science class, we have been doing a lot of studying on the wolf and moose population and other ecosystems throughout Isle Royale. One of the things that stuck out to me the most was the scarce population of wolves. Since there are only two of them left, I think Alternative C (keep bringing in wolves annually for the next 20 years) is the best option to try to renew the population. I feel like this is the best option because there is a very little chance that the population would be as low as it is right now, the dangers of inbreeding will be reduced, and the ecosystem would be balanced again.

My first reason was that there is a very little chance the population would be as low as it is right now. Since the wolves will keep being brought in consecutively, it decreases the chances of a wipeout on the island. As a result of annually bringing in the wolves, the study that has been going on for 50 years can still continue and might even produce better results due to the new pool of DNA. Finally, bringing in new wolves is the quickest way to restore the population rather than waiting for the wolves to cross over the ice caps. If you think about it, the wolves can't even cross over the ice caps because of global warming.

Following this, the dangers of inbreeding will be reduced. The wolves are unable to reproduce because of old age, with one being 6 years old and the other being 8. The two wolves have similar DNA as a result of being born into the same litter, thus making them inbred. Inbreeding between those two is especially dangerous because they have a greater chance of passing on diseases and defects to their offspring. Sure there is a slim chance for reproduction, but it's highly unlikely. Take the wolf pup that was born in 2014, for example. It passed away from the defects regarding inbreeding. With bringing in the new wolves, there is a better chance of successfully reproducing and kickstarting the population.

Last but not least, the ecosystem will be balanced again. What I mean by this is that the moose population which has been getting out of hand will go back to normal because there will be wolves to balance it out. In the past two years, the moose have doubled in size with 300 being calves. Currently, this is 22% of the population, and it will only get worse if we don't do something about it. Vegetation and other resources like shelter will become more and more scarce. Soon enough, there won't be any resources for the moose and they will eventually die out, along with many other organisms. Do you really want to lose both the wolves and moose?

Correspondence ID: 977 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 19:24:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan C, it would be the best plan for that eco system in the long term.

Correspondence ID: 978 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 19:37:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royal needs the wolves for the biodiversity they provide for vegetation and the moose population. There needs to be a balance of predator and prey and right now there isn't any. Please bring wolves there.

Correspondence ID: 979 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 19:58:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the wolf population to grow, and control the elk populations as nature intended. It is known that a healthy ecosystem needs predators to hunt the twig eating ungulates, without intervention by trophy and spirit hunters.

Correspondence ID: 980 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,05,2016 20:11:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP slaughtering the wolves you pathetic greedy take it up the ass bastards

Correspondence ID: 981 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.05,2016 20:20:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In regard to the demise of wolves on Isle Royale, there exists little in the imagination of what awaits the moose population. A possible solution is both simple and inexpensive. Wolves in MN are removed every year for livestock depredation. Trap out an entire pack, or two, or three from different locales. Transplant the problem wolves to Isle Royale. Trapping wolves from different areas might "help" in regard to genetics. Kills two birds with one stone. Wolves are removed from areas of depredation, and given a last reprieve on Isle Royale to make it work. Situation must be monitored on IR, and periodically, new candidates should be trapped and transplanted to supplement genetic diversity.

Correspondence ID: 982 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that Alternative C sounds like the best option. Then you can bring in more Wolves as needed from different Packs and from different parts of the U.S Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 983 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.05,2016 20:41:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have 3 yrs of veterinary schooling. But my main interest of studies was that of animal behaviorism. The wolf. This most majestic & misunderstood animal has been savagely hunted for sport, skin, fear & in my opinion, GREEDY RANCHERS. Wolves are necessary for the ecological balance of nature.

They are the ONLY animal that walks this planet that will raise a human baby/child as its own. If you read the book "Woman who walk w/wolves" the author compares them to women. Why? 1 reason is because of their compassion. For example, if they see an animal caught in a trap, they will quickly snap its neck. Not to eat it, but so it doesn't die a slow & agonizing death. There is not 1 reported case in American history where a healthy wolf has attacked a human. But because of myths & legends passed down thru the ages, people fear them. Wolves in Europe are said to be bigger than our wolves & said to have killed people & that is where the term "The Beast of Beyone" derived from. I don't know if European wolves have killed humans, but I can tell you, that even the American Indians did not hunt wolves. They respected them & called them "Brother Wolf", & that was because they witnessed how the wolves lived & survived by their own laws. The laws of family values & harmony. They killed only to protect their own, and to eat for survival. The Indians were much smarter than we are now. Mankind kills for so many reasons, love, power, money, GREED, drugs, (need I go on?). Mankind's mentality is still stuck in the middle ages, where "might is right" attitude is enforced. But not the wolves. There are so many stories of this most magnificent creature, being heroes of saving lives & showing compassion. But yet they are still slaughtered by federal sharp shooters, greedy ranchers who graze their livestock on public land, drunken & tourist hunting parties, etc... Honestly, it just makes me want to scream at the stupidity & selfish human race. (which is what mankind does to all animals globally). It makes me ashamed to be part of our so called human "humane" race. Bullshit...it is all about the mighty American dollar & the so called lies of the Dept of Agriculture, & Dept of Fish & Game dept's.

Our wildlife needs to be left alone. To live & roam free as God intended them to be. We don't have an animal problem. What we have, is a people problem. If you ask me, it is the human race that needs to be thinned out & lets get rid of the trash before we touch the innocent who only want to be left alone & not be bothered by us.

We do not own this planet, but share it with everything that lives & breathes on it. It is not the animal world that is destroying the earth. It is mankind, & the animals are the ones who suffer for it.

If there was 1 animal in this world that should be left alone, & a law that is passed to make it a crime to kill, like our bald eagle, it is the WOLF.

When it comes to hybrid mixes of dog & wolf, do you know what the dangerous side is? The dog's genes.

I had not finished my schooling because I raised a family. But my intentions back then was to live in the wild with wolves, study them, protect them from mankind & to enjoy living amongst them for their laws are so much more of harmony, than that of ours. What I do now since my family has grown & on their own, I work full time, but I foster dogs for different rescues in order to save lives. But if I could do it all over, I would fulfill my dream of living amongst the wolves & doing all I could to protect these most misunderstood & magnificent creatures.

Correspondence ID: 984 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.05,2016 21:01:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save these 2 last precious pups. Let's get some wolves where they are not wanted instead of killing them, let's give them A chance on Isle Royale. He last 2 remaining
Pups are lonely and suffering. Let's put ten in a sanctuary where they will be taken care of the rest of their natural lives.
Use science, let's reintroduce wolves back to this island and keeps the history of wolves alive here.

Correspondence ID: 985 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.05,2016 21:05:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please make the decision to supplement the very small population of wolves on Isle Royale. Introduce additional wolves as needed for as long as needed until the population becomes self-sustaining, using best available science and professional judgment. A healthy population of wolves will then be able to keep the moose in check. Thank you-

Correspondence ID: 986 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please expedite genetic rescue plans. A 'balanced' environment is crucial, and wolves have a key part to play - e.g. limiting the moose population, which, in turn, enables vegetation to grow. This principle has been very successful in Yellowstone NP and with it come the economic gains of environmental /wilderness tourism. Wolves have a vital part to play in restoring the natural balance and their populations MUST be at sustainable and viable levels.
Thank you

Sincerely
Gayle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 987 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.06,2016 06:01:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is obvious interventions are needed to protect the eco system and deplete some of the moose population and increase the wolf population. Allow for the natural course to take place. Our intervention would assist as well as aid in the protection of our wolf's. Thank you for this opportunity to have a voice.
Douglas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 988 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.06,2016 06:40:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The time is now to implement Alternative C detailed in the EIS. The NPS should bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island should be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action should occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Correspondence ID: 989 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.06,2016 06:53:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

In my seventh grade science class we've been doing a lot of research about Isle Royale and the moose and wolf populations on the island. After learning about this I decided the option that I think would solve the problem of the low wolf population best. I think alternative B would be the most effective plan for multiple reasons.

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Sincerely,

Tyler [REDACTED]

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My first reason is it is better than alternative A, do nothing. I think this because we are not just sitting there and waiting for Christmas. Just kidding, but do you get my point? With alternative D we will wait, but if nothing happens we will take action and add in wolves as needed. The only good thing about alternative A, is it costs no money, but how do people sleep at night if you know you are doing nothing about these poor wolves. I know the island isn't touched by humans, but if we do nothing it won't be touched by animals anymore either. If you knew that the Dodo bird was going to die wouldn't you try to save it instead of watching it go away?

That brings me to my second reason alternative B , which is bring wolves as a one-time only event. This is better than doing nothing, but it is still not great. What if you don't put in enough wolves or too many. Then that would be bad for the island. You probably do have specialist in that department, but what if the other wolves don't accept them. We need to keep those wolves for the study on the island. If the 2 wolves left don't mate with the other wolves the study is doomed. Then it would be the study of wolves we put on this island in 2016. Not the Isles Royals study that you have been doing for so long.

Now for my 3rd fact alternative C, bring wolves as needed. With this plan you are bringing the animals right away. We should wait first instead of barging in. There are still 2 wolves left in the population. They could repopulate, and if not, do alternative D and put the wolves in. I agree with putting animals in as needed is good, but we should wait too.

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In conclusion D is the best option for the problem for Isle Royale I hope to visit one day we're the wolves were saved and the moose. I hope you take this advice and put it in action it is our choice and yours make the right one.

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May 5, 2016

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I hope you take my letter into consideration and that we will be able to fix the wolf population on Isle Royale once and for all.

Sincerely,
Brooklyn [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: I urge you to bring a new population of wolves to Isle Royale in an effort to restore natural balance. Thank-you.

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Correspondence: Isle Royale

Dear National Park Service,

Hi. I'm Mitchell [REDACTED] and I may be a 7th grader and all, but in science class I learned a lot about isle royale for the last quarter. I'm going to suggest to you what to do about the moose and wolf population on isle royale.

I think you should take no action. One reason why you should take no action is that you aren't wasting any money.

Another reason why you should take no action is because you let nature take its course.

One more reason you should take no action is because then you can keep the study going. In this letter I was only supposed to do 3 reasons but I decided to add an extra reason.

Finally, the last reason you should take no action is because then there is no human interference in isle royale, so as a result you can keep the study going.

Now I just gave you four reasons why you should take no action on isle royale. Hopefully you take this to your advantage to tell what to do.

Sincerely,

Mitchell [REDACTED]

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Sincerely, Harrison [REDACTED]

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Sincerely, Harrison [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1007 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:56:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I'm a seventh grader that is concerned about the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. We have looked at the population in our science class and we know that there are only 2 wolves there. I would recommend bringing wolves over as they are needed. If you bring too many over at one time, it may destroy the food supply and decrease the moose population too much.

By bringing in more wolves, they can reproduce and increase the wolf population. Another reason more wolves are needed is to control the moose population. If there are too many moose, then the vegetation in Isle Royale will be affected. The 50 year study would be able to continue if wolves are brought in as needed.

I think it is important to bring more wolves into Isle Royale to help increase the population, control the moose population, and protect vegetation. This would improve the ecosystem on Isle Royale so it can continue to be a growing habitat for plants and animals.

Sincerely,

Nick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1008 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:56:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Sincerely,

Nick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1009 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:56:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I recently did a project in my science class [REDACTED]. It was about the Isle Royale wolf and moose population. I am typing this letter to share my opinion about what I think you guys should do. I think you shouldn't do anything yet but watch the wolves and bring more in as needed. My first reason is that you might not need to do anything. You can monitor the wolves and they might not need help, and if they don't the you don't need to do anything. My second reason is then the wolves won't die out. If you monitor the wolves and they need help, bring a few wolves in and then they won't die out. If the wolves die out, that would be a shame because you guys have had a lot of research about the wolves. Lastly, the moose population won't get to high. If the moose population gets to high, the moose will eat all there food and then die. And then the wolves will have a really hard time. Overall, I think you shouldn't do anything yet but watch the wolves and bring more in as needed. The wolves won't die out, the moose population won't get that big, and you might not need to help the wolves. I enjoyed learning about Isle Royale and hope the wolves and moose will survive.

Sincerely, Jacob [REDACTED]

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Received: May,06,2016 06:56:12
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Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1011 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:56:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

My name is Riley [REDACTED]. I'm a 7th grader [REDACTED]. My science class has been doing a recent study on the wolves and moose on Isle Royale. I know you might think that because I'm a kid I'm not well informed, but I am, so with all do respect, take me seriously. I believe the best option we could choose that would help the most is Alternative C. One reason why Alternative C is the best option is because the wolf population would never die out if we kept supplying them to the island. Another reason we should choose his option is because if the wolves are still on the island,the study can continue and if the moose population becomes a problem, we can do the same thing for the moose and keep the study going. The last reason we should do this is the moose population wouldn't become too big. With the wolf population normal again, the moose population would become normal if we let nature take its course and both populations would therefore be normal. In conclusion, there are many reasons why the best possible option we could choose to help the wolves and moose the most is Alternative C. I hope you take this letter into consideration because I think his is a real issue and we need to make a decision soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Riley [REDACTED]

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Riley [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1013 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:56:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am a seventh grader and my name is Logan [REDACTED] and i have considers about the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. I been studying the moose and wolves population and I think attractive D is the best option. I truly think this might work and save the wolves. I think that you should Do nothing now, but monitor and add wolves as needed. Because you should let nature take its course. If you need wolves you just add wolves if you need to. To start, one reason that I think alternative will be the best is because the wolves won't die out. Also the moose won't grow out of control so they don't run out of food and go extinct on isla Royale. If u need to you can add wolves and they will kill the moose population instead increase the mosses population. Then I think that this is the best reason because if you don't bring in any wolves then the wolves population would completely go away and study the wolves and moose population. So you don't have to stop the rescuer and then u have all the facts or opinion and stuff like that. Finally, I think the best alternative because the wolves won't be inbred. So if you bring wolves that aren't inbred then the wolves will reportedly better. In all, I think that alternative D is the best option to go with

Sincerely, Logan [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1015 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:57:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Hello my name is Kaeden, I'm a seventh grader [REDACTED]. I think that the best way is to just keep monitoring the wolves and when you think that they need some help then get wolves when you think they need them.

You guys can have more time to study the wolves to see how they act. By seeing how the wolves act you guys can pick the right wolves to kind of have the same traits that the other wolves had.

Might not need human interference. The wolves might be able to handle things by them self and you guys wouldn't need to do anything. Maybe their offspring will be okay.

You guys will have more time to think about what to do. With this option you will have a better idea on what you want to do as a community to help save the wolves.

Even though I am in 7th grade my class has learned a lot over the last couple weeks so I hope that you will read this for my opinion.

Sincerely,

Kaeden [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Kaeden [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1017 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 06:58:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

My science class has been studying Isle Royale and it's past, location, and the wolf population on an island that belongs to Michigan is extremely low. I think the option to bring in new wolves as needed will be the best option.

The moose population wouldn't get too big and destroy their own food source and once the vegetation (their food source) is gone, then the moose will go extinct.

The current wolves on the island wouldn't die out because there would be more (about 40-50 or whatever number of wolves are brought) wolves on the island and the moose population would be in control.

If this succeeds, the new generation of wolves wouldn't be so inbred and may have more than one or two wolf pups and the population will not die out and the study will be longer, maybe up to a century of wolves on Isle Royale.

I think we are all concerned about the wolf situation on this island. I am, too. Although I am a 7th grader, I can bring up an argument! Let's go save these wolves!

Sincerely,

Tanner [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Tanner [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1019 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.06,2016 06:58:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

National Parks Service

Isle Royale National Park

800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896

USA

Dear Superintendent Green,

My name is Katelyn [REDACTED] my science class [REDACTED] have been studying wolves and moose on Isle Royale. Since there are not many wolves on the island, we wanted to give some suggestions to help you make this important decision. I know you probably think I am a little too young to be writing and helping you, but kids are also smart so why can't we have a say? On that note, I think that you should choose alternative C and bring in new wolves as needed as you monitor the island.

My first reason why you should choose this option is because then the moose population wouldn't get too big. You don't want the moose to take over Isle Royale. Then the population would get overwhelmingly big.

Another reason you should do this is because then you could still continue your study on the wolf and moose population.

My last reason is because then the wolf population would not die out. Another good thing about this strategy is that the wolf population would never get too big or small evade you will be watching them and helping all the time.

I hope you find the best way to save the wolves!

Sincerely,

Katelyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1020 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.06,2016 06:58:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Correspondence ID: 1021 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:00:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Hello I'm a seventh grader [REDACTED]. We've been doing projects were we research the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. But over the last couple of years there has been significant changes in the population of the wolves. And I think there is something that needs to be done.
First of all I think you should bring wolves over to the island when they are needed. Because by doing this you can watch how the wolves progress and succeed but if they don't you can see where you got the wolves from if they don't do well. And you could find a different wolf producer to see if they do any better.
Second I think you shouldn't do anything right now but keep watching them and when they wipe out or are down to one bring more wolves if they are needed. And I think by doing this your not having major human interactions with the island. And they can succeed without humans if,you get them a good start.
Third I think maybe you could do this once and then watch it but if they die out then you won't have a wolf study but there's way more animals that can be studied. And really nature is just taking its course on the island and nature isn't always nice and it's showing that by killing off wolves and making them inbreed causing unsuccessful pups.
But all in all this study has been around for years but I think it's time for it to come to a close. But there's a lot of other solutions to get more wolves on the island.
Sincerely,
Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1022 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:00:59
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Correspondence ID: 1023 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:05:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green
Hello my name is Natalie, I'm a seventh grader [REDACTED], and our science class just finished learning about Isle Royale. It's interesting that you guys have done a research that took fifty years! It's amazing that you guys started with 22 wolves and now there's only two inbred wolves. I'm really interested in your future decision for the wolves. I think that bringing wolves as a one-time event would help the wolf population and I have three reasons why.

First of all, researchers already know what to do if they are about to run out of wolves. They already experienced it once, so this time they won't fail. If they die out again they can take the DNA of some wolves and save it. Sometimes when you are trying something new for the first time you have no idea what to expect and they know now what to do before disappear.

Second of all, if it's just one-time event it would cost less and you wouldn't spend too much money. If you would bring them when needed then you would spend way too much money. You would also waste money on the materials you need to do the research. If you would to bring them many times, you would spend money on the transportation and the materials.

Last of all, it would be less human interference with the research that took fifty years. Bringing more wolves at different times would affect them and they would take their own time to breed with others because of their different smells. You would also interfere with them by bringing them and having them put in the isle, that would also affect them and they would take time to do their thing.

But overall it's your choice to do decide what's best for your research and wolves. I hope you chose the right choice.

Sincerely,

Natalie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1024 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Natalie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1025 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:09:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
Hello! My name is Lyn [REDACTED]. I recently worked on a project in my science class [REDACTED]. We all spent some time studying the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale. After learning more about Isle Royale, we all decided to write a letter on what option we think is the best choice for you.

I think Alternative D, to do nothing now but monitor and add wolves as needed, is the best option for you. I know that this option will work out for you very well because as you said, you don't want to interfere with the wolves, this option would fulfill that for you instead of Alternative A, don't interfere, because what if the wolves will die out without our watch. Then we won't have any wolves left on the island and years worth of study will be gone. Even if you think that Alternative D will interfere with nature, don't you think it's best to just keep watch and interfere when needed than having no wolves to watch at all. That way the study won't end and we would have more time to decide what to do. Maybe you're siding with Alternative B or C? I mean there's nothing wrong with Alternative B but remember how this one wolf came onto the island and increase the wolf population tremendously? Well Alternative B is kind of the same thing, if we bring too much wolves over, they can over breed and over run the moose population. If we bring too little wolves over, then they might breed, but only for a little time and all of this is only a one time thing. As for Alternative C, you can bring wolves over anytime you want, which is better than the second option, but since you are working on the Moose & Wolf project, this can decrease the moose population of we bring wolves in as needed. Well maybe you can just take away the wolves if too much breeding is occurring but where are you going to get the money to find wolves in another bred. If we bring wolves over, they can over breed, decrease the moose population and the vegetation will be out of control. Now do you think that Alternative D is a better option than any other one? You can keep watch, technically no human interference at all, which include Alternative A, then when something bad is happening, we can act and bring in the wolves, Alternative B, and when too much breeding is happening we can just take away wolves like what we could do in Alternative C.

In conclusion, if you choose Alternative D, it can cooperate all of the options listed and this might not end the study. This can increase the wolf population again and the study can still continue.

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Received: May,06,2016 07:09:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Received: May,06,2016 07:14:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Owen [REDACTED]

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Received: May,06,2016 07:14:11
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Owen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1029 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:18:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent

My teacher has brought to my attention the issue with the wolves on Isle Royale and I would like to give my input, I choose alternative D. I chose this because we might not need to do anything at all. If we wait to see what happens maybe nature will take its course and find a way to have the wolves live on longer than we thought they would. Another reason why I chose this is because we aren't forgetting about the study. We are still going to supervise them to make sure they are doing okay before we make an official decision. The final reason why I chose alternative D is because we aren't just choosing something then being done with the study. We are going to take our time and find out the best option for the wolves. I feel that if we choose any of the other options we are just going to pick something and forget about the wolves. Obviously this is the best choice for the wolves because of many reasons but some of the reasons are we can wait and see what nature does, we won't forget about the study and we aren't just picking an option and leaving other ideas behind.

Sincerely,
Hailey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1030 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:18:25
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Correspondence:
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Correspondence ID: 1031 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 07:23:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Over the past few weeks we have been doing extensive research on the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale. We have been very well informed and I would like to give my opinion on the best path for the wolves. I think that the best option would be Alternative D. This is the best option because it will allow the population study to continue for a while without being interrupted by humans. This is important because the study has been going on for a long time, and if it were to end now, decades of research would be put to an end. The information gathered by the Isle Royale study is priceless, and has been used all over the world. Putting this research to an end should be delayed as long as possible, which is why we should wait for as long as possible before making a decision to interfere. My second reason is that to put more wolves on the island would take extensive resources, time, and money. All of this would go to waste if we make a rushed decision that would prove to be ineffective for helping the wolf population. My third reason is that although I agree that humans may have to intervene at some point, I believe that this interaction should be avoided until absolutely necessary. The Isle Royale wolf and moose study is famous because of how untouched it is by human beings. This is why the information gathered in the study is so important. In conclusion, the alternative that I believe is Isle Royale's best option is Alternative D, because of the reasons I have listed above. Thank you for your time, and I hope you take my reasoning into account.

Sincerely,

Marie [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1033 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:00:32
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Correspondence: Please attend to and improve the conditions of the wolves in terms of habitat and genetic diversity. They do so much to improve the balance of nature and are an important part of the environment.

Correspondence ID: 1034 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:20:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment.

Correspondence ID: 1035 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:39:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative "C". In Montana, the re-introduction of wolves to the Yellowstone Park area years ago has been studied and documented to be successful in its original intent to restore the balance of wildlife predation, wildlife "watching", and human-animal interaction. Hopefully, this restoration could be the result on the Isle. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1036 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:49:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

National Parks Service
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Sincerely,
Alexandra [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1038 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:50:22
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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

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Those are the reasons why I think you should wait and if the wolves do die, then you could slowly add wolves back to the island. I understand that it is a national park and humans aren't supposed to intervene but if you don't help the island vegetation could be destroyed by the moose. Also the moose would run out of food if you don't do anything because their population would just grow. So I think it wouldn't be a bad thing if you helped and brought wolves back to the island.

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Received:	May,06,2016 08:52:59				
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I think that option A is the best choice because we would not change the environment in any way. So that we at least have a part of United States that is almost untouched by man.

Another reason that will make taxpayers happy is that it will be free and we don't have to do anything. My final and favorite reason is the even though the wolf-moose study will end we can create a new study on how the ecosystem responds to losing their apex predator and what it will do to fix that problem.

I hope that you will take this into careful consideration I think Isle Royale should be left as is on its own allowed to run its own course guided by evolution or not.

Sincerely,

Jacek [REDACTED]

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Received: May,06,2016 08:54:39

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I believe that we, as a whole country, should do this because humans would only need to interfere with the land only once. As much as some people don't want to interact or destroy one of the few lands that humans haven't touched and just let nature take its course, wouldn't be such a good idea under these circumstances. By interfering once we can help a species that is dying. Another reason why Alternative B is the better choice is because we wouldn't need to hunt the moose to control the population. I understand that such a solution costs money, but just think about how beneficial it could be to the wolves.

The wolves wouldn't die which could help continue the ecosystem and more control on the moose population. My last reason in supporting Alternative B is that the new wolves would only need to adjust to the habitat only once. In Alternative C bringing wolves as needed would cause a huge ruckus among other animals and even plant vegetation. With option B you would only need to do it once and help give a boost to the wolf population. Overall, this is why you should proceed into taking action on Alternative B.

Thank you for taking your time and actually reading what I have to say. I know that probably a lot of people who are also concerned about this matter send tons of comments about what to do. So I'd just like to say thank you for all that you are doing to get the people involved in this issue. It means a lot.

Sincerely,

Nicole

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Nicole [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1044 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:55:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Recently [REDACTED], I have been studying the wolf and moose population up at Isle Royale National Park. The wolf population seems to be going down, and I'm extremely worried about that. I think that you and your team, should go with option B and it would be a good option because then you won't have to worry about the wolf population later.

A reason why you should go with option B is because, if you bring a certain number of wolves (say for example 10-15), and those wolves are adults but different ages, then it would be possible for them to mate and then breed. This is a good reason because, if you bring an even amount of wolves, that are half male and half female, and then different adult ages, then it would be possible for them to mate. If they do mate with the other wolves on Isle Royale, then that could bring the wolf population back up.

My second reason for option B would be, that only humans would have to interfere one time only. Humans would only interfere one time because, if the wolf population increases, then humans wouldn't need to do anything with the wolves. The only time humans would need to interfere with the wolves, is when they would bring the new wolves to Isle Royale. So then, if the wolves mate and have pups, then the wolf population would be saved for awhile. Then when those pups are all grown up, they would find other and different wolves to mate.

My last reason for option B, would be that the wolf population would be saved for awhile. The wolf population would be saved only for a while because, if you bring wolves one time, then that will bring the population up for probably a few days. If you do this, sometimes if you only interfere once and not every few years, it could work. If you do interfere every few years, than the wolf population will get overpopulated.

Overall, I think you should do option B, because then the wolves would come only once, and then they would take their own time to get through the the environment and food on Isle Royale. When the wolves take their time, you and your team could investigate what the wolves are doing and could also try to tag them. Option B sounds like a great idea and if I was on your team I know would choose it. Thanks for taking your time to read my letter and I hope you could send me an email back and see how it's going. I hope the wolf population gets solved soon.

Sincerely 7th Grader,
Julia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1045 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:55:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent

Hi i'm Jordan. I am in seventh grade [REDACTED]. My science class has been learning about the issue on isle Royale with the two wolves. We have gone through the choices very clearly and had done pros and cons about it. The pros and cons really helped me choose which Alternative to choose. I am worried about the wolf population dying out and the moose population getting to big. I recommend that you choose alternative C.

One reason why you should consider option C is because I am concerned about the moose population getting to big. If you chose option A then if the two wolves die out you would not be able to control the moose population because there would be no wolves to kill the moose. So you would have to bring more wolves in which then there would have been no reason to go with option A if you bring in the wolves. Another reason is the wolves won't die out right away. I am saying that because option B says that we can bring in wolves 1 time only. Well if we do that they could die out right away and they may not like each other after you bring the new wolves in. If you choose option C then we can introduce them and not put them on the isle right away and we can let them get to know each other. My last reason is that the study can continue. If you choose option A the study might end because of the wolves but if you choose option C the study can continue as long as you need it to.

Lastly thank you for reading my letter. I hope you guys give it a good thought about what should happen. I hope you guys can work something out, and find the right choice that will go nicely with the isle. Take my letter into consideration. I think option C is the best option.

Sincerely,
Jordan [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1047 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:55:50
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1051 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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INTRODUCTION & OPTION THAT I RECOMMEND (c)

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because maybe is probability have at the future there
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Correspondence ID: 1053 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 08:58:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Some people may argue that option c makes the park rely on human interference, but if the moose population grows out of control due to the wolves gone, then humans would have to interfere with the moose population anyways. Again, I think that option c would be the most beneficial for Isle Royale. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Ainsley [REDACTED]

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Received: May,06,2016 09:05:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am a seventh grade student [REDACTED]. During class we have been focusing on the wolf and moose relationship on Isle Royale. I'm fascinated on how the predator and prey relationship works. However I am concerned about what will be done to the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Although I may not be a professional on this topic I think you should consider alternative B. One reason I chose this is because the wolf population won't get out of control. It will also let nature take its time to recover by causing the least interference possible. Another reason is because the probability of the wolf's reproducing is very slim. They aren't in the best condition and are now too old to reproduce. My last reason is that option C will overpopulate the wolf population. It will also be harder for them to get use to their new surroundings. Alternative B will allow the wolves to take their time to get use to their surroundings and have less competition. Unlike alternative c if you bring as many as you need for the over the course of 20 years that will do the exact opposite. At least in my opinion.

Overall I really do think that alternative B will have the most effect on the wolf's population. But if you do decide on a different choice I am sure that it is the right one because you know what you are doing. Please note that I and many others would love for Isle Royale to stay as untouched by humans as possible. The fact that Isle Royale is one of the last places that isn't occupied by humans brings me joy. I'm sure many others would agree. I am eager to find out which option you have chosen. Thank you for taking the time to read my recommendation letter. I really do appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Anett [REDACTED]

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Anett [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1057 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:14:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I'm a 7th grade student [REDACTED] and my science class were studying about ecology and Isle Royale. I'm considered about the wolf and moose population. But I got an idea what could help them out. We could do alternative d and here are my reasons why.

My first reason why we should do alternative d is because we could wait for a while maybe until there is one wolf left and if that happens we could see if it's a female and by any chance that it could have any babies but that's a very low chance. But there could be a chance but if not we could bring in more wolves.

My next reason is if we wait for a little while. If we wait there would be less interference with the wolves but also if wait too long they might die out. Also we might not even need to interfere and let Mother Nature do its thing.

My final reason is wait and think other ways to help them out like wait for winter and see if wolves don't cross over we could bring some in. Also we could wait until one of the wolves breed and make babies.

I hope you read this and maybe take these ideas I thought of.

Sincerely,

Oswaldo [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1058 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Received: May,06,2016 09:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

For the past two weeks, [REDACTED] Science classes have been studying the beautiful ecosystem of Isle Royale. We have learned about the animals, plants and what the beauty of untouched nature looks like. But there is one thing that has us all deeply concerned. The wolves and moose. Both of these species are suffering from things that have occurred naturally but also, artificially. I believe that humans have affected Isle Royale through global warming which leaves Isle Royale less untouched then we hoped. If we've already "touched" it before why can't we "touch" it in a positive way.

These are the alternatives you have provided us:

Alternative A

(No-Action Alternative)

The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.

Alternative B

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36 month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

Alternative C

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Alternative D

The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C).

The alternative I believe that will help Isle Royale and the wolves and moose the most will be Alternative D. This is why:

First off, Alternative D is a combination of all other alternatives so if someone believes that we should not interfere at all, with Alternative D, we won't until it is absolutely necessary. If the wolf population is where it is now and does not improve at all, we have to take a stand and save Isle Royale from complete doom.

Next, it would give the wolves the best chance for survival because we would monitor the situation and help the wolves to survive by having parameters for vegetation and moose population so that we could help the wolves survive on their own and give them a little boost if they truly do need it by implementing multiple or maybe even individual wolves to Isle Royale.

Finally, even though one of the requests of the people is that we not interfere with the habitat of Isle Royale but as I stated before we have already interfered with Isle Royale but we didn't seem to notice. Our pollution if the air has caused global warming which has made it hotter in the summers which kills off moose and other animals but also makes it even more impossible for their not to be anymore ice bridges to form over Lake Superior which makes

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I appreciate you taking time out of your day to read this letter full of my opinions and recommendations. I hope this helped you solve the delicate problem that is Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Tom [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1061 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:29:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am studying about the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale and I saw that the wolf population is really low. After learning more about the island, I am concerned about the wolf and moose population on Isle royale. I think that you should consider alternative D: no action, keep monitoring the wolves. One reason why you should do this is it might not need human interference because if there are two wolves on the island then they might have a possibility to breed still. But if there is only one wolf still left add a couple of wolves to keep it going (that will cause interference though). Another reason is that the wolves won't die out and the study will continue add some wolves introduce them to the island and they can repopulate the area and you guys will continue your research. There is still a chance. The final reason is that you guys will have more time to decide what to do. You guys will keep finding a way to repopulate the wolves without interfering with the ecosystem. More time to think about it.
Thank you for your time and hard work into Isle royale on the wolf and moose population.

Sincerely,
Kayla [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1062 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:33:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Well i have chosen alternative d because i think its the best one thank you for reading my letter of response.
Sincerely,
Jasmanee [REDACTED]

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Received: May,06,2016 09:39:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

National Parks Service
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Dear Superintendent Green,

I am a student [REDACTED] and we are studying the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. I'm concerned about the wolf and moose population and want to give my recommendation of alternative C- bring in new wolves as needed.

My first reason to pick alternative C is because the moose population wouldn't get too big. If there are more wolves to eat the moose there wouldn't be so many moose. It there gets to be too many moose than some of the populations of the animals the moose eat would go down and maybe extinct.

My second reason to pick alternative C is because the wolves wouldn't die out. If the wolves die out, what would eat the moose? The wolves play a big part on Isle Royale and if they die out that wouldn't be good. If the wolves die out the food pyramid would be way off balance.

My third and last reason i chose alternative C is because the study of the wolf and moose population could continue. If the study continues we could learn a lot more about our ecosystem and more classes like mine would have the chance to learn like I did.

Thank you for listening to my ideas and for all the work you do at Isle Royale. Have a good summer!

Sincerely,

Savanna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1065 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:39:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1066 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:40:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am Kelsey [REDACTED]. I am doing a project for my science class at [REDACTED]. We are learning about the Moose and Wolf study at Isle

Royale. The option that I recommend is Alternative B (Put wolves on Isle Royale one time). You should do Alternative B because the wolves you bring in would only have to adjust one time. You also wouldn't have to capture and bring in wolves every time it is needed like Alternative C.

Another reason you should do go with alternative b is that it would save the wolf population for a while or maybe till you figure out something more permanent. This would help the wolf population grow if you put some female wolves in Isle Royale it would help the population grow.

The final reason why you should pick Alternative B is because there isn't that much human interference. Humans would only have to interfere one time and not multiple times like Alternative C.

Alternative B is the best option because in Alternative A if no one interferes the wolves will die out. In Alternative C, humans would interfere too much and in Alternative D they might be too late to fix the problem.

That's why Alternative B is the best option. I hope you take this into consideration. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kelsey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1067 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:40:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Sincerely,
Kelsey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1068 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:40:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Hello! My name is Owen [REDACTED], and I am a seventh grader [REDACTED]. In my science class, I have been learning about the moose and wolves of Isle Royale. After lots of thinking and consideration of all possible options, I have decided that Alternative A would be the best possible option.

The first reason why I think we should do this is because Isle Royale is a wilderness area, and that means that humans should interfere with what happens there as little as possible.

Another reason why I think this is because it could snowball up and more National Parks would have lots of human interference. Sure, it seems like just one time now, but there could be more "just one times" until being a National Park loses all of its meaning.

The last reason why I think this is because nature will sort itself out. Some people argue that the moose population would run rampant and vegetation would be affected hugely. We haven't been on this earth for hundreds of thousands of years and nature has always sorted itself out. That will happen on Isle Royale too.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you take it into consideration when you make a decision on what to do.

Sincerely,
Owen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1069 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:41:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

I recommend that you do alternative B. I think you should do that option because it should be a one time event. Why you ask because if you do it once you wouldn't be affecting animals or economy. First of all you want to help the wolves without affecting the economy to much or wildlife. Also you want the population to go back up to help them restore to their normal numbers. Because their really low down to 2 wolves left. Also you should do it because if all the wolves die the moose population will go up to much. That's why I recommend you do alternative B. Also the money you make and your revenue and your profit depend on it to keep isle royale in place to keep it a wilderness for the animals and economy.
Bless you. Let the lord show you the way to help you restore the wolves from their sacred territory. Amen. ç «

Sincerely,
Jeremy [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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My first reason is option D is one of the most popular decisions, so it would have have the most support. First it would not anger the people of choice A as much,as option A is incorporated into option D. I know this is for the wolves but it would be nice for both the park, and the people with it. Some advantages that come with people supporting option D includes, you get more business so you can fund option D and other expenses that come with the island. Another advantage of people liking it is theyll still care what happens, because what usually tends to happen is as soon as they hear their idea is out they just give up on caring (unless they're very dedicated). So option D combines option It'll overall have more support, donations, and business.

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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I recently just learned about the wolf population on Isle Royale during Science class [REDACTED]. I saw that the wolf population is threateningly low. And I was very concerned for the population. I would like to recommend option B, bring wolves in as a one-time thing. The first reason I would choose option B is because the humans would only interfere one time. Yes, it's the wilderness, and yes, they need the least amount of human interaction as possible but this one time would be worth it. The second reason why I decided to choose option B is because the Wolf population would increase. By adding more wolves just once, would help so much with mating and repopulation. Which would mean more to study and collect data. The final reason why I recommend option B is because you wouldn't need hunters to take out the moose. Since the moose population would grow way larger but having bring in more wolves you'd have wolves to kill those moose so the population would stay at a good rate. Plus you wouldn't need to have hunters doing into the woods to kill those moose.

Those were my reasons why you should do option B. Thank you for listening to my suggestion and hope that helped you decide on which option to choose. I hope you have a wonderful rest of the day and that the wolf population will increase more on Isle Royale.
Sincerely,
Katrina [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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To begin, alternative D is ideal because it gives the choice for the National Park service to do whatever they want without being rushed. I agree to keep the

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I personally love alternative D for all the flexibility it gives the National park service and I think you have the right to do what you seem fit because you are the most educated on this topic. And if you are worrying about affecting the environment, we already have in many ways, including global warming. I hope you decide on the option you think is best. I will support you on any option you pick.

Sincerely,

Samuel [REDACTED]

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Samuel [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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After learning more about isle Royale I am concerned about the wolf and moose population on Isle Royal. I think that you should consider alternative C

Bring wolves over as needed.

One reason why you should do this is so the wolf population can continue to thrive, and maintain the moose population on the island.

I think this because the wolf needs a place of their own to grow healthy, and have a safe place from human harm.

Another reason is that this unique study of the wolf moose population can continue in this wilderness setting. I think this because I would like to have the chance to see these animals in person one day. Also I think this is important for our future generations to be able to experience.

I appreciate your consideration as you make a decision on what to do about the wolf moose population. Thank you for the work that you do to maintain and protect Isle Royale

If you could please send any more materials to continue my learning about Isle Royale I'd greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Zach [REDACTED]

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I recently did a project of Isle Royale in my science class [REDACTED]. We spent some time studying about the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. After learning a little more about this I was starting to get a little concerned about the wolf and moose population. I think you should consider alternative D, do nothing now but monitor and add wolves as needed.

One reason I chose alternative D because it won't interfere as much as you might expect it to. Another reason I chose this was because if you don't interfere with it then the Isle Royale become will overpopulated with moose. And my last reason is because it will keep the wolves alive for awhile.

I really enjoyed learning about the Isle Royale and i hope you think about what you will choose soon. Thank you for reading on my opinion.

Sincerely,
Katrina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1079 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 09:49:53
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My reason for picking Option A, is because if you add more wolves, they might not be adjusted to the exo system that is on Isle Royale and everything could be screwed up just by tempering with nature. I say just let nature do its thing.
My second reason for picking Option A, is because migration could still happen. There are still wolves left, maybe not that many, but maybe during the winter, wolves could come over to Isle Royale on the ice, and revive the wolf population.
My third, and final reason, is that if you don't take action, you save money, because getting wolves all the way from the mainland, to Isle Royale, would cost a few thousand dollars. Instead of serenading money, you can just let nature do what it wants to do. If nature wants to take the wolves away, it's doing it for a reason. Things change, and so is Isle Royale.
To finish off this letter, I just wanted to say, thank you for reading this letter, and even though the wolves might die out, it's a part of history. Things end in history, everything has, or will end, like World War II, for example, took a few years to finish, but it ended eventually. The wolves of Isle Royale are a part of history. You can choose to altar history, or just let it pick its course by itself. Thank you for reading this, and for your time

Sincerely,
Gavin [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Alternative D

Bring in new wolves as needed only when necessary
Wolves have a chance to survive, least human interactions.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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I appreciate that you have taken time to read this. I am also grateful that you will put this into your consideration about what you will do to the wolf population. Thank you for all the work you do.

Sincerely,
Rohan [REDACTED]

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Personally I think alternative "D" (Do nothing now, but monitor and add wolves as needed) is the best option to save the wolves. I think this because if you follow through with alternative "A" (do not interfere) there is a big chance that the two wolves that are on Isle Royale right now might refuse to mate and die and the moose would overpopulate the island. Another reason why I support option "D" is because alternative "B" (bring wolves as a one-time event) doesn't really make any sense to me because why add more wolves when there is a very high chance that they will die out again. That would just be a waste of labor having to bring all the wolves on the island for no reason. And lastly alternative "C" (bring in wolves as needed) is probably not the best choice because if you keep having to bring more and more wolves to Isle Royale it just proves that bringing more wolves doesn't work to help the island in any way. It's basically opinion "B" just failing over and over again. If the wolves keep dieing than I there is no point of bringing more on the island.

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Sincerely,
Kasey [REDACTED]

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REASON 3: the least interference

Wolves are a part of nature. They deserve to be left alone, and if you do bring more wolves in now then the wolves will be afraid and will hide from everyone. But if you bring wolves in when they die that will be the least amount of interference.

SUMMARY:

I understand that wolves are one of the biggest things at isle royale, and whatever you decide there will have a huge effect on the park.

Sincerely,

Avery [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

My name is Annika I'm a 7th grade student [REDACTED] Minnesota. Recently in science class we have learned about what's going on in isle Royale with the wolf and moose. We have. Learned a lot about isle Royale including the carbon cycle and the we made our own food webs from isle Royale. I have become very concerned about the wolf and moose and I want to do anything to help.

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Thank you for your time reading my letter to you. I honestly do care about these wolves and I'm thankful for the people that work there and you for everything you do to help nature grow. I hope I can visit isle Royale one day that would be so exciting.

Sincerely,
Annika [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: I am a Minnesota native, having lived and visited the wolf-containing areas North and West of Lake Superior since 1948.

At present I do not live there, but have been an avid visitor to as many National Parks and wilderness areas as possible during my life (as many as 3 to 4 per year, I travel several thousand miles to visit NPs, especially important to me are places with a full complement of wildlife as possible, and the least human development.

Alternative C should be the choice of the NPS Isle Royale Wolf Plan.
Reasons:

1. increased species diversity in IRNP, a vital consideration in light of climate change and human development, which tends to exclude wolves and moose populations. Climate change is moving moose farther north, as that species cannot tolerate warm temperatures. Plant and bird species need diversity as well, and this requires limitations on moose foraging. Wolves supply this in the most natural way possible. National Park mandate is to preserve natural processes.
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6. The public across the nation (notably even in states where wolves are present) overwhelmingly supports the return and restoration of the wolf to suitable habitat in the USA. IRNP becomes a valuable part of that return by continuing to make available habitat for the wolf and moose.
7. IRNP will be a more exciting place to visit, as increased numbers of National Park visitors everywhere wish to experience wolves, and this has brought increased economic advantages to human communities serving any National Park containing a viable wolf population.
8. It also assists all the National Parks & the Service in public favor, with between 2/3 and 85% of the public considering wolves and wolf preservation as important.

Please choose Alternative C.

thank you.

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Correspondence: National Park Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the plan for Isle Royale National Park.

" Topic Question #1: What other alternatives, alternative elements, or management tools should be considered?

I think the most important question here is, will the Park Service be able to uphold its original mission, to protect this Parks wildlife for future generations? Doing nothing will ensure this islands demise. The easiest way to turn this current predicament around would be to put more, new wolves on the island. Please just dont wait so long that your lack of action actually leads to the complete collapse of the ecosystem on this island. Action is not for the weak or timid, but it needs to be taken.

" Topic Question #2: What issues should be considered when evaluating future management of moose, wolves, and vegetation at Isle Royale?

I understand that researchers have been studying this ecosystem for 50 years and that some of them feel that it is important to let this system run down to its

natural conclusion. However, the wolf situation, as mentioned by other responders is partially due to the introduction of a canine disease. So, this island does not represent a completely 'natural condition. Haven't these same researchers studied other areas where the ecosystem collapsed, maybe not with wolves and moose specifically, but with predator and prey? Do we really have to wait until every last wolf is dead until we do something? What if the ice bridge doesn't form this next winter, won't the moose still consume all available forage and then starve when it finally runs out? There are other animals on the island that will also starve as a result. So, it's not just one or two animals that will suffer and die; it will be hundreds or thousands. I have to point out that this island is now part of the National Park System and it is the Park Service's duty to preserve and protect it for future generations. If tourists visit this island and start seeing huge numbers of fly-ridden carcasses, don't you think they will be outraged by what they see as a total breakdown of the stated mission of the Park Service?

" Topic Question #3: What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider given that approximately 99% of the land area of Isle Royale National Park is designated wilderness?

Since 99% of Isle Royale is designated wilderness, I don't believe intrusive or heavy-handed management should be employed. That means shooting moose to reduce their numbers is out. Putting out more food is too intrusive and would also be out. The least intrusive plan would be bringing more wolves to the island, perhaps several unrelated groups of them, depending on the number that the island wildlife will support. Of course, the longer the Park Service waits to take action, the more damage will be done to the food resources present on the island. It's not like this or any other ecosystem is a machine, you can't just turn it off and on at will. So, if the Park Service waits until the point where the moose and other animals start falling down the slope to starvation, is it going to be able to reverse the situation without a lot of collateral damage?

" Topic Question #4: What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider in the face of a changing climate?

I don't know how climate change will impact this island and I don't know what to do about it until things start changing in visible ways. I assume there will be impacts on the types of forage plants that will continue to survive. If climate change is slow enough, the flora and fauna should be able to adapt, but I have no idea what the results might be of climate change, slow or fast. If the ice bridge to the island never forms again, we may see a repeat of this entire situation.

" Topic Question #5: What do you like and dislike about the preliminary alternatives?

I think the 'wait-n-see' strategy is an iffy one. Maybe a short wait wouldn't be too bad, but I'm not on the island itself, I have no idea what is happening or how fast things are going sideways. All I know is that the Park Service mission is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The no-action alternative will not solve the problem, but if the Park Service waits too long to take action, the problem is going to get much, much worse.

" Topic Question #6: Please submit additional comments here.

I remember first hearing about Isle Royale Park. I was astounded that the island was its own little ecosystem. I loved the idea of wolves and moose free to do what they do without being shot at or trapped. I keep reading about this ecosystem whenever I was reading research about predator-prey interactions. I think that I even took a class on animal behavior that touched on this island on Lake Superior. But now, to find out that there are only three wolves left and that they are terribly inbred is kind of a shock. I was surprised to hear that the Park Service seemed to be indecisive about what they should do. Research of this type, that has an historical background of over 50 years of scientific data behind it, is rare and really amazing. But, if it's a choice between ending a research project with over 50 years of scientific findings and saving an entire ecosystem from total collapse, I gotta go with saving the ecosystem. What with the current Congress trying to dis-enact the Endangered Species Act and all their constant attacks on the environment, and with the Federal Agencies that are supposed to protect our wildlife resources from extinction, being pressured by the hunting lobby to delist everything on the Endangered Species List, I feel like action is the best and only choice. I'm not one of the wolf researchers that has worked on this island, so I have no idea how much of their careers has been spent studying this ecosystem. I have heard of a few of them and I know that they are passionate about their research. I understand that they may not want to intervene, but were not talking inanimate objects here, were talking about living breathing creatures that will suffer and soon without intervention by Park Service staff. If we want to preserve this ecosystem, we need to get on with it.

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Option A is the best option because if you just leave everything alone then nature can take its course. What I mean by that is, nature can still do what it has to do and if someone does something then nature can't do its thing.

REASON 2 & EXPLANATION

Another reason why option A is the best option because migration could still happen. What I mean by that is if someone does something to the moose and wolves then they can't migrate anymore and that's not that great.

REASON 3 & EXPLANATION

My last and final reason on why I think option A is the best option is because it doesn't cost any money. What I mean by that is, if a wolf or moose die, it doesn't cost money to get new wolves or moose.

SUMMARY/CLOSING COMMENTS

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Alternative C is the best option because the moose don't overpopulate and the wolf's won't die out. If you just let them be then the wolves will die out. If the wolves die out then the moose will overpopulate and will have to search for food if there's too many moose the food will eventually be gone and the moose will die out from starvation.

Also alternative C is better than alternative D and B because alternative D won't help as much because the wolves can still die out so it's kind of pointless. Alternative B isn't the best because what if the wolves keep dying then they will still die out and won't be able to come back because it's a one time thing.

This is why Alternative C is the best option, the wolves will not overpopulate or die out and the moose will not overpopulate or die out. This way it's a fair amount of both moose and wolves, and if I the wolves start to die out again you can add more to help them stay.

Overall, Alternative C is the best choice because the wolves and the moose will always be even and everything will be fine. Like I mentioned earlier If the wolves do start dying out then you can bring more to keep the wolves and moose even.

Sincerely, Ryan [REDACTED]

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Alternative C is the best option because the moose don't overpopulate and the wolf's won't die out. If you just let them be then the wolves will die out. If the wolves die out then the moose will overpopulate and will have to search for food if there's too many moose the food will eventually be gone and the moose will die out from starvation.

Also alternative C is better than alternative D and B because alternative D won't help as much because the wolves can still die out so it's kind of pointless. Alternative B isn't the best because what if the wolves keep dying then they will still die out and won't be able to come back because it's a one time thing.

This is why Alternative C is the best option, the wolves will not overpopulate or die out and the moose will not overpopulate or die out. This way it's a fair amount of both moose and wolves, and if the wolves start to die out again you can add more to help them stay.

Overall, Alternative C is the best choice because the wolves and the moose will always be even and everything will be fine. Like I mentioned earlier if the wolves do start dying out then you can bring more to keep the wolves and moose even.

Sincerely, Ryan [REDACTED]

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I think that choice A is the best alternative, which is when you guys don't take any action.

One reason that I think alternative A is the best is because that you guys are a national park therefore you guys are supposed to protect nature and not get in nature's path. By adding wolves into this park you are "harming" nature and you would be affecting it.

Another reason that option A is a good alternative is because you guys are always advertising that you are the most natural park and that you have the only natural predator and prey relationship in America. By adding wolves this would be breaking that and it would no longer be the most natural predator and prey relationship.

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I think this because compared to the other options, this seems the most reasonable. Not reacting to this situation can become a big deal, considering that the wolves would die out if we didn't. Bringing in the wolves as we need them can help the environment in Isle Royale tremendously. Wolves help balance out the food chain, and if there aren't any left, the moose population would grow out of hand. Which would then mean that we would have to step in and hunt them.

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wolf and moose population could stay balanced. And if the same thing happens again, we are able to bring in more wolves. Of course first we would have to go through the process of making sure that they didn't have any diseases, otherwise that would just be catastrophic.

This is why i think alternative C is the best decision. It would help the wolf and moose population stay balances, and we could bring in more wolves as we need them. I hope that you can consider my suggestion, and I will be looking forward to what events occur in Isle Royale.

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Sreya [REDACTED]

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My first reason was the wolves may come back before extinction. Or the ice breige could come back so more wolves can come over. But if that doesn't work send wolves over to help breed ep with the native wolves.

It would save the island from being an island of moose. It could keep the moose from growing its population. It also keeps the wolves from dying out. It would only be one human interference. It would help the wolves from dying out.

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SUMMARY/CLOSING COMMENTS

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Sincerely,

Andrei [REDACTED]

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Overall, I think that you shouldn't take action right away, but keep monitoring for now. This will allow you to make the best choice in the future. Also, you can continue the study of the wolves.

Sincerely,

Shawn [REDACTED]

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My class and I have been looking into the situation happening at Isle Royale. We have considered the four different options to save the wolves and balance the wolf/moose relationship. After looking at the pros and cons of each option, I have chosen a choice.

I think that Alternative C, where you bring in wolves as needed, is the best option. To begin with, the wolves can be saved and they won't be extinct in Isle Royale. These wolves are precious and are important for many reasons. They are wonderful creatures that help keep moose from being overpopulated. However, now that there are only two wolves left, the moose population is growing. So, we need to save the wolves. This is the best option to do so because the other options may end up wiping down all wolf population on Isle Royale.

Additionally, bringing in wolves as needed is the best possible choice because the wolves are less likely to be inbred. The more wolves you bring in, the more the wolves have a choice in mating. Inbreeding causes a lot of problems. It has a higher chance of wolves getting deformed and their genetics getting messed up. There could be harmful traits being passed on from parent to offspring. If we follow through with option C, these problems wouldn't matter as much.

Furthermore, Alternative C would help Isle Royale scientists and researchers continue their study on the wolf and moose relationship. It would be hard for the researchers themselves to stop their studies. They work so hard to do their job and not trying to save their research is not what they would want to do. As much as I understand the viewpoints of believers in other options, I still think that they are not good enough. The other alternatives have a higher chance of seeing the wolf population dead and moose population overpopulated than Alternative C. This study on wolves and moose help everyone learn about the incredible creatures' behaviors and lives.

Overall, I understand the situation and think that Alternative C of bringing in wolves as they are needed, is the best way to preserve the wolf-moose population and the research on Isle Royale. Thank you so much for reading through and considering my opinion. Your work helps keep nature alive and healthy in Isle Royale. I am excited to see how everything turns out.

Sincerely,

Ananya [REDACTED]

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Dear superintendent Green,

I'm I am Andy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Minnesota. Based on everything that i have learned, I personally think that option D, the one where we only help if the wolves die out, is the best option.

One reason why I think option D is the best, is because we might not have to interfere with wildlife at all. That is good because then all the gung-ho option A people will be at least a little bit happy with the decision. Another reason for option D is that we already interfered with Isle Royale through global warming, so we should interfere again to counter the global warming we caused. This is important because we can undo our previous interference. Finally, option D is the best option because the predator-prey study can continue. Sure it is famous for being untouched by humans, but we already have, and we might as well have a slightly "unnatural" study rather than no study.

All three of those reasons prove that option D is the best choice for the wolves, humans, and everything on isle royale.

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Andy [REDACTED]

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One reason I think you should only bring in the wolves when needed is because Isle Royale will never run out of wolves then. If you do this option you will never run out of wolves at Isle Royale because whenever the island gets short on wolves you can just bring in more which is great because it will keep the wolves alive. Another reason why you should do the option to bring wolves on whenever needed is because you could choose how you want the population to be, for example if you wanted more wolves than moose you can just bring on more wolves, and if you want more Moose than you can just not bring in wolves for a while. My final reason that you should bring in wolves when needed is because you would get to control the area completely, for example you can bring however many of what you want when you want and how you want. Overall I think you should bring wolves in as needed and that this is the right option and will fix Isle Royale

Sincerely, Dominic [REDACTED]

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Jacob [REDACTED]

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In conclusion, I think option C will be the best option because it would preserve the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. Thank you for reading my letter and considering my opinion. I appreciate everything that you do to help the plants and the animals on Isle Royale survive. I can't wait to see what you decide to do.

Sincerely,

Kirthana [REDACTED]

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These are the reasons why I think you should monitor the wolves for a while then act. I'd say it gives more time to make the best choice for the wolves, and the moose. Thank you for listening to my thoughts.

Sincerely,
Minh [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Please know that I support ALTERNATIVE C from the revised range of alternatives. I have traveled frequently to Isle Royale, follow the annual wolf study and have been monitoring the NPS decision-making process closely.

I understand the complexity of this matter and provide my support for ALTERNATIVE C after great consideration.

In short, I fully believe that wolves are essential to the health and well-being of the entire Isle Royale ecosystem.

Thank you for soliciting public input. I appreciate it.

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Once again, I am severely concerned with the Isle Royale ecosystem. Hopefully, my input helps by determining which alternative should be taken. I truly believe Alternative C is the best option. The wolves are necessary to keeping the environment in check and the other animals in balance.

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Lily [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

I have heard much over the controversy of the situation of the wolf population and what to do with the dwindling numbers. My class and I did a project [REDACTED] concerning the Isle Royale wolf/moose population study, and we learned of the critical state of the two wolves left on the island. It is my opinion that in the best interest of the whole ecosystem of Isle Royale, the alternative C should be chosen, where wolves are brought in as needed during the 20 year plan period. I feel this would be the best course for what can be salvaged, and provides the most flexibility within the plan.

My first reasoning is that the moose population is out of control. In the past two years, the moose have doubled in size, and 300 of those moose are calves. This is 22% of the population, and the numbers will only grow. As the moose population explodes, vegetation will become scarce, and other animals who rely on plants for survival will starve. Soon enough, all of the plants the moose eat will be gone, and the moose population will plummet. The numbers will crash, there will be mass deaths, and the predators who preyed on the animals that ate some of the same vegetation as the moose will also start to die. Wolves are an important keystone species on Isle Royale, and their disappearance will not only affect moose, but the whole ecosystem.

Secondly, the new wolf pack will bring in new blood and genetics with it. The two current wolves on the island are, as you well know, extremely inbred, with an inbreeding coefficient of 0.438. Along with their increased chances of passing on abnormalities, which was seen in the third wolf that mysteriously disappeared, the two wolves are old, the female 6 and the male 8, and therefore they only have a slim chance of reproducing again, but that's unlikely. With

the new pack, although the pair will probably choose not to interact with them, will have higher chances of successfully reproducing and jumpstarting the population once more.

My last argument is that this will avoid the solution to bring in hunters from the mainland, thus disrupting the study that has been going on for 50 years. There may be the argument that humans should avoid interfering with the wildlife of the island, but if bringing in hunters was a valid option, bringing in wolves should be no different. Also, the reason new blood for the wolf population is unlikely to cross over on an ice bridge is because humans have made global warming a real issue, and the higher average temperature is stopping ice from forming. Humans have already caused a change in the way nature works, so we should try to find a fix what weve done, be it temporary or permanent. Bringing in a new pack would help the ecosystem recover, and we can solve one of the problems we have caused, without relying on a permanent human presence on Isle Royale.

For the given reasons above, I believe the alternative C should be chosen in response to the wolf population issue on Isle Royale. My class and I are thankful for what you do for the natural parts of the world left within America, and for your consideration of the publics opinion on the wolves. I know that your members will come to the decision that most benefits the other populations on the island.

Best Regards,
Simran [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

Recently in my science class we have been learning about the ecosystem on Isle Royale. I have gotten concerned about the wolf/moose population when I found out there was only two wolves left. So I think that based on the four options that alternative c is the best and it's where you bring in the wolves as needed.

One reason that I think alternative c is the best because the wolves won't be so inbred. I think this because I have read articles about the wolves that are left are brother and sister so when they try to breed the similar genes it could cause a mutation. Also it would be better to have wolves with different traits breed instead of the same.

Another reason I think that alternative c is the best because it's the closest thing to natural migration. I think this because since because of global warming the ice bridges between Canada and Isle Royale hasn't been forming in the winter so no wolves can migrate. So if you bring the wolves from Canada over yourself it would be the nearest thing to natural migration considering it can't happen because of global warming.

Finally my last reason is that the moose population wouldn't get too big. I think this because if the moose population gets too overpowering the vegetation would decrease causing the moose to decrease so the moose would become extinct also. Also since if the wolves completely disappear then the food web wouldn't be correct considering there isn't no tertiary animal on top. Besides the thing bad with alternative b which is to bring in wolves once is that once you put them in after awhile the population could decrease again down to two and then you would be in the same situation again.

I hope you consider my opinion on what alternative will be put in effect with the wolf/moose population. Thank you for taking the time for reading my opinion one alternative c being the best option and I hope whatever happened the wolf population on Isle Royale will survive.

Sincerely,

Jaina [REDACTED]

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The third reason I believe that we should bring in wolves as needed is because they will stay there. With some of the other alternatives they can die out again. That is a big waste of money and time. With this you can keep bringing them back as you need without them becoming close to out again.

I believe that we should bring in wolves as needed for all of these reasons and more. I hope that you agree with my ideas and take this option into consideration. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jenna [REDACTED]

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Well if you basically do this all you can study more, interact more, balance ecosystem, and you can help more than anything. My final closing comments are, " just do it "! From all these benefits and positive ideas. You can see the ecosystem being happy and balanced again. Wolves will be happy, and no overgrowth of Mooses. Trust me, this is the best idea!

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Gabrella [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

Throughout the past few weeks, my science class and I have been researching and learning about Isle Royale and the current situation with the wolf and moose population. With the situation of the wolf and moose getting worse and with only 2 wolves left, I think that we should use option C and bring wolves in as needed over a 20 year period. I think that this option is the best for many different reasons

The first reason i think that we should bring in wolves as needed over a 20 year period is because it would allow the wolf population to stay at a good number and if that number falls to low they would be able to bring more in. The next reason why I think this option is best is because, with some of the other options such as just bringing in wolves once, if the wolves die out again we would have the same problem as we do know and have to go through this whole process again. The last reason why I think we should bring in wolves as needed over a 20 year period is because it will also help control and manage the number of moose that are on Isle Royale. If we don't do anything about the wolves the moose population will soon be another problem. By handling the wolf population it will help the moose as well.

Overall I think that option C, brining in wolves over a 20 year period, is best for many reasons. I hope that no matter what option gets picked by the end of this, that the wolf population will be fixed and no longer have these same problems. Thank you for reading my letter!

Sincerely,
Katie [REDACTED]

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I have just recently finished the ecology unit in my seventh grade class [REDACTED]. We also finished learning about Isle Royale and I am concerned about the future of Isle Royale and it's wolves. I believe you should follow option D and introduce wolves as needed. I hope you consider this opinion in your very important decision.

One reason is that the current wolf population has deformities, you want to wait because you would not want the next generation of wolves on the island to have the same deformities that they would get if the new ones breed with the current ones. So you would want the current wolves to pass away. Another reason is that you would get more time to maybe change your mind, this works because if you come up with a better option you won't fully have committed and spent the money and you could change choices easily. The final reason is that the vegetation on Isle Royale will not be harmed or go extinct, this will happen because if you introduce wolves into Isle Royale they can keep the moose population under control. This will lead to the vegetation not being harmed or going extinct by the out of control moose population. This can also have the study keep going with new wolves that will not die out because new wolves are added to the island.

Thank you for spending your valuable time reading this letter I really do hope this can be resolved. I believe that waiting then introducing wolves is the best option because we are causing global warming which is affecting how often ice bridges form and preventing wolves from coming over to the island. So I believe it is our job to bring wolves over to Isle Royale until we can fix what we have done and wolves come over by themselves.

Sincerely,
Aiden [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

In our science class we have been learning about the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. Our class has been trying to decide between all the alternatives. The alternative that I like the best is alternative D.

The first reason I like alternative D is because you can watch the population of wolves to make sure that the population doesn't get to low. The positive thing about waiting is so that you might not have to use money on replacing the wolves. It can also use the least human interference if not needing to replace the wolves.

The second reason why I like alternative D is because it has the most options. It has the option to bring in wolves which can help start a bigger wolf population. They can either be brung in once or many times to keep the wolf population.

The third reason why it is the best alternative is because the wolf population will never go extinct

on Isle Royale if they go with option D. The park can replace the wolves once or over a large time period so that the wolves will not die.

That is why i think you guys should pick alternative D because of the wide range options like monitoring the wolves and replacing wolves if needed. I hope that the park picks alternative D.

Sincerely,

Soren

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I hope you read my letter and that you consider what I said in this letter. I know there is cons to this but there is more pros to this too. I know my classmates will also give great reasons why the other alternatives are better, but I hope you pick alternative C and I thank you for protecting Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Chan [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

I am Kira [REDACTED], I am a student [REDACTED]. In my class we are learning about the current situation going on in Isle Royale. Also I would like to share what I think is the best option.

I think The Park Services should do option D: Do nothing now, but monitor and add wolves as needed.

First of all, you should pick option D because it will control the moose population. So the whole ecosystem won't blow out of proportion.

Next, it basically sticks to your motto of not being touched by mankind. It basically sticks to that motto unless we lose to many wolves.

Lastly, it monitors the wolves. If you monitor the wolves maybe you can learn what might have go wrong and change it so it won't happen again.

Overall, D is the best option for the wolf and moose debate.

Sincerely,

Kira [REDACTED]

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One reason is that the current wolf population has deformities, you want to wait because you would not want the next generation of wolves on the island to have the same deformities that they would get if the new ones breed with the current ones. So you would want the current wolves to pass away. Another reason is that you would get more time to maybe change your mind, this works because if you come up with a better option you won't fully have committed and spent the money and you could change choices easily. The final reason is that the vegetation on Isle Royale will not be harmed or go extinct, this will happen because if you introduce wolves into Isle Royale they can keep the moose population under control. This will lead to the vegetation not being harmed or going extinct by the out of control moose population. This can also have the study keep going with new wolves that will not die out because new wolves are added to the island.

Thank you for spending your valuable time reading this letter I really do hope this can be resolved. I believe that waiting then introducing wolves is the best option because we are causing global warming which is affecting how often ice bridges form and preventing wolves from coming over to the island. So I believe it is our job to bring wolves over to Isle Royale until we can fix what we have done and wolves come over by themselves.

Sincerely,

Aiden [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Kadin [REDACTED]

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I have been learning about ecology in my science class [REDACTED]. We have been talking about Isle Royale's ecosystem but more importantly the wolf and moose population that is being studied at Isle Royale. I have been concerned about the wolf population being at a low number and the way we will fix it.

I think the way you should help the wolves is Alternative D (Do nothing now, but monitor and add wolves as needed.) One reason this is the best option is because it has the least interference from humans. This is a good thing because studies are usually studied and finding out what's happening instead of adding wolves and being involved and controlling everything that happens during the study. The second reason that Isle Royale should just be monitored for now is that you can have more time to decide what to do before making a decision because you might not have made your mind up on what to do to increase the wolf population. For now, you could monitor the wolves and when you make a decision you can go through with that plan. The third reason and most importantly the wolves will not die out. To go with that the study will also not end because there will still be wolves to study. The wolves dying out would be the worse situation to be put in but that won't happen when you can add wolves in as needed.

Thank you for considering my opinion on the wolf/moose population. I appreciate all that you do for the environment and the ecosystem on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Megan [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

Recently my science class has been studying ecology. For this unit we looked at places like Isle Royale and made food webs about its ecosystem. While we were doing research an important fact came across our minds. This fact was that the wolves on Isle Royale are going extinct.

I feel that you should bring new wolves in as needed over the next 20 years. If you choose not to do anything the following example might happen. With no new wolves the wolf population will go extinct. With no wolves to keep the moose population in check, the moose population will grow to big. With a growing moose population the vegetation will run out. With no vegetation the moose population will drop because of starvation. If you choose to bring new wolves in as a one time event the following example might happen. You bring in new wolves only to find that the new wolves are dying and inbreeding just like the last pack of wolves. In another 50 years or less we come to making another choice just like this one. If you choose to do nothing now but

monitor and add new wolves as needed later on, horrible things might happen. If you wait then what will happen in the no action alternative will happen and by the time you do decide to do anything it might already be too late to return Isle Royale to normal. If you choose to bring in new wolves as needed the following example will most likely happen. The wolf population will never go extinct. With there always being tertiary consumers the moose population will be in check. With the moose population in check the vegetation will never run out. This option would also be the closest thing to natural migration. This paragraph hopefully showed you the different outcomes that will most likely occur with the different alternatives.

These examples and situations that I have mentioned above will most likely occur if you choose one of these different alternatives. I hope you now see that Alternative C, bring in new wolves as needed, will help grow the wolf population while getting the moose population in a stable and safe amount without hurting this amazing ecosystem known as, the Isle Royale environment.

Sincerely,

Jessica [REDACTED]

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I appreciate your work as you make your choice of what you to do about the wolf/moose population. Thank you for your work and I hope you guys pick alternative D.

Sincerely,
Kevin
[REDACTED]

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Those are my 3 reasons on why you should choose alternative c. I think c is the best Alternative A is like doing nothing and letting the wolves be gone on Isle Royale. Alternative b is pretty good but c is better. D is like the same thing as c but c is a little bit better

Sincerely,

Oliver [REDACTED]

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It could solve the problem and nothing would be extinct. It can make you not close down.

It could also have a good or bad outcome. It has a 50% chance to work and 50% chance to fail.

Last we would only interfere once. When it's all said and done you could make even more money.

Thanks for your time I hope you consider the solution.

Sincerely,

Tyler [REDACTED]

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My third and final reason is that is wolves are brought to Isle Royale, the wolf population would not have so many deformities . If the wolves on Isle Royale continue to breed with their brothers and sisters, deformities will continue to grow and the wolf population will continue to decrease for many years to come.

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Jadyn [REDACTED]

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Isle Royale Wolf and Moose Population

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My last and probably most important reason is that this will save the wolf population.

According to recent studies there are only two wolves still on Isle Royale, two wolves! When the wolves became extinct the whole food chain is going to be messed up. Moose are going to overpopulate and eat all the vegetation off the island. The only solution is to bring the wolves once. This will solve the food chain problem and not mess up the landscape of the island.

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Sincerely,
Sam [REDACTED]

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My next reason why we should pick Alternative C is because then the wolves won't die out. If we don't bring in any wolves then there will be no wolves and they will die out and if they die out that will mess up the populations of a bunch of other species because the species the wolves eat will overpopulate because there are no wolves to eat them.

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Natalie [REDACTED]

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Dear Superintendent Green,

I have had ecology in science for a while now and we've been talking about the moose and wolf problem and i think that the best option is C where you bring in wolves when you needto.

The first reason is that the moose population wouldn't go too high, and this means that the vegetation wouldn't die out which means all herbivores would die, which chain reactions to have carnivores die out.

Another reason is, wolves wouldn't die out so reason 1 explains. Another way this is good is that the food chain stays in balance.

The last reason is, that out of all options this one is closest to natural migration. This means that it wouldn't be different by that much to the animals.

I hope this helps you, and thanks fir reading what I think on this situation.

Sincerely,

Maxwell [REDACTED]

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National Parks Service
Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896
USA

Dear Superintendent Green,

I have had ecology in science for a while now and we've been talking about the moose and wolf problem and i think that the best option is C where you bring in wolves when you needto.

The first reason is that the moose population wouldn't go too high, and this means that the vegetation wouldn't die out which means all herbivores would die, which chain reactions to have carnivores die out.

Another reason is, wolves wouldn't die out so reason 1 explains. Another way this is good is that the food chain stays in balance.

The last reason is, that out of all options this one is closest to natural migration. This means that it wouldn't be different by that much to the animals.

I hope this helps you, and thanks fir reading what I think on this situation.

Sincerely,

Maxwell [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Another reason I have is that people won't really be interfering. With such a small interference the wolves won't be affected as much. It's like when tourists go to the island they aren't really doing anything but looking around and taking pictures. So adding wolves isn't that bad of an idea. All they got to do is adapt to the new environment.

My third and final reason is that the change won't affect all the animals, just the wolves and moose. This is because the wolves are the ones that kill the moose, not hunters. But, currently the moose population is growing since the wolf population is low. And the wolves are the ones keeping the moose from overgrowing. So bringing in the wolves would decrease their overthrowing population and restore the stability in their predator-prey relationship.

To conclude, my opinion on what to do with the wolves is to add them in as a one-time event. So that they would be saved, people won't be interfering, and not all animals will be affected. As well as restore their predator-prey relationship on the island.

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Davonte [REDACTED]

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One reason why I think that you should pick alternative D is because you can keep track on everyone of them and make sure that they are breeding and eating enough food so they don't end up dead

Another reason is that alternative D is the best is if they are starting to be no more wolves in the areas anymore then you can be helping them and add in more wolves so they can still be living and being health in the land

And my final reason is that you can be helping the land grow more and the wolves will still be alive because you make the land more health and their will be more animals their living their and they will breed and it will all grow everything

Sincerely, Richard [REDACTED]

Ps. Thank you for listening to my reasons to help isle Royale

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INTRODUCTION & OPTION THAT I RECOMMEND

My name is Abbigale [REDACTED] I would prefer Abby, anyways my class and I have been learning about the wolf and the moose population in our ecology lesson for science. Please read what I have to say about my decision on our alternatives. My alternative that I picked I think would be the best decision for the wolves is alternative C. If you had forgotten what the alternatives are here they are:

Alternative A: DO NOT interfere

Alternative B: Bring wolves in a 1 time event

Alternative C: Bring wolves in as needed

Alternative D: Don't interfere right now but make a decision later

REASON 1 & EXPLANATION

The wolves will not die out

Bringing wolves one at a time will make sure we have at least a little group of wolves on isle royale so people know that there are some wolves there. So if people know we have wolves there than that means more people will visit and that means more money.

REASON 2 & EXPLANATION

The study will continue

If the study continues that means the ecologists will be able to get more information about wolves so then if ecologists get more information then they can make up a better plan that will be more successful than alternative A,B,C,D.

REASON 3 & EXPLANATION

Moose population won't get too big

Isle Royale's most popular for their wolves so if there moose population went down a little bit then there will be more wolves to see then Moose's.

SUMMARY/CLOSING COMMENTS

I appreciate you participating in my letter and I hope you agree with me.

Sincerely,

Abbigale [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 12:55:57
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I think this because one of the reasons is that the moose population could decrease to much. Im saying this because the wolves eat and hunt the moose as one of their food resources

another reason is the new wolves brought in might try to leave the island again, because from all the other wolves eating up all the resources they would try to leave.

The last reason is the study will have human interfere, if humans interfere it might mess up the ecosystem since they arent letting nature take its course

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am a 7th grader [REDACTED] and I am writing this paper. I think you should consider Alternative D. I picked this because the wolves population wouldn't die out as fast because if you're always bugging them they could possibly get annoyed and run away so their population would be distinct. But if you visit them every so often just to check on them and they won't get annoyed. My second reason is less interference of them either being wolves or mating . If you check on them every day they could be overwhelmed, stressed, and scared which could led to death. My last reason is if you pick this one you could you could have more time. For example to pick a new or if you want to have the same alternative. Those are my reasons why you should choose alternative D.

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First off, the wolves need a source of fresh DNA. The only 2 wolves left are old and severely inbred. The remaining wolves may not successfully reproduce. If they somehow did, their pup would likely have defects that may be life threatening. Take a look at the last wolf pup who has since disappeared. It is believed it has died of its defects. The wolves that are left are half-brother and half-sister. The female wolf's father is the other wolf. Just to add to the list, they are mates. The inbreeding likely extends long before this.

Secondly, ice bridges last for shorter periods of time and are less common. Ice bridges are essential for the wolves as they are the only way wolves can get to the island. The main culprit is global warming. Another noted cause is the El Niño which causes the global climate to change similar to global warming approximately every 2-7 year. El Niño's have little predictability and we often don't know one will happen until the effects begin to occur. The last wolf to migrate over and really make a difference was back in 1997, nearly 20 years ago.

The third reason is that it closest mimics natural wolf migration while still keeping the wolves alive. If we sent wolves over there as a one time event, then there would be a massive effect similar to the WWII baby boom. That happened in 1997. It, the wolf, saved the population but quickly caused problems with inbreeding. Secondly, if the wolves were sent there at one time it would shock and damage the ecosystem because of the sudden population of the island and the rapid predation of the moose population. On the other side of the spectrum, if we took no action, the wolves would die and Isle Royale may never get wolves back. Without the wolves, the moose would and are exploding in population. Eventually, the moose would pass the maximum amount that the environment can support and would die like the wolves. This would destroy the ecosystem.

In conclusion, Alternative C is the best choice because it mimics natural migration, ice bridges are becoming less common and the wolves are severely inbred. Thank you for reading this.

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Alex [REDACTED]

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Received: May,06,2016 18:43:27

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record of decision.

NWC: We support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

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Received: May,06,2016 22:16:34
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Correspondence: It should be obvious by now that the wolves are a much needed part of any ecosystem. The misconceptions about the wolf has only added to the wrong ideas about the need to eliminate them from areas where there is a clear need for them such as in this case. Bring them back and the balance for the moose and the environment they themselves need will return the area. Otherwise the moose will destroy their habitat and begin to die of disease without the wolves to cull the herd. Both the moose and the wolves can be monitored in order to maintain the balance as well as provide needed information so that we can finally do away with the misconceptions regarding the role of the wolves and let nature take its course.
Thank you for your consideration and efforts to do the right thing,
Sean [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 1197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,07,2016 01:50:35
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Correspondence: The wolves are essential in balancing our ecosystem. They prey on the weak and sickly, which helps to protect the other animals from the spread of disease. The leftovers that the wolves don't eat feed other animals. Without the wolves, the deer and elk population would quadruple in size. This would lead to overgrazing. Overgrazing would in turn hurt other animals. Our ecosystem needs the wolves to be a success. Without the wolves roaming the lands of our country, diseases in the deer and elk herds would be spreading like wildfire.

Correspondence ID: 1198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence:
what are we waiting for?

Correspondence ID: 1199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,07,2016 07:27:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thanks for listening.
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Correspondence ID: 1201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,07,2016 10:04:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not believe in adding wolves to the island. Let nature take its course, it's how it should be done.

Correspondence ID: 1202 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,07,2016 13:44:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative C to bring more wolves to Isle Royale to obtain the ecological balance needed between moose and predators. The way to do this is with wolves who will restore the plant communities, as well.
Thanks for bringing back wolves!!!
Ann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1203 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,08,2016 09:59:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm from Wisconsin and have been to the Isle more than 50 times over the past 40 years. I was a guide leading six to eight 10 day canoe trips each summer in the late 1970s & 80s, and although I live in [REDACTED] now and can only make it up there once a year, I know and love this park. I've seen the decline from three active packs to the two remaining wolves today, and the increasing damage from the over-browsing of the unchecked moose population and the negative impact on the forest. Although the howl of a pack at night is a wonderful wilderness experience that is all too rare in the U.S. today, it is the radical change in the entire ecology of the Isle that concerns me the most.

I hope you will allow the introduction of more wolves to diversify the gene pool. Without a viable predator population such as wolves, the herbivore populations will increase and exhibit a classic boom and bust population with the resulting continued damage and alteration to the forest plant communities.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1204 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,08,2016 15:23:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern-
Hello, my name is Bethany [REDACTED], a junior [REDACTED], and I am writing to share my opinion on the proposed courses of action for the re-introduction (or lack thereof) of wolves in Isle Royale. The Island holds a special place in my heart, and I have reviewed the four suggested alternatives thoroughly and have taken not only from my personal opinions and experiences as an avid backpacker, but also from a wide range of people including rangers, friends, teachers, and other concerned individuals.
While I have no severe reservations about the human interference of introducing wolves by non-natural means, I believe it should be done infrequently and, of course, only after careful deliberations. Reintroducing wolves would have the same results as letting them cross over themselves (an unlikely event in itself but made even more improbable due to the uncertainty of a solid ice bridge in the future) which would be widening the genetic pool and as wolves happen to be an important keystone species, keeping the populations of other species in check. Without them, moose and other species' numbers would fluctuate drastically. Not only would the absence of wolves be a large gap in the food web, future generations of prey could not know to be wary of them as predators.
For these reasons, I believe the 4th option, Alternative D, is the most environmentally and peacefully respectful decision, keeping the trophic cascade of energy in balance while not disturbing the course of nature too much by human interference. With parameters set around the condition of key resources and populations such as moose and vegetation, a reasonable and accurate time can be measured for when it would be most effective and necessary to re-introduce wolves. Though this would disturb the Wolf and Moose Study, it can be continued with the new wolves.
Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and good luck in the debates to come over this controversial decision.
Sincerely,
Bethany [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1205 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,08,2016 15:33:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do everything possible to ensure the safety and protection of wolves! Comments below, created by the Wolfwatcher group, of which I completely support and agree with:

Alternative A (No-Action Alternative) The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.
NWC: Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. We disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent

wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Alternative B The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g. over a 36-month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island. This action would occur as soon

Brandi I

as possible following a signed record of decision.

NWC: This option is very short sighted. There must be sufficient flexibility to allow for wolf reintroductions as necessary over the next 20 years to insure genetic diversity for wolves and sustainable populations of both wolves and moose into the foreseeable future.

Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

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Alternative D The NPS would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to Isle Royale as a one-time event (per alternative B) or through multiple introductions (per alternative C).

NWC: This option is essentially the same as Alternative A "no action" except there would be some exit strategy. The "moose or vegetation-based parameters" do not exist at present.

Correspondence ID: 1206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,08,2016 18:34:07

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The third and final reason is simply that the wolf population wouldn't die out. This is important because nobody on Isle Royale wants the wolves to continue to inbreed, much worse die. If the wolves continue to inbreed that isn't helping the population at all. In fact the pups that these last two wolves have are more likely to have deformities. As a result of this the pups would in fact die quicker due to these deformities. And as we know these wolves would continue to do this and the pups will continue to die due to deformities among

In conclusion You should choose to bring in wolves as needed because it is closest to natural migration, the wolves would bring the moose population to a safe level, and the wolf population wouldn't die out.

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The third and final reason is simply that the wolf population wouldn't die out. This is important because nobody on Isle Royale wants the wolves to continue to inbreed, much worse die. If the wolves continue to inbreed that isn't helping the population at all. In fact the pups that these last two wolves have are more likely to have deformities. As a result of this the pups would in fact die quicker due to these deformities. And as we know these wolves would continue to do this and the pups will continue to die due to deformities among

In conclusion You should choose to bring in wolves as needed because it is closest to natural migration, the wolves would bring the moose population to a safe level, and the wolf population wouldn't die out.

Sincerely,
Brandon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,08,2016 20:04:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Some argue that moose, wolves and the vegetation will run their course and within a wilderness setting, the NPS should not intervene. We disagree. Within a natural system, there needs to be a balance. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Correspondence ID: 1209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,08,2016 21:45:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are essential to maintain a natural prey-predator balance on Isle Royale. Please take action ASAP to restore a healthy population of wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,08,2016 21:59:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that scientific information should be utilized to bring the greatest number of wolves back to the Island to control the moose population since this predator is the only animal that can control the moose population. I appreciate the moose species but in documentary that I have seen on Yellowstone in the US....it seems that the wolves can keep the elk in check They usually hunt the old and sickly leaving the strong to repopulate the herd. The two wolves left on the Island need support of a strong group....I also feel this has an immediate necessity since the situation has deteriorated that the moose will starve without a reduction in the herd....

Correspondence ID: 1211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 07:13:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
Hi my name is Mackenzie and I'm in 7th grade I did a project recently with my science class [REDACTED]. We spent little bit of time studying the wolf and moose population on Isle Royale. After learning about Isle Royale, I was concerned about the Wolf and moose population. We learned what happened to the wolves and that the moose population increased a lots when the wolves died out. I have reasons what you should do. I think that you should consider Bring wolves as needed. First reason is that without enough predators to keep them in check, moose numbers are rising by about 20 percent per year, putting pressure on vegetation. Their numbers have more than doubled since 2005, to 1,300 or more this year. Without doing something the wolves will become extinct on the island. The second reason is that if you bring wolves as needed then you won't bring to much because you can start out with 7 wolves and see what they do and see if they will try to leave Isle Royale. My last reason is the wolves won't die out because you are putting wolves that can reproduce and more and more. Also you study would continue if you put in wolves.
I am glad you took your time out of your life to read my thinking. One day, I hope to visit Isle Royale to see what's like and how you guys study. I hope you get some idea of how to get the wolves back on Isle Royale and grow the population again.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie

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Received: May,09,2016 07:13:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Sincerely,
Mackenzie

Correspondence ID: 1213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:47:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Adam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:47:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Richard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: yes

Correspondence ID: 1216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Everything must be done to preserve our wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option C and urge you to do the same.

Correspondence ID: 1218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new and healthy wolves to Isle Royale. Doing so will help maintain a healthy ecosystem that is reliant upon wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add more wolves to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 1220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All wild animals need their space and protection. There won't be much left very soon unless we cat

Correspondence ID: 1221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Correspondence ID: 1222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns about maintaining wolves at Isle Royale.

Sincerely,
Joanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:48:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring more wolves to Isle Royale! Visiting the island as a child remains one of my fondest memories, and care should be taken to ensure that this unique habitat remains a refuge for two of our threatened wildlife species. Don't let the island's balance be lost!

Correspondence ID: 1226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 1227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring in new wolves to Isle Royale National Park to maintain the wolf population. Isle Royale is a wonderful place and needs wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 1228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royal. There are currently only two remaining, and meanwhile, the moose population is burgeoning!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let the wolves contribute to Isle Royal's Ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The need to keep ecosystems in tack should be obvious. Since many areas have declared war on wolves it should not be terribly difficult to locate a family unit and arrange for it's relocation.

I urge you to do just that.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: BRING BACK WOLVES TO ISLE ROYALE

Correspondence ID: 1234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cheron [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this Ecosystem!

Correspondence ID: 1237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns. Whitney [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support returning a sustainable wolf population to the island which will naturally reduce the moose population.

Correspondence ID: 1239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been to Isle Royale and was saddened to hear that the wolves have gone down to 2 left there. I am not sure how you could bring out other wolves to the island but I think in order to keep the moose from becoming too many you have to find some kind of wolf that is similar enough to those still left in order for breeding to take place.

Correspondence ID: 1240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Colleen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1241 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:49:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1242 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have hiked and camped on Isle Royale in the past. It was great to hear the wolves howl at night.

Correspondence ID: 1243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Shawn [REDACTED]

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Received: May,09,2016 12:49:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:49:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathleen [REDACTED]

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Received: May,09,2016 12:49:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Katarina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Judy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help us!!!

Correspondence ID: 1251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Being revolutionary besides environmentally active is an opportunity not to be discarded.

Thank you, for bring new life.

Correspondence ID: 1253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: save the wolves!!!

Correspondence ID: 1255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: : Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must protect all our animals. They are not for us to kill and/or abuse. They play an important roll in nature.

Correspondence ID: 1257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Oliver [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Gentlemen,

I support Option C of your plan, which would commit your fine service to import more wolves to the park so as to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Thanks for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Douglas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service:

Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: RE-introduce the wolf to its natural habitat and increase the diversity and ecological vitality of this beautiful place!

Correspondence ID: 1264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Elden [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1265 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C & bring more wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are no monsters as they are often portrait. They deserve to live as much as any other creature in this planet. Please spare them from killing or decimating them. Their role in the ecosystem is very important to keep a balance. Nature's wisdom balances herself. Let them roam and live.

Yours truly,

Ilse [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Iconic animal for an incredible part of America

Correspondence ID: 1269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. I work as a certified arborist and every day I see non-native invasive plants in our parks, along our highways, and even in yards of master gardeners. Man has adversely affected the natural state of the environment and as knowledgeable individuals we have a responsibility of restoring the natural order. Re-introduction of wolves is entirely appropriate in Isle Royale.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Follow the environmental science. Wolves are a natural part of the process and need to be present and protected.

Correspondence ID: 1271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Of courses they should be brought back. It's their right to be there in the first place.

Correspondence ID: 1272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 1273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:50:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a lifelong outdoorswoman and a medical scientist, I vote for option C, which is favored by the National Park Conservation Association.

Also, as a taxpayer, I want to know how the wolf population went from 50 to 2. Do you allow hunting? My tax dollars pay for your salaries and benefits, my tax dollars pay for all the programs you run. I had better hear that you didn't WASTE MY TAX DOLLARS by allowing hunters to decimate the wolf population on lands that my tax dollars pay to support.

Don't waste money. CONSERVE THE WOLF POPULATION, bring enough wolves to make the population viable. Two is NOT viable.

I already get the National Park Service email, don't need to subscribe yet again. I always support more money for our National Park system. My parents took us to camp, hike and fish in national parks every summer for weeks at a time (they were very outdoorsy), and I HIGHLY VALUE OUR NATIONAL PARKS!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 1274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:50:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We prefer option c

Correspondence ID: 1275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Introducing more wolves into the park is the most logical action to take. Let the ecosystem take care of the rest. This planet worked well for millions of years before humans-let's just help it along.

Correspondence ID: 1276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Julie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must remember that animals are God's creatures, too.

Correspondence ID: 1278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:51:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Correspondence ID: 1281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect this animal. Let's stop destroying these animals

Correspondence ID: 1282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have come to understand that wolves living in the wild are an important part of any ecosystem to remain intact. Isle Royale will benefit from having wild wolves re-instated. Thank you for your help in bringing this about.

Correspondence ID: 1283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important.

Correspondence ID: 1284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Surely this will encourage others like me to visit this park!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider the re-location of wolves to Isle Royale in Lake Superior. They are a natural species that has lived there.

Correspondence ID: 1286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Charles [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bryan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am about saving these beautiful creatures .

Correspondence ID: 1289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are needed in every environment to balance the ecosystems. Save the wolves and you will save the environment and people too.

Correspondence ID: 1290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:51:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been reading about the Isle Royale wolves for a long time now. I believe it is way past time to introduce new wolves into the mix. This is for the safety, longevity, and vitality of the two that remain and for the packs to come. It is devastating that there are only two left. Others I know receive a lot of Facebook postings about this situation so I know this issue is of great importance to people. Please strengthen the numbers to ensure there will always be the iconic Isle Royale wolves. Please introduce new wolves as soon as possible and do it scientifically.

Correspondence ID: 1291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale's fragile environment!

Correspondence ID: 1292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With wolves being slaughtered wholesale by the Koch sucking, fracking republikklans in Idaho why not save some lives and move them to Michigan?

Why because that would not piss off the people who care about something besides getting rich off the American taxpayer that's why. You morons move like a glacier. Do you damn jobs for a change.

Correspondence ID: 1293 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1294 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concern s.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
DeAnn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Dwayne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WE NEED TO KEEP A HEALTHY POPULATION OF WOLVES ON THE ISLE TO KEEP THE CYCLE GOING

Correspondence ID: 1297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep wolves in Isle Royale National Park. Your responsibility is to protect them. Persecution of wolves must end.

Correspondence ID: 1298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Plan C. Introducing more wolves to the area is the best idea. Thanks. Cecilia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Increase the wolf population in Isle Royale to more than two!!

Correspondence ID: 1301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Extinction is not an option. Nature is about balance. The extinction of these predators will unbalance the eco-system. The potential damage is unacceptable!

Correspondence ID: 1302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Julie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Martin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I hope to be able to visit Isle Royale National Park in the near future, and I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for this park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service plans to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Helen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we need the wolves to save the vegetation and they've proved to keep overgrazing down to manageable levels. this is science. please go by the science and not misinformation. thanks.

Correspondence ID: 1306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:52:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I had the pleasure of backpacking on Isle Royale for a week. We saw moose & heard wolves & other animals. It is a beautiful place with a unique ecosystem that should be protected.

Correspondence ID: 1308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Bennie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Please adopt option C for the sake of the ecosystem and the symbiotic relationships that impact the smaller and greater environments now and for generations.

Correspondence ID: 1310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jerry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Important to increase the wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 1312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

We need to be good stewards of our beautiful planet by protecting our wilderness areas and the wildlife that relies on it. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's help our planet!

Correspondence ID: 1314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: i think a new population must be introduced to diversify current gene pool

Correspondence ID: 1315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an integral part of the ecosystem on Isle Royale. The only two who are remaining need to be protected and new animals need to be introduced in the environment.

Correspondence ID: 1316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add wolves back to Isle Royale to balance the natural environment. Thank You, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Peggy and Dick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1319 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I have never visited Isle Royale, but I hope to do so in the next few years. It is one of the few national parks in the lower 48 states that I have not visited.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:53:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please recognize that wolves are part of the ecosystem. Their absence would throw it out of balance.

Correspondence ID: 1323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help the Wolves

Correspondence ID: 1324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:53:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 1325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Beth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1326 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 1329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: BRING NEW WOLVES THIS ONE TIME AND NOT TOO MANY BUT DONT THEN BRING IN ANY WILDLIFE MURDERING HUNTERS WITH THEIR GROSS EVIL NEED TO KILL. KEEP THEM OUT PERMANENTLY. THAT FACTOR OF KEEPIGN OUT WILDLIFE MURDERERS SHOULD BE A PERMANENT NEVER TO BE CHANGED DICTUM ON THIS ISLAND.

Correspondence ID: 1330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help.

Correspondence ID: 1331 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Joanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1332 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am writing to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you.

Wendy

Correspondence ID: 1333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C

Correspondence ID: 1334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1335 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale can easily support a population of about 50 wolves. Back in the 1960s, animal behaviourists learned a lot about wolves by being able to study them in the wild, yet in a somewhat contained area such as Isle Royale. It should remain a sanctuary for this very misunderstood species and a living laboratory in which field studies can continue.

Correspondence ID: 1336 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:54:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Diane [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are critical to the Eco-system. They are very bonded with their pack members. Unlike man, they do not kill for sport, only for what is necessary to their survival. The only ones that have an issue with wolves are the ranchers. The best option is Option C.
Please support the NPS in their efforts to protect both the wolves & the moose.

Correspondence ID: 1338 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kate [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1339 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Need more wolves at Isle Royale for eco-balance.

Correspondence ID: 1340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Peter [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I worry about the island's ecosystem. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Amanda [REDACTED]

Who one day hopes to visit Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 1342 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ramona [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1343 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population in check and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I hope that the National Park Service will adopt and implement this management option quickly.

Sincerely,

Laurel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
ELIZABETH [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add new wolves to the Isle Royal pack for the health of the island's ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1346 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1347 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephanie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1348 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Needed to be done now!!!

Correspondence ID: 1349 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:55:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jason [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1351 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In keeping with the position of the NPCA, I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the Isle Royale Park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 1353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C for Isle Royal: bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do everything you can so that the wolf population survives and is healthy.
Thanks you.

Correspondence ID: 1355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Suzanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:56:31
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Correspondence: I encourage you to select Optio 3 regarding wolves at Isle Royale. Only this option will repopulate wolves at the island, thus rebalancing the ecosystem. This would not be a case of introducing wolves to the island, as they have been there for some time. It would simply create a healthier natural environment.

Correspondence ID: 1357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:32
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Correspondence:
Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sheree [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale is a wonderful place that should be kept completely natural. Wolves were part of the original habitat and should remain to control moose and other species.

Correspondence ID: 1359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring wolves back to Isle Royale. I visited the park a few years ago and strongly encourage the presence of wolves as well as moose.

Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 1360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring wolves back to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 1361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale and was so impressed by the beauty and wildness of the Green Ridge but was also worried by the large numbers of hoofed animals competing for resources. Importing wolves to the area would restore the ecosystem to its natural balance and would not impose a danger to visitors but would be a feature that would inspire many to visit. Imagine hearing wolves in the wild at night from a tent on the island!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 1362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select option C and support the wolves of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:56:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge the NPS to adopt a plan to introduce additional wolves to Isle Royal NP to establish a more natural wildlife balance in the Park. Alex [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: How terrible sad that only 2 wolves remain. Please do the right thing for the remaining wolves and bring more wolves so that they can thrive and repopulate.

Correspondence ID: 1365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale was home to one of the most famous wolf packs of all time. They were essential in educating the public about the reality of wolves, how necessary these major predators are to the eco system. Please don't let them die out!! They are being hunted everywhere. Please adopt Option C and bring more wolves to Isle Royale so they may flourish once more.

Correspondence ID: 1366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mikki [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. This is the natural, and preferred, way to keep a healthy balance in the ecosystem.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:18
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Aaron [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 1369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We all need to protect our wolves and be their voice

Correspondence ID: 1370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 1371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 12:57:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sasikumar [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to preserve these wonderful species. Diversity of species makes us all safer.

Correspondence ID: 1375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe wolves are integral to maintaining ecosystems. Pennsylvania needs wolves, just as Isle Royale does. Our white tailed deer population is far too large, and hunters seem to like this - - humans have decimated the original population. Wolves are the most natural predators to manage the deer. I have written to many legislators, but all have ignored my letters.

Correspondence ID: 1376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe adopting Option C and bringing new wolves to Isle Royale, is what would be best for the park. We should know this already, by seeing what a difference this made in Yellowstone. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help support section C in helping wolves and other wildlife thrive and protecting them and their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 1378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone.

This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:57:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please help the wolves

Correspondence ID: 1381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Guy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves shoud be protected by our ntional parks! please give wolves a chance!

Correspondence ID: 1383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gloria [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 1385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is one of the last truly wild places in the USA. We need to have an ecosystem where all levels are full-filled. From the predators to the prey, I think its very important that this area continue to be as wild and protected as possible for all to survive. Mother nature can attend to most issues, but further research on how global warming is effecting the region and the species that inhabit it. Wolves are an important part of natures role in the environment, but how is global warming changing the health of the environment for the moose and so on. Are insects and other diseases going to affect the populations of the animals that live within the park. All of that needs to be considered in any future plans.

Correspondence ID: 1386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to manage our wild resources with intelligence and an eye for the future.

Correspondence ID: 1387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bringing more wolves to Isle Royale seems to be the best way to restore balance between the moose and wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Nicki [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. A dynamic equilibrium needs to be re-established.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Abigail [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves should be brought back to keep the animal population in control.

Correspondence ID: 1391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:58:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please act to protect Isle Royale's ecosystem. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I stand with the National Parks Conservation Association in support of Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Him we shall all return.

Correspondence ID: 1394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We are all responsible for taking care of and preserving our Wildlife and National Parks for generations to come.

Correspondence ID: 1395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. This is a difficult issue based on the isolated wolf population. The Park Service narrowing the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park is positive. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I believe the island requires continued reintroduction of wolves. Therefore, I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 1396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring the wolves back

Correspondence ID: 1397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Alan ██████████

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 1398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to take care of wolves instead of persecuting them. Re-introduce them and then DO ALLOW killing of them!

Correspondence ID: 1399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve ██████████

Correspondence ID: 1400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Judy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

The natural solution to this problem is the best solution. Bring back the wolf population and nature will do the rest.

Correspondence ID: 1402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns

Correspondence ID: 1403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

Thank you for reading this e-mail. The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Sincerely,
Dee [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support bringing wolves to Isle Royale! As humans, we have disrupted the natural ecosystems in our world for too many years. Thankfully as we study our past mistakes, and continue to learn, we can move forward in a more conscientious manner and strive to do our best in protecting the places we live as they are meant to be. Isle Royale is a special place - it is on my bucket list of places to visit. I wish to see it as it was created, not ruined by the over abundance of plant destroying moose. As I learn more about the Permaculture way of life, the more I understand how each living thing relates to another, and by working together, we can bring about positive changes. We can fix what we have destroyed.

Bring back the wolf!!

Correspondence ID: 1405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 12:59:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are an important part of any ecosystem. They improve the health of herds of grazing animals and keep them moving which protects vegetation from overgrazing. Please reintroduce wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our wolves

Correspondence ID: 1407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The circle of life needs to be a complete circle. Omitting a part of wildlife meant be there make the circle incomplete. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Please approve releasing other wolves to populate the area again so the circle will be complete again. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 1408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Import more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

At one point we had as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive in its diversity, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

The wolves will make sure that the island's moose population will no longer skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, and thus disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I fully agree with Option C, which would bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to keep the circle of life in balance....wolves provide this

Correspondence ID: 1412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need to be brought to the island to insure a healthy Eco system

Correspondence ID: 1413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative "C" to add more wolves to the Park Royale rcosystem. This will help the homeostasis so the moose population does not overwhelm the region

Correspondence ID: 1414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves. I used to live in Michigan as a girl and my son now lives there and loves the National Parks in Michigan. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 1415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:00:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has

narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Pleas bring new wolves to Isle Royal, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please preserve Isle Royale wolves' ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully, Leah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I along with NPCA support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 1421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 13:01:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore the wolf population in order to balance the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

We have been fortunate in having visited Isle Royale and want it to continue as one of the jewels in our national park system.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michele [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1423 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that it's time to bring in new wolves to Isle Royals to freshen the blood lines so as to prevent in breeding and causing diseases
No

Correspondence ID: 1424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:01:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: : Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has

narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the Isle Royale National Park as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation and bring new genetic material to the wolves.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns .

Sincerely,

Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1429 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE implement Option C and bring wolves back to Isle Royale!!This would be such an important step in re-balancing the ecology there.
Thank you.
Ann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1430 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative c.
Two wolves are not enough to be a functional part of your amazing natural inverment.
It's important.
THANK YOU,
William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1431 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Glenn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1432 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These wolves are vital to a unique ecosystem which is dwindling to the point of extinction. And it will be to our detriment. Bring more wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 1433 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves, and all natural predators are part of the ecosystem balance. As in Yellowstone National Park and others, the lack of wolves leads to large, weak herds of herd animals that are susceptible to disease and can even become a problem on their own by encroaching into adjacent commercial grazing acreage.

Correspondence ID: 1434 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kate [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1435 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel it is important to keep a healthy eco system in our wide lands.

Correspondence ID: 1436 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are very important to the success and balance of wildlife eco systems. It is imperative that the wolves survive in order to keep this important balance.

Please consider adding wolves to your wildlife area.

Correspondence ID: 1437 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C and saving a species that is being persecuted all over the United States!

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This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:02:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce enough wolves into Isle Royale to maintain a stable population and a healthy ecosystem. Without wolves to help keep it in check, the elk population will grow until it destroys the vegetation on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

David 

Correspondence ID: 1441 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help to balance the ecosystem at Isle Royale by introducing additional wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: for ecological balance

Correspondence ID: 1443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is very upsetting that the number of wolves in Isle Royale National Park has been allowed to dwindle to a mere TWO WOLVES! It is your responsibility and moral obligation to protect these animals. As you know, wolves are essential to a healthy ecosystem. I urge you to do what is necessary to replenish their numbers. Please take into consideration the wishes of the many American citizens who enjoy wildlife and who visit our parks and public lands so that wildlife can be viewed. It seems as though only the wishes of hunters and public land welfare ranchers are taken into consideration

when making decisions concerning the fate of wildlife, especially predators. PLEASE REPLENISH THE WOLVES OF ISLE ROYALE BY RELEASING MORE WOLVES. Thank you, Joan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1444 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do what you can to permanently increase the wolf population at Isle Royale National Park

Correspondence ID: 1445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:03:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The health of any ecosystem is only as strong as the health of the climax species...and Isle Royale needs its wolves. The Inuit proverb applies here as well as in the Arctic, "The wolf keeps the caribou strong."

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Carrington [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tracy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Clairone [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please repopulate Isle Royale with wolves. I have seen first hand here in Washington DC's large Rock Creek Park the destruction caused by overpopulation of deer, and their poor physical condition as they have no predators to thin their numbers. Moose overpopulation of such a restricted ecosystem as Isle Royale will be predictably damaging.

Thank you for your time and effort that you perform as a terribly underfunded government agency.

Amy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1452 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There should be more wolves than two living. Humans are wrecking the eco system and destroying all the wildlife. What wildlife is left have to find new areas to live. Their forest is being torn down and they have no were to go except closer to humans and we all know what some evil humans do to the wildlife. Let's have some compassion for these. If humans would leave nature alone, nature would take care of itself.

Correspondence ID: 1453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jane [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard and Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Meredith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. This park is defined by these magnificent animals. It will not be the same without them.

Correspondence ID: 1458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 13:04:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Ronda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: restore the natural ecological balance by introducing new wolf predators to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Anjali [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the wolves....I love all animals.

Correspondence ID: 1462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population, seems to be an attractive solution. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering Alternative C.

Sincerely,
Fred [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do all you can to maintain a healthy population of wolves on this island.

Correspondence ID: 1464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:04:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider placing your focus on the balance of life when considering allowing a larger population of wolves on Isle Royale. To provide a natural control of the moose population & available plant food eaten by the moose, increasing the wolf population would allow a better, more natural balance.

Correspondence ID: 1465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carol-Ann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolf population on Isle Royale needs to be restored and maintained in order to control the moose population and maintain a healthy ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Chris [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring in some wolves

Correspondence ID: 1470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Healthy ecosystems NEED large predators to keep prey species in check to prevent overpopulation, overgrazing, soil erosion, widespread disease and starvation.

A healthy population of large predators NEEDS genetic diversity to avoid inbreeding. Please allow the transport of new wolves to Isle Royale National Park. Mixing individuals from different sub groups of isolated genetic groups helps ALL of the affected groups. Please help return the balance to Isle Royale National Park.

Thank-you,
Elaine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: IF YOU FREAKS WOULD STOP KILLING EVERYTHING YOU SEE, WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING THIS ONE SIDED CONVERSATION!!!!!! LEAVE THE WOLVES ALONE, GET THEM SOME KIND OF GENE SELECTION, AND LEAVE NATURE ALONE DAMNIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 1473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Virginia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am pleased to submit this comment about the management plan for Isle Royale N.P.

With only two wolves left, I am most concerned about the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Moose population increase is inevitable and

habitat destruction as well.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the Island as needed.

Thank you for considering my input and for your efforts to protect the integrity of the Island.

Sincerely,

Joan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:05:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jean [REDACTED]

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Maureen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE PUT A NEWE BLOODLINE OF WOLVES ON ISLE ROYALE. WOLVES ARE ENDANGERED AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL & YOU CAN'T DO THAT WITH ONLY 2 WOLVES ON THE ISLE, SO PLEASE HELP THEM SURVIVE AND INTRODUCE NEW WOLVES TO ISLE ROYALE!

Correspondence ID: 1478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP THE WOLF HATE & KILLING. LET THEM LIVE AS NATURE DEMANDS. LET THEM HAVE ROOM TO ROAM!

Correspondence ID: 1479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the introduction of wolves

Correspondence ID: 1480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If the number of wolves on Isle Royale is down to two, that spells genetic disaster and eventually none will survive. New genetic material has to be introduced.

Correspondence ID: 1481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green
<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605>

Re: Isle Royale Wolves EIS Public Scoping

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours sincerely,
Robert [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:21
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ilene & Steve [REDACTED]

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 1484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt option c and bring new wolves to the Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 1485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let them live! They are a part of the Nature.

Correspondence ID: 1487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the effort to introduce additional wolves from the region to Isle Royale as a way of bringing about a better balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support this thought-out suggestion for bringing in more wolves. This seems like a more natural solution to the problem - the way nature works when people aren't in the mix. There is a delicate balance in nature and the suggestion to bring in more wolves seems like a viable solution.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1489 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: TWO LEFT....WELL, I GUESS WE'RE DOOMED.

HOW DID WE EVER GET THIS WAY??

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN.
THIS IS TERRIBLE.
THIS IS A CRIME.

Correspondence ID: 1490 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem of Isle Royale. Without these predators the island itself will suffer extensive environmental damage.

Correspondence ID: 1491 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.
I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.
ALL animals deserve a right to survive.
Please consider and choose Option C.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1492 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:06:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Balance !

Correspondence ID: 1493 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

After examining the options for the Isle Royale National Park island's ecosystem, without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase and have a disastrous impact on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1494 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of the introduction of wolves to allow an appropriate balance of wild life to occur.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Would love to see you bring wolves int Isle Royal. They made a huge difference in Yellowstone and I belive would work elsewhere. Please try Option C

Correspondence ID: 1496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support project option C. Bringing in more wolves seems to be the best alternative. Ecosystems need to have balance to work. Without predators, the moose will be the next species to suffer and die off. Plan C, is the way to go. Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 1497 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Roy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1498 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support option C and bring additional wolves to Isl Royale to protect the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I hope you will support Option C, in which additional wolves are imported to Isle Royale. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1500 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laurie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1501 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is important to maintain a healthy ecosystem for all of its parts to survive. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support alternative C, bring new wolves to the island to balance the ecosystem. The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for the work you do,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1502 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the plan to bring in more wolves to help balance out the moose population

Correspondence ID: 1503 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves do need a reason to live, and I think it's time that they should be taking very good care of by adding a new generation and let Isle Royale away from the moose.

Correspondence ID: 1504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do the right thing when the moose have no predators left, they will eventually die from no vegetation to eat! Things all seemed to work out before man got involved!

Correspondence ID: 1505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:07:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Received: May,09,2016 13:07:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Doug [REDACTED]

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a unique ecosystem and as such deserves protection. It is imperative that wolf regeneration be encouraged in order that moose populations remain stable. Please use common sense and scientific integrity when making plans for Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Katherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 13:08:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours truly,
Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are part of the ecosystem. Please don't kill them.

Correspondence ID: 1512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Gina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please increase the Wolf population Royale Isle in order to cull the moose herd and protect the foliage of the island.

Correspondence ID: 1514 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. The island habitat is a delicate system and depends on balance that the wolves help maintain. I sincerely hope the park service will keep this in mind and make a decision that is in the best interest of the island not on what is more affordable for the park service.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Regards,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1515 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is an opportunity that should not be missed. That is all there is to say.

Ellen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1516 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option C. please bring in new wolves to control moose populations and to keep the wolf populations genetically viable.

Thank you for your consideration. David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1517 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do it.

Correspondence ID: 1518 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In every case where wolves have been reintroduced into former habitats, the ecosystems have been revived and achieved their former balance. This should be the case in Isle Royale as well. When the opportunity exists to effect this kind of reintroduction, it should be taken.

Correspondence ID: 1519 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: HAVE TO PROTECT AMIMALS IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

Correspondence ID: 1520 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Daviann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1521 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help these wolves. We must remember that we are the "custodians" of this world. And we must do any and everything in our power to protect it. Animals are a precious part of the eco system and we have compromised our world way toooo much

Correspondence ID: 1522 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 1523 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:08:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1524 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want support the effort to enlarge wolves population

Correspondence ID: 1525 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Craig [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1526 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Iveta

Correspondence ID: 1527 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1528 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I have followed the story of the wolves on Isle Royal for many years and look forward to visiting your park this summer for a week long backpacking trip.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1529 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring the wolf back! Restore the natural balance! Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1530 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A healthy and sustainable ecosystem requires big predators. A healthy, sustainable wolfpack is necessary.

Correspondence ID: 1531 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I recall reading about the Wolves of Isle Royale National Park, which has inspired an interest in science, ecological networks and the environment, including a wonderful visit several years ago with my children.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park to focus on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding using natural methods and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I believe that the National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Charleen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1532 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:09:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kerry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1533 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In order to protect the ecosystem we need to protect these wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1534 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: One simple plea. Please enable wolves to continue to live on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1535 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1536 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bruce [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1537 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Makes logical sense Do it!

Correspondence ID: 1538 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1539 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that predators like wolves are necessary for a healthy ecosystem, and just two wolves will not be a viable population. I am in favor of importing wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1540 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:10:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Richard [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1541 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt "Option C" to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.
Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 1542 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns. We remember long ago when a fellow graduate student worked on the Isle Royale moose. Giving the chance to balance the normal predator-prey cycles seems an important goal.

Sincerely,
[Amy and Wayne [REDACTED]]

Correspondence ID: 1543 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathleen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1544 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PleASE BRING THE WOLFS BACK!

Correspondence ID: 1545 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Line [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1546 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Have been to Isle Royale many times with our family and friends. It would be a shame if it was destroyed by the lack of balance of predators to animals. Please introduce a new pack, or two, of varying genetic persuasions.

Correspondence ID: 1547 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1548 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the best course to take in this case is to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. That should help to keep things in balance.

Correspondence ID: 1549 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:11:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kathleen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1550 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1551 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please protect our wildlife and their environment

Correspondence ID: 1552 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help protect this ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 1553 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns. Richard

Correspondence ID: 1554 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We are losing our wolf population due to politics - poisoning, aerial gunning, etc. It is time that we increase the population! Wolves are essential to the eco system - they kill only for food. They kill the weak, the sick, the elderly. Humans kill the strongest for trophies which weakens the herd.

Correspondence ID: 1555 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save all animals from humans.

Correspondence ID: 1556 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale to inject genetic diversity into the current wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 1557 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:12:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1558 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To enhance the blood line of the wolves, new wolves should be introduced given the location of Isle Royale. But the pack shouldn't be so large that the wolf nutrition is put into jeopardy. It will need to be in balance.

Correspondence ID: 1559 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring in wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1560 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save all wolves in habitat or sanctuaries. Don't kill them.

Correspondence ID: 1561 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. I have great confidence in the National Park Service that it will make every effort to ensure the future of these wolves existence and the future of all creatures over which it has authority. To lose just one species is intolerable when we have so many resources available these days.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 1562 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is time to bring in wolves to Isle Royale. I realize that is human intervention, but the lack of an ice bridge over the last couple of decades is also human caused. With warming global temperatures, it isn't likely that there will be a lot of chances for wolves from Minnesota or

Canada reaching the island again.

I follow this closely and I have read both sides of the argument and I understand everyone's point of view. But I believe new genes are the best choice. If moose keep breeding at the rate they have been, they are going to run out of food. That is a long, slow death for them. Would Isle Royale be worth visiting after that?

Thank you for considering my comments.

Lee [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1563 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C to bring new wolves to Isle a royal National Park! Plz adopt & implemy this plan ASAP!
Sincerely Mari [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Joel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1564 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Add wolves to Isle Royale to continue ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1565 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as need to maintain their population. The National Park Service should adopt and implement this option as quickly as possible to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1566 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1567 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. We've seen the remarkable improvement to Yellowstone following the increases in wolves there and I think it's a reasonable expectation that the same can happen at Isle Royale.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1568 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 13:13:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1569 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

We last visited 2 years ago, and are presently making plans to return to the Island this august with our grandsons.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kate [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1570 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring the wolves back to Isle Royale. The moose population will be out of control without them. They are an iconic part of this ecosystem and need to be re-established. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1571 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The effects the wolves had on Yellowstone should be enough evidence that populations should be kept healthy in most parks.

Correspondence ID: 1572 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:13:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. It is an amazing place. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1573 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:14:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I have visited Isle Royale several times in the past, having stayed at the lodge, camped at Lane Cove, hiked the many trails, and taken tours of the park. One thing that made Isle Royale was the possibility of seeing or hearing a wolf.

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. I have seen in Wisconsin what a burgeoning white-tailed deer population does to the native native flora. It hasn't been good.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1574 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:14:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

Isle Royale is a very special, still wild place that I love. We cannot let it become so out of balance that it is destroyed as a viable ecosystem.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1575 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:14:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I visited Isle Royale when I was a kid and the moose and wolves balanced each other out back then, so it seems to me that importing some more wolves would be a good thing.

Correspondence ID: 1576 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:14:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore wolves to their beautiful habitat in Isle Rpyale!
Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1577 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:14:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please return the wolves to Isle Royale. It is the only thing that makes sense. Killing the wolves in Minn. is unforgivable. The hunting and trapping is inhumane and bad science. No Moose in Northern Minn, too many wolves, (unproven statistics) no wolves on Isle Royale , too many moose. Do you see a pattern?
If we must manage wild life, let's do the right thing.
Linda and Don [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1578 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 13:15:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Seems those responsible for balancing the native wildlife at Isle Royale have allowed the wolf sustainable population to FAIL. Time to terminate those responsible. Plan "C" seems to have the best chance of restoring this balance there. Just another example of "failed government"

Correspondence ID: 1579 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1580 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is an urgent request to release these wolves to restore a balance of nature's for this over grazed Isle. This process has been proven to be successful.

Correspondence ID: 1581 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't let these wolves die out on this island.

Correspondence ID: 1582 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island of Isle Royale, as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to native vegetation. The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain balance on the island.
Thank you for considering my concerns and for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 1583 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Put wolves back

Correspondence ID: 1584 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Leonard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1585 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concern s.

Sincerely,
Susan [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

My husband and I visited this park when we were younger and although we didn't actually see any wolves, that was the reason we went there and it was exciting just thinking about the possibility of seeing a wolf. I hope that the wolves will be brought back.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1586 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add more wolves to Isle Royale National Park. It's imperative and very important.

Correspondence ID: 1587 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This wolf pack is special, a link to another time. Some states say they have wilderness, but not without wolves. Wolves are inclusive to wilderness. Every possible thing should be done to protect these animals.

Correspondence ID: 1588 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:15:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please reintroduce more wolves to Isle Royale. The ecosystem there is very shallow and without wolves it is suffering greatly. Nature will take care of keeping their numbers low, but the rest of the ecosystem needs them there to help maintain the balance of their prey and the rest of the system that in turn depends on deer, moose, mice, etc.

Correspondence ID: 1589 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Wolves are part of our heritage and we should do everything possible to help them survive.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1590 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale twice. On the first visit I hiked the length of the Island and the second time I circumnavigated the island on a small sail boat.

In studying the arguments for and against introduction of new groups of wolves onto the Island I am persuaded that reintroduction is the better choice.

Correspondence ID: 1591 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. Having visited Isle Royale a few years ago, I know what a marvelous place it is. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1592 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1593 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This wolf pack is special, a link to another time. Some states say they have wilderness, but not without wolves. Wolves are inclusive to wilderness. Every possible thing should be done to protect these animals.

Correspondence ID: 1594 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1595 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale Wolves

Correspondence ID: 1596 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1597 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1598 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:16:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Joe [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 1599 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1600 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Wolves are necessary to keep the moose population in check. Without wolves, moose will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants as well as other wildlife in the park. I am not a wildlife expert, but I know enough to know that a balance between predators and prey is essential in any wild environment.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain the wolf population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Sincerely,

Deborah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1601 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Martha [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1602 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Donna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1603 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolf pack must be restored to once again attain the natural balance between predators and prey.

Correspondence ID: 1604 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are part of a healthy ecosystem of Isle Royale. They need to be reintroduced to keep the island's ecosystem from crashing.

Correspondence ID: 1605 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1606 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully,

Harriet [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1607 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is not a dress rehearsal. We are here only once in this beautiful planet and it's our duty to conserve it for the future of our children. The woolfs are an essential part of our eco system, please save them from extinction.

Correspondence ID: 1608 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1609 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:17:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Top predators are a requirement for a balanced ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1610 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 1611 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

As a former resident of Michigan, I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Dennis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1612 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Do the proper thing. Do what is "best" for nature!

Sincerely,
Chas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1613 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kristine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1614 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes, bring more wolves to the isle...

Correspondence ID: 1615 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Marilyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1616 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Alexandra [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1617 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs the wolves to keep the moose in check.

Correspondence ID: 1618 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Dianne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1619 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A great idea to protect and introduce wolves...

Correspondence ID: 1620 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. I believe the island requires a balanced ecosystem to survive & flourish. And that without more wolves, there's no way the ecosystem can be balanced.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1621 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1622 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Apparently, the die-off of the wolves is natural...but

The ice that used to be the corridor for new wolves to get onto the island has been melting faster because of climate change. This is causing havoc in so many ways!

The world is anything but natural now. Man has been such a profound mechanism for change, and it has usually caused harm to the natural world including its animals. Maybe its time for mankind to enter artificially and bring back a more natural approach to the ecosystem.

Please bring back some wolves to the island.

Thanks,
Karen

Correspondence ID: 1623 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:18:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe a wolf population on Isle Royal is the only way to replicate its natural balance of nature.

Correspondence ID: 1624 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:19:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's DO this! Two wolves is not a viable population, and a non-viable population is not good for Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1625 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:19:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help those lonely wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1626 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:19:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the chance to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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"But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself."
~ Rachel Carson

Correspondence ID: 1627 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It seems reasonable to me to bring new wolf blood onto Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1628 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Wolves belong on Isle Royale and the future of both the wolves and the Island depend on their population being increased.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Dana 

Correspondence ID: 1629 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this ecosystem and keep a healthy population of wolves habitating this location.

Correspondence ID: 1630 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolf population needs to be replenished to preserve habitat and species health. Thanks for acting in the best interest of the habitat.

Correspondence ID: 1631 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,
Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1632 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1633 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that all animals have a right to live like God intended them to. man needs to respect their territory and understand that without them to hold the balance of the ecosystem the world will go into turmoil. everyone needs to help the wolves to thrive and live.

Correspondence ID: 1634 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:20:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: thank you for keeping me informed

Correspondence ID: 1635 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am one of the National Park System's biggest fans! You guys provide opportunities that can be experienced nowhere else in the world. Thank you!

I have help my own kids, now married adults, and my seven grandchildren to spend time in National Parks across the country. I have funded trips for all of my kids to Yellowstone and to watch my grandchildren's eyes when they see the many wonders makes my life worthwhile.

I have been on Isle Royal and it is one of my fondest memories of my visits to literally dozens of National Parks. When I was last there, the moose population was significant and there were 4 active wolf packs operating in that wondrous environment.

I strongly encourage you to follow the recommendations to re-populate the wolf packs to the extent that they can balance the moose population on Isle Royal.

Thank you for the opportunity for input on this important decision.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1636 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What is wrong with you people the predators need to be part of all lands they are what keeps nature running smoothly. They rid the land of the weak and sick manage populations and insure the land can heal itself from the grazers. Stop destroying the animals and our land do what is right

Correspondence ID: 1637 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please release more wolves on Isle royale no better help balance the moose population so as to save the native plants and possible starvation of the moose

Correspondence ID: 1638 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For the sake of the ecology of Isle Royale, please bring back wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 1639 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 1640 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have followed the Isle Royale Wolf research project for many years and as long as the "balance" was working, even though one population fluctuated then another, I was in favor of a "no intervention" policy, but now that it is clearly NOT working and to do nothing would destroy this amazing National Park for animals and people alike, I am definitely in favor of bringing in some wolves to bring some balance back to the Island. I understand that it was possibly a domestic dog, with undetected Parvo or other canine disease, brought to the Island by some tourists which brought disease to the wolves which had no protective immunity against it, that led to their decline. Since this was unintended "intervention" by humans, it is, I believe, our moral responsibility to set it right, even though the wolves which would be brought in would not be genetically the same as the original ones which came across on the ice. I hoped that when Lake Superior was almost entirely frozen a couple of years ago that that very thing would happen naturally, but alas, it did not. So please, intervene to save this wonderful northern paradise.

Correspondence ID: 1641 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves and wildlife, clean water and air.

Correspondence ID: 1642 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves

Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Christine



Photo: Only two of these three wolves remain at Isle Royale National Park. Â© Rolf Peterson

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Correspondence ID: 1644 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save this population and restore it to traditional levels... There is no need to let this band (2) become extinct - there are plenty of educational institutions and environmental groups that would be interested in working -ON SITE to accomplish this goal...

Correspondence ID: 1645 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:21:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support this cause

Correspondence ID: 1646 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:22:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for accepting comments from the public on this important issue. I favor option C, importing more wolves and letting Nature take care of itself. My best to all of you for the hard work you do.
Bill

Correspondence ID: 1647 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,
[your name here]

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Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1649 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:22:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Replenish the wolf population on the island so the ecosystems can be restored.

Correspondence ID: 1650 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:22:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wolves

Correspondence ID: 1651 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:22:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1652 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:22:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Introducing new wolves is a sensible way to keep the natural environment in balance.

Correspondence ID: 1653 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please use option C. Introduce wolves to aisle Toyale.

Correspondence ID: 1654 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Adopt Option C of bringing new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1655 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time to put things back into balance.

Correspondence ID: 1656 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tiffany [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1657 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring back the wolves to Isle Royale. I would think preserving this ecosystem would be a no brainer. To assume that the two remaining wolves could sustain or increase a healthy population is bad science. We have so little left in any natural space and wilderness that I would hope to introduce more wolves to this wilderness would be an absolute. Allowing the moose population to increase unchecked is not good for the Moose or any of the existing ecosystem.

Wolves are being slaughtered at an alarming rate in so many states and many more such as my state Colorado do not even have any. What a precious gift to be able to reintroduce this top predator to a Wilderness Area that needs them so badly.

Please consider the value of such a reintroduction and bring more wolves to Isle Royale. This world needs a place that is left alone and natural. Please don't let the wolves die out.

Correspondence ID: 1658 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option C, introducing more wolves to Isle Royal. Thank you. [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1659 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the option of introducing more wolves to Isle Royale with the expectation that it will result in a more balanced and natural ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1660 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: it is vital that we bring in more wolves for the benefit & balance of the island ecosystem.

thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1661 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:23:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Follow up with introduction of enough wolves to allow the wolf population on Isle Royal to grow and thrive as planned, this is the best approach to overpopulation of elk.
Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1662 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's only sensible to do this!

Correspondence ID: 1663 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1664 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: N/a

Correspondence ID: 1665 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think new wolves would be beneficial to Isle Royal. If nature can really right itself, it does not take into consideration the change of climate. I am sure in eons past new wolves arrived over ice- -now that does not appear to happen, so park officials have to help out- -- -get some new wolves and blood on Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 1666 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are an important part of maintaining balance in nature...that's established science. And as such, you have a responsibility to recognize it and to follow it. That's we the taxpayers pay you to do.

Correspondence ID: 1667 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Georgie [REDACTED]

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Received: May,09,2016 13:24:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Received: May,09,2016 13:24:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: ...

Correspondence ID: 1670 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:24:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is one of the last working, undestroyed eco-systems on the continent. It must be protected so that we have a template to work back towards.

Correspondence ID: 1671 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:25:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Leslie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1672 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:25:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As much as is possible Isle Royale needs a balance of moose and wolves. Please select Option C.

Correspondence ID: 1673 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:25:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan C seems best

Correspondence ID: 1674 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:25:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The introduction of wolves into Yellowstone has proven the necessity of wolves to maintain a healthy eco-system.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Elaine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1675 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt option C for the wolves of Isle Royale. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 1676 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Steve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1677 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In theory, periodic ice bridges between Isle Royale and MN allow moose and wolves to have their genetic pools enriched. In the apparent absence of this happening in recent years for wolves, human intervention is needed to provide this essential contribution to ecologic health.

Correspondence ID: 1678 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Look at the big picture before any decision is made!

Correspondence ID: 1679 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Although I have never visited this park, I have been in Yellowstone National Park and observed how bringing the wolves back to that park has helped the entire ecosystem. I'm sure it will do the same at Isle Royale.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ruth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1680 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Karla [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1681 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves help to keep a balance in the environment. We need to protect them and bring them back into areas where they lived before being killed off my man.

Correspondence ID: 1682 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:26:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We took our grandson to Isle Royale several years ago. The wolf pack had already begun to decline. It is a beautiful island which would be greatly damaged, at least in the short term, by having a massive explosion and die off of the moose population. Their die off would be triggered by over consumption of available vegetation, thus denuding the island to a great extent. The consequence could be a very unpleasant experience for many park visitors.

It seems that a balance of wolves and moose is the best solution. With the inbreeding and various calamities that have befallen the wolf population in recent years and the failure to have ice bridges form most years, there is little hope of a resurgence of the wolf population in a natural way. Since neither animal was native to the island, it is not tampering with the natural order of life there to think of introducing more wolves with diverse blood lines.

I am in favor of adding new wolves or eliminating the moose population as well as the wolves, to avoid dead and sick, tick infested moose all over the island.

Correspondence ID: 1683 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:27:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark [REDACTED]

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1685 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:27:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Common sense as well as environmental science demands that the wolf population of Isle Royale be returned to normal and then maintained....otherwise one risks a serious imbalance of their food accompanied by a dramatic increase in the moose population.

thank you

Beatrice [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1686 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:27:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to bring wolves back to Isle Royale! Take some of our Wisconsin wolves before our mighty hunters kill them all! I will never forget my one and only trip to Isle Royale well over 30 years ago - I was so fascinated by the research that had been done on the moose/wolf populations and the crucial balance between them. Without more wolves, Isle Royale will no longer be the fascinating wilderness that has attracted so many for so long. This is an urgent situation that must be corrected as soon as possible. This National Treasure is one of a kind and deserves to stay that way. After all, it is the only place with "the biggest lake on the biggest island in the biggest lake in the world!" I remember that from my wonderful trip there as well. Please bring wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 1687 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:27:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Renter wolves into Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1688 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The only way that Isle Royale will be truly royal, be the natural area everyone wants it to be is if all its species live there. Please protect the wolves. They belong.

Correspondence ID: 1689 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do not destroy the environment and eco system. The wolves keep the eco system in harmony by providing checks and balances

Correspondence ID: 1690 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1691 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1692 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Predators are an important part of every ecosystem. Our environment cannot function properly without them. Every chance we have to replace predators into their natural habitats should be taken.

Correspondence ID: 1693 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves!!!

Correspondence ID: 1694 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a native Michigander, and someone who enjoyed two visits to Isle Royale as a teenager, I strongly encourage support of Proposal C to bring more wolves to Isle Royale National Park. The wolf-moose ratio is totally out of balance and a fresh wolf population is urgently needed to work

towards restoring a balance and making it possible to have viable populations of both wolves and moose on Michigan's only national park. I still remember the excitement I felt at hearing wolves howl at night while I was camping and seeing moose while hiking.

Correspondence ID: 1695 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Erica [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1696 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore and safeguard the natural balance of Isle Royale National Park the natural way: bring more wolves back to keep the number of moose down.

Correspondence ID: 1697 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There are very few places left on earth where the particular ecosystem found on Isle Royale is protected. We must preserve this beautiful island for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 1698 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Paula [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1699 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:28:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Killing these animals in turn kills the earth that is our world.

Correspondence ID: 1700 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:29:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like to help in any way I can for the sake of the Royale Isles, especially with making sure that no ecosystem falls apart. I strongly support with bringing more wolves into the park. This is just what happened when scientists brought wolves back in Yellowstone. They knew without wolves, the ecosystem was just collapsing as well as for the other native species. By 1995, people knew what they had to for the sake of the environment despite that there would be those who would object it but nevertheless, we know now why it's important to have predators in our natural world. For the wolves of the Royal isles, I strongly support this move for the sake of not only their species but also for the other inhabitants.

Correspondence ID: 1701 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:29:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 1702 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep up the good work. Wolvewa bINC THE ENVIRONMENT! Stop kuilling wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 1703 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Lu [REDACTED]

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Donald [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1705 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. When I lived in Northern Michigan the lake froze over that year and the wolves crossed over to the island from the mainland. With global warming that may not be happening anymore and we might need to provide some support by bringing over wolves without the ice.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1706 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1707 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the reintroduction of wolves to this natural habitat!

Correspondence ID: 1708 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am glad to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Phyllis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1709 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:30:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for allow input and comments on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I'd prefer that steps be taken to add more wolves, and thus enhance the ability of the two remaining wolves left at Isle Royale to hopefully be able to reliably reproduce and build a healthy pack. Wolves are an essential piece of keeping balance among animals and plants. This has lasting effects on the health and viability of the ecosystem, allowing it to thrive. Less moose means the plant life will not be decimated, and that smaller creatures will also have food sources.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population.

I hope the National Park Service can act quickly to bring new wolves to Isle Royale, helping maintain the ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1710 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:31:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves. They're a vital part of our Eco system.

Correspondence ID: 1711 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:31:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1712 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:31:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1713 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:31:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Pat and Gary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1714 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:31:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring in new wolves to keep the pack alive.

Correspondence ID: 1715 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:31:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: .

Correspondence ID: 1716 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service
Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale.
Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Thank you
Ruth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1717 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Maria [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1718 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I am one of those people who wants to visit a national park to see and hear wildlife, particularly wolves, in their natural state. I have written letters and made calls and donations to protect wolves since the 1970's. Keeping them in a healthy state in our ecosystem is important to me.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and for taking the time to protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Anne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1719 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves are important and need to be maintained.

Correspondence ID: 1720 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bringing balance is a great idea. Too bad it can no longer occur without intervention.

We spent a lovely week there two years ago and enjoyed it so much. It had been on my bucket list for about 40 years.

Thanks for all that you do.

We live in Pullman National Park, in Chicago, which is one of only three national urban parks. We know what a treasure we have here and treasure all of our parks. President Obama was here last year. It's very exciting.

Good luck with the wolf project.

Correspondence ID: 1721 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Comments

Correspondence ID: 1722 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With the specter of wolves becoming extinct in the wild it is paramount that every effort be made to reintroduce wolves in as many locations throughout the United States as possible. It would be an absolute travesty if wolves ceased to exist. They are highly intelligent pack animals that have been identified as the precursors and ancestors of the broad group of breeds we now enjoy as dogs (man's best friend). Please ensure that man's best friends early relatives are not driven to extinction! Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1723 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:32:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1724 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:33:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: When first aware of the commentaries, was adamantly against trapping free wolves to sentence them to the inbreeding syndrome they would endure after the 2nd breeding season due to the lack of ingress and egress. The only true resolution would be to build a bridge connected to the mainland. Always will be for a permanent solution. However, in discussing the scenario w/ the networking affiliation I am involved w/. we have tendered a letter to NPS w/ the following suggestion:

We ask NPS to partner w/ USDA's WLS to instead of gunning down "problem" wolves, dart them w/ sedatives so NPS can transport the wolves to Isle Royale. Besides the win, win, win, effect, it also answers the funding questions NPS has in regards of acquiring wolves. The Isle can house about 50 wolves. WLS kills more wolves than 50 in each of 3 states alone. The only cost is transport to NPS as WLS is already being paid to kill the wolves anyway. They are contracted to remove the wolves, not necessarily kill them. Or, WLS can let you have that contract and you dart and confine simultaneously. Incidentally, there are "nuisance" moose in urban locations that could be handled much the same manner. The idea is to alleviate problems and solve the ecosystem structure on the Isle.

Please contact me, [REDACTED] if I can help recruit and generate assistance w/ this proposal. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 1725 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:33:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I grew up in Michigan and still return every year. There is no place in the world that is more beautiful than the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and no place more special than Isle Royale National Park. I am grateful for the opportunity to share my concerns about the declining wolf population and the future of this beautiful ecosystem that needs our help.

Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

In regards to the proposed management plan, I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kristin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1726 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:33:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the Wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1727 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:33:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: each species is necessary to maintain the ecosystem....enough thought is not given to this since the human animal is inclined to think things are not their decision....wrong...the human animal because it could talk and make choices was left as the steward of this planet....think....talk.....make intelligent choices....that is what you were put here for....don't shirk your duty

Correspondence ID: 1728 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:33:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is humans' fault that there are only 2 wolves left out of the 50 known. Global warming / climate change is occurring everywhere and on Isle Royale it is causing the water to stay open instead of freezing. I'm not saying that it froze enough for wolves to travel over every year; but from time to time it would freeze enough that wolves would travel; some one way, some likely even left Isle Royale. This is good for both the mainland as well as the island to have even more genetic diversity.

Now with the wolves declining and no natural way for more to come over; the island will soon experience what Yellowstone underwent. In Wyoming with NO wolves for years; the elk took over eating trees and shrubs down to nubs. This effected the song birds, beavers since no trees to cut down, fish since water was warmer. The elk developed such numbers that they over ate...everything. Given enough time, and this is what I think will happen in the MUCH smaller island. The moose will so overgraze everything that it will not only cause the moose to starve but WILL impact much of the rest of the island also with impact birds, reptiles, fish, beavers and on and on.

Now is the time to take a big picture view of what is behind what is happening and realize that if we all, and I DO, want the habitat to stay balanced AND healthy; new wolves need to be imported.

Simple as that; they will keep the balance needed. Please listen as nature can't take care of this on its own now that we have messed it up.

Correspondence ID: 1729 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:34:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need to restore our ecosystems with the flora and fauna that are essential to preserve it. Please bring back the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1730 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:34:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Option C, bringing more wolves into the park. Wolves have a dramatic affect on wilderness areas, I'm sure that you are aware of the transformation that occurred in Yellowstone by bringing them back into that park. Everything was wonderfully changed, even the rivers returned to their original pristine condition. All living things there profited from re-introducing wolves. The same thing would happen in Isle Royale were you to choose Option C. Please give this serious thought and be sure to research the places where wolves have been allowed to repopulate. They are amazing animals and need to be given back to all the wild places across this country. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 1731 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:34:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1732 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:34:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
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Thank you for considering my concerns

Correspondence ID: 1733 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are such beautiful and magnificent animals that it would be a shame to see them go extinct anywhere in the world.

Correspondence ID: 1734 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:34:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add more wolves to Isle Royale Park that will balance the eco system by utilizing Plan B.

Correspondence ID: 1735 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The important thing here is to keep a balance.

Correspondence ID: 1736 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale to create a sustainable future for the Park as well as the animals.

Correspondence ID: 1737 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please step up to your responsibility to preserve our ecosystem. You are endangering countless lives. That should be on your account since we trust you to do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 1738 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am the Scoutmaster of [REDACTED]. Our troop has visited & backpacked Isle Royale. We love this wonderful wilderness and want to preserve it for future generations.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Joseph [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1739 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1740 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restock Isle Royale with Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1741 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1742 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:35:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do all you can to re-populate Isle Royale with wolves. They are an integral part of the environment and should be increased and sustained.

Correspondence ID: 1743 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:36:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back more wolves. I understand you have only 2 left. This is not enough. Wolves are part of the sacred web of life. Whether you understand their role or not they are needed.
If you have any doubt read Aldo Leopold. He once killed them & then changed to supporting them.

Correspondence ID: 1744 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:36:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a commitment to bring additional wolves to Isle Royale National Park, Option C in the list of management options under consideration. I believe this new wolf additions would enhance the vitality of the ecosystem helping to sustain ecological balances in that system. I think the current state of the park with only two wolves remaining could lead to future problems such as an abundance of other wildlife that would then place a great burden on the ecosystem, the vegetation. I value very highly the role of our parks in maintaining biodiversity and natural vitality and welcome every opportunity to support that. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 1745 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:36:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, providing new wolves for the island

Correspondence ID: 1746 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:36:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1747 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. Also, while this may not be a major concern for the NPS, I believe that this plan is also good for wolves in general, as it is an opportunity to create a thriving wolf population in one of our parks.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Judy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1748 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royal Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1749 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1750 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Judith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1751 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Bob [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1752 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is unacceptable to let they wolves die out. Predators are a necessary part of a health eco-system. They have a place in nature and if you care for Mother Earth protect all her nations.

Correspondence ID: 1753 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's Time to Bring New Wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 1754 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:37:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. Nature knows how to keep nature in balance. Careful consultation with scientists on when and how to introduce the wolves can be included in the plan.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1755 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:38:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please import some of the Wolves that are being targeted for killing out West. Those areas seem to have too many and Isle Royale only has 2. This is a win, win scenario for both areas.

Correspondence ID: 1756 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:38:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to do what ever is possible to allow God's creatures to continue to exist.

Correspondence ID: 1757 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:38:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I understand there are different options being considered concerning how to deal with the wolf population on Isle Royale. This is a subject of which I have been aware for years, and I have attended educational forums discussing how best to address the issue.

I support option C - bringing new wolves to Isle Royale. Without a healthy wolf population the moose on the island will multiply exponentially, but will also become very unhealthy. I am generally opposed to interfering with animal populations, but in this situation option C appears to be the best available method of dealing with the situation.

Correspondence ID: 1758 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:38:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Melissa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1759 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:38:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I grew up in Michigan and remember as a child in the late 30s about the various wild animals in Michigan and on Isle Royal. It is hard to think that there are no more Wolves on Isle Royal or Wolverine in Michigan.

Correspondence ID: 1760 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:39:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Phyllis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1761 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:39:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please make sure that this is done.

Correspondence ID: 1762 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:40:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring several wolves to the area, to maintain the balance. Very important step to keep it moving forward.

Correspondence ID: 1763 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:40:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1764 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:40:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Leslie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1765 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:40:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1766 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:40:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Lucille

Correspondence ID: 1767 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:40:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have followed the wolf/moose on Isle Royale over 40 years. i believe the best thing for the Isle Royale ecosystem is to introduce additional wolfs to island!

Correspondence ID: 1768 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1769 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ALL PEOPLE NEED TO RESPECT ALL LIFE FORMS AND THE EARTH. ALL POLITICIANS & CORPORATIONS ONLY CARE ABOUT POWER & WEALTH. YOU ARE ARE DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT AND ALL LIFE FORMS ON EARTH.

Correspondence ID: 1770 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect wolves and the delicate ecosystem on Isle Royale. We want future generations to enjoy the exquisite beauty of this incredible spot,too.

Correspondence ID: 1771 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of course it is critical to introduce more wolves to the island, not only to save the wolves, but also to create balance in the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1772 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help this ecosystem by supporting bringing more wolves into the area.

Correspondence ID: 1773 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring Back The Isle Royale Wolves ASAP!!

Correspondence ID: 1774 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Merrick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1775 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

I strongly support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help

keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1776 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: THIS IS CRITICAL AND IMPORTANT. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS LOSS OF YET ANOTHER PART OF OUR ANIMAL ECOSYSTEM.

Correspondence ID: 1777 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C!

Correspondence ID: 1778 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1779 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:41:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This needs to happen.

Correspondence ID: 1780 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and protecting Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1781 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello there.

I support Option C to bring in additional wolves. This way the species will survive.

After all, we have learned from Yellowstone that wolves are not only good but essential to any ecosystem.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1782 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

I received information about this issue from NPCA.

Sincerely,
Delia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1783 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Besides all of the speculation that EIS reports show, it does not give the simple fact that once a species is gone or an area is destroyed, it is gone forever. You cannot get it back. We are the cause of mass extinctions of plant and animal life. This disrupts nature's balance. This will also cause the breakdown of ecosystems and invite disease.

It is up to us to put a stop to the assault on this earth.

Correspondence ID: 1784 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Just once, listen to science. Restore the balance!

Correspondence ID: 1785 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect and save the national parks including the wolves in Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

We're counting on you. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1786 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I hope the country pays attention to the ecosystem which is hurting the environment and the people in it are deeply effected as we are all paying the price.

Correspondence ID: 1787 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:42:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You put wolves in Yellowstone, why not Isle Royale?

Correspondence ID: 1788 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:43:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bringing in some wolves IS a good idea. Otherwise the moose population will over run the place ... eat all the vegetation causing them to starve to death. There will be a great imbalance in the area. it is a shame that there are only 2 wolves left .. that really is a crime. So PLEASE consider bringing in some new wolves to the area AND don't let them be hunted !! That is how this mess was created in the 1st place. Thank you for listening , now ct.

Correspondence ID: 1789 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 13:43:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1790 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:43:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please stop the cruelty of killing wolves we need to save them they are part of the ecosystem. Please save them.

Correspondence ID: 1791 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:43:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kelly [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1792 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:43:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lotte [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1793 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:43:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1794 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:43:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 1795 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:44:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I respectfully ask that you adopt the plan outlined in Option C, when considering the fate of wolves for Royal Isle. Wolves are a critical part of this ecosystem. Without them, the island could be ruined. Please bring more wolves to Royal Isle.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 1796 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:44:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Isle Royale ecosystem needs predators to control the moose population to ensure that the moose population doesn't grow so large as to deforest the island.

Correspondence ID: 1797 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:44:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1798 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:44:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must ensure the care and protection of Wildlife in the area are being served in the best interested of natural Wildlife and that they flourish safely in the area.

Correspondence ID: 1799 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to comment on the Park Service's management plan for Isle Royale National Park. It seems to me that The Creator has made a wonderfully balanced ecosystem, and that where we humans get into trouble is when we let it get out of whack. Islands are clearly in need of great care and consideration from the point of view of ecological management. And if you are going to have moose on the island, you need more predators than two wolves. You need enough wolves to keep the moose population in balance, so that the whole ecosystem can work as it is intended. It is clear that if the moose population continues to increase unchecked, this will be disastrous for native plants and other wildlife- -and, no doubt, ultimately, for the moose themselves.

I support Alternative C. Bringing new new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population in balance and minimize impact on the native

vegetation.

I urge the National Park Service to move forward with management option C as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1800 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bringing in some wolves IS a good idea. Otherwise the moose population will over run the place ... eat all the vegetation causing them to starve to death. There will be a great imbalance in the area. it is a shame that their are only 2 wolves left .. that really is a crime. So PLEASE consider bringing in some new wolves to the area AND don't let them be hunted !! That is how this mess was created in hte 1st place. Thank you for listening , now ct.

Correspondence ID: 1801 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support this.

Correspondence ID: 1802 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1803 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 1804 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support bringing additional wolves to Isle Royale to balance the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1805 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:45:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1806 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:46:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 1807 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:46:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1808 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:46:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

For the benefit of the ecology of Isle Royale in general and for wolves in particular, I urge you to increase the wolf population of the park. It could serve as an example of the importance of wolves in controlling prey populations. It would also help to avoid the extinction of a species since there are so many parts of the country where killing wolves is allowed.

Thank you!

Geneva [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1809 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:46:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Work it.

Correspondence ID: 1810 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:47:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1811 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:47:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 1812 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:47:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lucinda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1813 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:48:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale. With just two wolves there at present, the ecosystem is unable to thrive and the moose population will continue to grow out of proportion to the food supply.

Correspondence ID: 1814 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:48:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gail [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1815 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:48:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. This plan is the only way I can see that would grow the population of wolves and get the balance of nature back. Assuming the two remaining wolves are a male and a female, this plan would also strengthen the wolf population by introducing new lineage.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Joyce [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1816 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:48:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolf population to maintain ecological balance in the park.

Correspondence ID: 1817 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: More wolves needed, at Isle Royale National Park. Please take action on this.

Correspondence ID: 1818 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1819 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves as an important part of ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1820 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When I first visited Isle Royal in the early 70's, my main purpose was to hike the Greenstone Ridge Trail. I knew about the wolves and moose, saw some moose, heard the wolves. The same was true on subsequent visits where I put up the tent less and stayed in the shelters, on the shores of the inland lakes, more.

Isle Royal without wolves is frankly inconceivable. Encountering them is one of those things in life one hopes for, and dreads. It is essential to the Park.

Jim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1821 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1822 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1823 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:49:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm very concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Melissa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1824 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:50:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves remaining on Isle Royale By adding from the mainland .

Correspondence ID: 1825 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:50:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do the right thing. Thanks,

Correspondence ID: 1826 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:50:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Apex predators and the ecosystems that support them need our protection and maintenance. While many ill-informed people are afraid of wolves, they are a necessary and beautiful component of our native landscapes, from the Eastern US to Alaska and Mexico.

Small populations are often susceptible to diseases or other agents that threaten their continued existence. The addition of genetically different individuals mimics the natural population dynamics of the past, when landscapes were not cut up and cut off from each other by human development.

Therefore, sometimes we humans have to step in, and give Nature a helping hand.

Save the wolves. When I camped out on Isle Royal, the very thought of wolves being there made it a magical adventure. Seeing moose and red foxes, and loons, was wonderful, but my stay would have been immeasurably diminished without the wolf.

Correspondence ID: 1827 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:50:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1828 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:51:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my comments on this issue.

Correspondence ID: 1829 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:51:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C to bring new wolves to Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 1830 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:51:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All living creatures have a right to live. Please bring move wolves to this park.

Correspondence ID: 1831 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:51:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is an excellent idea needed to restore the natural balance to the area.

Correspondence ID: 1832 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:51:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do believe it is time to bring in new wolves to Isle Royale. The remaining wolves sound inbred now. I think that it would probably be a good idea to routinely add new bloodlines to the Isle Royale wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1833 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:52:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I remember the thrill of hearing wolves howling on a backpacking trip on Isle Royale in the 1970s. I also remember coming up on a gigantic moose and feeling humbled. We need wolves and moose on Isle Royale and I encourage you to do all possible to create a larger, healthy wolf population on that wonderful island.

Correspondence ID: 1834 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:52:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I hope that you will reintroduce some wolves to Isle Royale. Without wolves to keep their population in check the moose will become overcrowded and unhealthy. With global warming wolves will not be able to cross over to the island on ice. It would be better to have wolves on the island then to allow human hunters to prey on the moose killing some and wounding others.

Correspondence ID: 1835 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:52:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Use option C amd return wolves to Isle Royal National Park. They will start to kill moose amd stary a return to a more balanced ecosystem.
Do not set up tourist trips to go and see the wolves. Leave them alone.

Correspondence ID: 1836 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:52:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1837 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:52:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: do it.

Correspondence ID: 1838 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1839 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without a healthy pack of wolves the moose will destroy the ecosystem and vegetation on Isle Royale. It is necessary that new wolves be introduced to the island ASAP. This is a much better solution than shooting and killing them on the mainland.

Correspondence ID: 1840 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Christopher [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1841 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are needed to balance the ecosystem ... this is true everywhere. They don't deserve the reputation they have been given.

Correspondence ID: 1842 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: IT is time to bring back the wolves, STOP THE TROPHY HUNTING ON WOLVES..RE-INTRODUCE THEM TO THE PRISTINE WILDERNESS AND MAKE IT A CRIME TO SHOOT THEM OR TRAP THEM OR KILL THEM IN ANY WAY, AND INCLUDE HUGE FINES FOR ANY THAT DOES SHOOT A WOLF.....RANCHER, FARMER, OR OTHERWISE. They knew the wolves were then when they built their homes in these areas. IF THEY ARE NOT SMART ENOUGH , to find a way to live with the WOLVES.....then GET OUT!!!

Correspondence ID: 1843 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Evidently the wolf population at Isle Royale is almost at extinction level even though wolves are necessary there for natural ecological balance. For this reason I ask that you choose Option C, adding wolves to this park.

Thank you for requesting public opinion and providing this easy method of sending it to you.

Correspondence ID: 1844 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C. Please bring more wolves to the island. They are an essential part of a balanced ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1845 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:53:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Sample Message/Comments

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1846 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:54:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

Please choose Alternative C and bring new wolves to the island. They are needed to help keep the moose population in check. This is necessary to prevent devastation of the native vegetation.

There is a lone wolf that crosses our farm once or twice a year, and such majesty is worth preserving. Since a pack of wolves there at Isle Royale National Park can serve to keep nature in balance, their presence will be doubly valuable.

Please adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1847 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:54:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1848 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:54:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, introduce more wolves into the Isle Royale Park. This is essential to keep the ecosystem in tact. Thank You, Nan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1849 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:54:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1850 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:54:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose option C and bring wolves to Isle Royale. It's one of the few safe places for wolves in the US. No animal agriculture will be harmed. wolves unlike human hunters strengthen ungulate herds by taking the weakest and smallest of them instead of the big wall trophy individuals. Thanks for the chance to comment.

Correspondence ID: 1851 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:55:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Start supporting nature instead of killing it. we are not God's creatures, we are just another species. Figure it out before it's too late.

Correspondence ID: 1852 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:55:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. Wolves are a critical component of a healthy Isle Royale ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lynn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1853 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:55:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1854 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:55:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need at least one more pair of wolves at Isle Royale to keep the ecosystem operating properly.

Correspondence ID: 1855 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:56:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale's wolf population has been made famous by such novelists as Nevada Barr. They are beautiful, iconic and deserve their ecosystem to continue as a clean, safe place. People who visit deserve to see that unusual bit of nature unspoiled. It is your job to assure that. Do your job!

Correspondence ID: 1856 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:56:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Bring new wolves to Isle Royale National Park. Thank you for listening.

Correspondence ID: 1857 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:56:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves

Correspondence ID: 1858 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:56:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is time to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 1859 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When My grandfather was alive he and my grandma would go to Isle Royale National Park for two weeks. She would stay at the Lodge and he would backpack around the island. He loved the solitude and being one with nature but he always said that as long as there were wolves, the moose population would stay in check - they balanced each other. When the lake would freeze over, the wolves would come across. If the lake is not able to freeze then the wolves cannot get to the Island (thanks to climate change). Another thing he always said about Isle Royle is that Lake Superior never gives up its' dead - Predators are so important in keeping other animal populations in check. The wolves cannot swim over to the island as the water is to cold. If there are only two wolves left on the island, it is imperative that more are brought over to help keep the moose population in check and keep the wolf population healthy with other DNA.

Correspondence ID: 1860 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Ou

Correspondence ID: 1861 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves bring a spirit and vitality to the wilderness as well as an essential piece of natures chicks and balances. They have been a part of Isle Royal for a long time. To wolves cannot not sustain their continued presence. Do we know why they are disappearing? Please keep the research continuing on the factors for their decline. More wolves may prove to be critical to such research.

Correspondence ID: 1862 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs,

If there are no wolves on Isle Royale to keep the moose population in balance, the moose will kill the plants and then the moose will die. However, releasing new wolves on Isle Royale would also depend on the condition of the moose population there. Are the moose successfully reproducing viable calves or do the calves have birth defects like the moose calves here in Western United States? Do the moose have tick overload on Isle Royale that is killing them? Do the moose have laminitis and lameness on Isle Royale? The birth defects on moose in Glacier National Park and in Yellowstone National Park are not caused by inbreeding by the way. They are caused by epigenetic changes during fetal development. The main birth defects are underbite, overbite, reproductive malformations on the males, heart defects and thymus underdevelopment/inflammation, as well as some with damaged lungs, contracted tendons and herniated umbilicus.

If the moose population is thriving on Isle Royale and the newborns do not have such birth defects then new wolves should be released on Isle Royale as soon as possible. With warming temperatures, there is not likely to be enough ice for wolves to cross to Isle Royale for many years. Thus, I am in favor of releasing new wolves if the moose population is healthy and growing. Since I live in Montana, I can't track birth defects on moose or other wild ungulates in Eastern United States. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,
Judy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1863 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: save the natural ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 1864 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bless the beast and the children. For in this life, they have no choice. They have no voice.

Correspondence ID: 1865 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please our park ecosystem!

Correspondence ID: 1866 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please take a long term view when making decisions regarding wolf populations. The planet does not have the time or resources to recover from mistakes we humans make. Please take your role as stewards of our environmental resources seriously.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1867 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello there,

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Lets protect the Isle Royale's ecosystem!!!

Thank you!!

Correspondence ID: 1868 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Larry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1869 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

It has been proven in Yellowstone and other wild places that wolves restore and prop up the entire balance of nature. Other species- -plant and animal- - flourish when wolves are present. I am pleased to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Wolves also bring tourists to view and photograph them, and this would produce a positive economic benefit to the local community.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1870 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:57:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1871 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:58:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1872 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:58:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sergio [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1873 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:58:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1874 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:58:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1875 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:58:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future

of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1876 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:59:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the addition of more wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 1877 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of a combination of B & D. I would like to see a diverse collection of mating pairs delivered to the island, followed by setting parameters as mentioned in plan D for both moose and vegetative guidelines. The Park Service could then closely monitor the wolf/moose population to understand whether these introduced pairs would suffer the same fate as the previous pack. If they did, then further introductions would be futile until the reason for the reduction is understood fully.
There was a reason that the population dwindled to the remaining two and it would be important to understand why this occurred, given that there is no hunting on the island. Since the wolf has no predator, other than man, the usual reason for a dwindling population is lack of food; famine induced sterility.

Correspondence ID: 1878 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:59:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It can be sad to even think about happening. It can be the last thing one would ever imagine to see. I know I don't want watch. Nature can be cruel...but humans can be even more cruel. Nature needs balance. The world gets out of whack and everyone suffers-even those humans who just can't understand the need.
Wolves were made to be top predators-to keep populations below them on the food chain under control to keep the food web in balance. Moose will populate too much without wolves and will not only do great harm to their ecosystem but to themselves. Moose will become sickly.
We humans can be at the top of the food chain because of our brains so lets use our brains and bring wolves to Isle Royale National Park to keep the moose healthy and their habitat in check. Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 1879 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:59:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Please introduce more wolves to Isle Royale to increase their genetic diversity and maintain a healthy wolf population on the island.

I agree with the National Parks Conservation Association in supporting Option C.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1880 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 13:59:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Sample Message/Comments

Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Judge [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1881 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gena [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1882 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Phyllis Green,

I implore you and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

One of my best vacations included a visit to Isle Royale. While I live in Texas now, I still ask that you adopt Option C for all future park visitors!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lori [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1883 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring into action Option C more wolves will be brought into the Isle Royale area to keep the balance of nature in check.

Correspondence ID: 1884 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please enact Alternative C. Isle Royale is a very delicate ecosystem of which the wolf as primary predator, is an integral part of the health of the entire island. Without a primary predator, moose would population would grow unchecked causing serious damage to the flora and fauna of the island.

Correspondence ID: 1885 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to express support of stringent protection measures for the Isle Royale Wolves. The population has now dwindled to 2 wolves and is in EXTREME DANGER of being wiped out altogether.

Please do the right thing and implement immediate protection for these wolves.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1886 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1887 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1888 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:00:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C

Correspondence ID: 1889 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:01:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please place 6-12 more wolves on Isle Royale this year in order to have a breeding population there and in order to keep the moose population in check. Thanks, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1890 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1891 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you NPS for keeping me up to date on the Isle Royale wolf crisis. I love wolves and hope you can bring back the wolf population to Isle Royale.

Thanks again,
[REDACTED]

I would like to keep my personal information and comment confidential.

Correspondence ID: 1892 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Man needs to stop interfering with the balance of nature. Leave the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 1893 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep me informed of progress.

Correspondence ID: 1894 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

As a long-time resident of Michigan I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1895 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park's wolf population has dwindled down to two individuals, whereas it has been as high as 50 wolves. The ecosystem needs more wolves to control the moose population; out of control moose will decimate native plants and eventually will starve when they run out of food.

I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island; this action - supported by scientific experts and research - is the best alternative offered to balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 1896 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:02:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Francis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1897 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:03:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves were close to extinction, were brought back and released in the wild. Now people are trying to kill them off faster than they can multiply. I understand it can be a problem with ranchers but I would think a occasional loss would be worth the benefit wolves are to the environment. This is a proven benefit and should be considered when a wolf is killed (murdered).

Correspondence ID: 1898 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is critical that wolves be re-introduced in the the park.

Correspondence ID: 1899 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:03:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1900 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:03:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When charismatic species such as wolves disappear from an area, the entire ecosystem of that area suffers. Please bring them back!

Correspondence ID: 1901 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:03:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

Please choose Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 1902 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:03:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Restoration of wolves to other sensitive areas has made dramatic impacts needed to balance an entire ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Deborah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1903 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:04:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PROTECT THE WOLVES!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 1904 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:04:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park, while greatly diminishing the visitor experience. .

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Marianne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1905 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:04:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband hiked and camped on Isle Royale in the 1970's and loved the wild place with wolves howling in the night. And there are only 2 left. That is outrageous. What have you done to this beautiful place. You have made it a desert of wildlife. Bring it back to its glory and wildlife. It will not be a place to visit with the millinials if you don't get it back to its wild state. So bring back the wolves and the BALANCE OF NATURE!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 1906 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:05:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1907 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:05:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1908 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:05:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

The presence of only two wolves raises doubts about the future of the island's ecosystem. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone, with terrible effects on plants and animals. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Susan ■

Correspondence ID: 1909 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:05:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves and entire ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1910 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:05:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm contemplating a return to the state, but I despair of some of the decisions that are made related to its fragile environment. Please prevent tragedy by introducing fresh bloodlines to that failing band of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1911 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:06:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1912 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:06:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 1913 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:07:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns

Correspondence ID: 1914 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:07:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1915 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:07:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Thank you for your help!

Correspondence ID: 1916 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:07:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C requires the National Park Service to bring additional wolves to Park Royale in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, this action seems best to balance the island's delicate environment.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually their running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Thank you for following this option.

Correspondence ID: 1917 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:07:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1918 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:08:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves belong in this ecosystem more than humans do. Let them be where they are part of the circle of life and able to do their thing naturally.

Correspondence ID: 1919 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:08:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to keep the top feeders in play so that there is an ecological balance.

Correspondence ID: 1920 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:08:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. Any ecological system requires a balance of different species of plants and animals. More wolves are needed to restore that balance at Isle Royale. Ultimately, without the wolves, the moose population itself will be in danger for lack of food, and the native vegetation will likewise have been destroyed. Option C is the best way to restore ecological balance to Isle Royale by bringing back the wolf population.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Philip [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1921 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:08:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves

Correspondence ID: 1922 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:08:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have repeatedly proven to be vital in maintaining a healthy, strong well balanced ecosystem. Act on behalf of what is in the best interest of our precious environment rather than making decisions to satisfy powerful special interests. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1923 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:08:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1924 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:09:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While the uneducated and manipulated politicians of our NRA/gun lobby controlled state and national governments continue hell-bent, not only to eliminate wolves in areas supposedly sacrosanct to hunters and ranchers, but to achieving the eventual extinction of those very animals that are critically vital in maintaining a viable balance of nature... return Isle Royale to the safe haven for wolves it once was so that it may become an educating example of how wolves, in fact, are essential in preserving a sustainable ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 1925 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:10:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Fred [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1926 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:10:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kathleen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1927 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:10:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop

Correspondence ID: 1928 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:10:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1929 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: bringing some more wolves be nice unless what happens when save them like in Florida now they butchered most the poor bears they brought back instead of accepting the non-violent solution the residents were happy with they used the bears as an excuse to kill the poor things against as I said the residents preferences so maybe it would be better not help them as Yellowstone park is another one that prefers to kill instead of protecting their animals. They murdered a poor mother bear and dump her cubs in a lousy zoo.They need to hire new people at Yellowstone the currents ones are thoughtless assholes, It was not the mother bears fault some asshole did not follow the rules and got killed he asked for it.if he had not gone off on his own he would be alive today.So who do the jerks they punish 3 innocent animals suffer due to some jerk. I would rather not see anymore animals brought back just to be killed later.

Correspondence ID: 1930 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jean [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1931 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves should be left alone without human interference.

Correspondence ID: 1932 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem and should be reintroduced and left alone to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 1933 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jill and Jim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1934 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider bringing wolves back to Isle Royale by bringing additional wolves to the park in order to best balance the Island's delicate ecosystem. In order for any ecosystem to thrive, it's necessary to have predators which keep other animals such as moose don't overpopulate, therefore, consuming all the native plants leaving some of the animals to starve to death.

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Andrea [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1935 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Steven [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1936 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:11:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Scott [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1937 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:12:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

It's great to see that the Park Service narrowing the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. The future of the island's ecosystem, as well as the visitor experience, is at risk with only two wolves on the island. Without this large predator, the moose population will continue to increase. We've seen this before at Yellowstone, although there it was the elk which were overgrazing native vegetation. Not only is this bad for preserving native flora, it also negatively impacts other native wildlife. It also undermines the natural experience for visitors.

I strongly support Alternative C: introducing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population and curtail the moose herd. This is a sound, scientific approach reflecting the research that has already been conducted by NPS on the predator/prey relationship and it's dynamic, ecological role.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Don [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1938 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:12:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1939 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:12:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

I wish to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, that isn't enough to maintain a viable population. I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 1940 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:13:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that wolves are an important part of the ecosystem and should not have been hunted down to where they could not sustain their population, making it necessary, as it was in Florida regarding the Florida Panther, to import wolves to make the population viable again. Wolves do much more than kill ungulates, they help all parts of the ecosystem remain healthy and viable, without wolves, the environment decays, the rivers get choked with vegetation, the beavers do not build dams, the forests wither and die, and the ungulates die also from lack of vegetation to browse upon. Wolves help the ecosystem by keeping the numbers of prey animals in check so that they do not overbreed and harm the ecosystem and themselves, wolves left alone do not overbreed either-their numbers are regulated by the number of prey animals available-in lean years, the wolves do not reproduce, or have smaller litters, in years where the prey is overabundant the wolves have large litters to control those numbers. The ecosystem manages itself with out man's interference. Please increase the Isle Royale wolves to the point that they are once again a viable population.

Correspondence ID: 1941 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:13:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, new wolves need to be brought to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1942 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:13:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Greetings,
I fully support bringing new wolves to Isle Royale. Thank you, Gina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1943 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:14:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need a stable wolf population God had a plan to bad we don't

Correspondence ID: 1944 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:14:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 1945 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:15:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support option C - - bringing in new wolves to stabilize the Isle Royale ecosystem. When the apex predator is missing from the equation the prey population will overpopulate and their food supply will be over-grazed with resulting starvation of the moose and other herbivorous species.

With little to no chance of enough ice forming to provide a pathway for more wolves to reach Isle Royale, option C provides the best chance to restore the balance of the ecosystem and prevent it's destruction.

Correspondence ID: 1946 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:15:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

It's great to see the Park Service narrowing the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. The future of the island's ecosystem, as well as the visitor experience, is at risk with only two wolves on the island. Without this large predator, the moose population will continue to increase. We've seen this before at Yellowstone, although there it was the elk which were overgrazing native vegetation. Not only is this bad for preserving native flora, it also negatively impacts other native wildlife and undermines the natural experience for visitors.

I strongly support Alternative C: introducing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population and curtail the moose herd. This is a sound, scientific approach reflecting the research that has already been conducted by NPS on the predator/prey relationship and it's dynamic role in the ecological web of life.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Don [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1947 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:15:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

With only two wolves left at Isle Royale National Park, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the

moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kris [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1948 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:15:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

The last time I backpacked Isle Royale in 1983 there was a healthy population of over two dozen wolves and a proportionate moose population. Now with only 2 wolves left I fear that the moose population will denude the island of vegetation.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1949 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:15:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs more wolves if it is to continue having Moose. Without wolves, its moose population will continue to increase dramatically, and those additional moose will eat far too many of the island's native plants. Eventually, they'll run out of food and some will starve, while at the same time too many moose will disrupt the natural stability of the island. Thus, it is essential that the National Park Service bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I understand that you are considering several options, and that it is Option C that I think will, for the reasons I've stated, best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island as well as best balance the island's delicate environment. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place, less complete and less natural, without its wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1950 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:15:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lora [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1951 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Toni [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1952 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring the wolves back to Isle Royale so the ecosystem stays in order and to protect the national park. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1953 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 1954 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is time to bring a new wolf population to the park in order to balance the environment of the island.
Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 1955 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. Isle Royale is a remote wilderness island, located in Lake Superior with a population of wolves and moose. It is believed that wolves came to the island from mainland sources, over ice bridges that are becoming less common in a warming climate. Over the years, moose and wolf populations fluctuated but were always entwined and the moose-wolf-vegetation food web was tightly coupled. However with the lack of new wolves migrating to the island, genetic diversity declined. The latest survey shows the wolf population has declined to only 2. These remaining wolves are 6 & 8 years old. This is the lowest level since studies began in 1959. Meanwhile the moose population is increasing at a rate of about 22% (population now estimated to exceed 1300).

With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

Wolves are the only predators of moose on Isle Royale. Bringing new wolves to the island is the fastest way to restore the predator population to a level of health that can exert effective control over an expanding moose population. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population, and increase the genetic diversity. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 1956 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If the moose population expands and feasts on native plants, the solution is to bring in new wolf packs to control the moose population.

Correspondence ID: 1957 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. So bring them in already!! It sounds like the perfect place for wolves!!! It also sounds like a win/win- -which is what I always try to go for.....

Our beautiful wolves DESPERATELY need places to live where they're not mass murdered by helicopters & constantly threatened by ranchers....

WE the people have spoken.....

Correspondence ID: 1958 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:16:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider expanding the wolf population as nature require a balance of animal species to keep everthing balanced.

Correspondence ID: 1959 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:17:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think that it is very important to reestablish the wold population at Isle Royale as they are a very important part of the predator/prey balance of the park. Because this is an island habitat with a limited genetic pool in the wolf population it is probably insufficient to merely support the protection of the existing wolves on the island. By introducing new animals into the park from another area it should help the Isle Royale wolf population develop more genetic rigor which should help create a more stable future wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 1960 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:17:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a necessary part of the to keep the ecosystem in balance.

Correspondence ID: 1961 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:17:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Best regards,
Jason [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1962 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:17:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are the most important species in the wilderness environment. They cull out sick and dying animals and prevent herds from overgrazing and destroying the land. The wolves are a special part of our eco system. We all benefit from them. They must be protected and allowed to live as they are meant to.

Correspondence ID: 1963 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:17:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jordan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1964 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:18:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. The park would be very diminished without wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1965 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:18:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ken [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1966 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Joanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1967 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Catherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1968 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes it is important to reintroduce more wolves to the island in order to help balance it's delicate ecosystem and check the moose numbers.

Correspondence ID: 1969 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:19:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I believe new wolves should be brought to the island to maintain the moose population and reduce negative impacts to the environment/vegetation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1970 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1971 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am against the inclusion of any predators into the environment unless needed for some emergency management then they should be removed after the emergency has ended, by any means necessary.

The inclusion of wolves into my region has only decimated deer herds, turned them nocturnal, nearly absent during hunting season, unless you walk upon them sleeping.

I don't know who thought of the idea of introducing wolves across America unless you think they will hunt animals that eat our produce, if so, you failed to remember that they will eat our livestock, and the animals we prey on for sustenance...

And for someone to make claim that only 2 are left, how many do you see on your own walking when there are 10 or 100s around, they do not wish to be seen, they stalk us in the background and stay out of our view, for all the person claiming 2 knows is that there are a dozen there now, unless you donated a satellite to watch for weeks on end infrared monitoring and spending million in public funds finding out this exact number...

Did they task a satellite?

Please stop introducing wolves, if issue was put to national or regional vote, I am certain you would be in the minority with your logic...

Offer the public a moose hunt instead, if you are afraid of overgrazing or over population...

No one I know kills wolves to eat for food, and then the anti-fur groups made it so you can't sell their pelts or wear their furs in public.

They forget where we came from and how our ancestors lived...

I encourage a moose hunt with lottery system instead.

You could likely make money this method and keep hunters happy.

Correspondence ID: 1972 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In this circumstance, it makes no sense for us NOT to bring new wolf DNA to this area.

We love that wolves are there. It's incumbent upon us as stewards for this place to take the appropriate action to insure a healthy population. They clearly can't manage that themselves.

Correspondence ID: 1973 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:19:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE, return the wolves to the Isle Royale National Park. Now only two wolves live there. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, new wolves are needed at Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 1974 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:20:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 1975 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:20:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have done well in other park areas - why not Isle Royale????

Correspondence ID: 1976 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:20:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 1977 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:21:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1978 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:21:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Damian [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1979 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:21:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 1980 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:21:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With astonishment and sadness I read the awful news about loved and sacred wolves in your national Park

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Please honour the beauty and wise presence of the wolf in the Park

Correspondence ID: 1981 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:21:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns..

Sincerely,
Jack

Correspondence ID: 1982 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:22:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 1983 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:22:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cindy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1984 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:23:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 1985 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:23:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I first went to Isle Royale in 1955 as a Boy Scout. In my 40 year absence from the island, I read much of its history and the ecological balance between wolves and moose. When I returned to the island in 1995 I thrilled at the numerous moose sightings and the night time howls of the wolves. I have worried about the dwindling wolf population in recent years and understand very well the danger this portends for moose overgrazing the vegetation and ruining this National Park gem.

Please implement the introduction of new wolves to the island to enhance the wolf gene pool and maintain an ecological balance on this island paradise.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Harold [REDACTED]

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 1986 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:23:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Terry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1987 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:23:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Drew [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1988 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:24:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As much as I dislike animals killing another it is so important to keep nature balanced.

I live where the deer are taking over and eating the shrubs around the neighborhoods and no predators to control them,

I have to spend hours come winter putting up deer netting and in the spring removing it.

the deer are up setting the balance of the woods.

Please bring the wolves back to serve their purpose.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1989 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:24:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1990 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:24:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please save the wolves. They need federal protection to keep them safe.

Correspondence ID: 1991 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:24:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Liz [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1992 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:24:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 1993 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:25:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: How sad that the population of wolves has declined so radically! Bring them back!

Correspondence ID: 1994 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:25:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. As a Michigander and family of someone who made a life in the National Park Service (Frank [REDACTED]), I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Melissa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1995 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:25:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: http://earthsky.org/earth/overgrazing-by-deer-is-changing-the-face-of-u-s-forests?utm_source=EarthSkyNews&utm_campaign=2a1b8f0bbc-EarthSky_News&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c643945d79-2a1b8f0bbc-393635897

The attached link briefly mentions how the decreasing number of wolves, among other factors, has led to a huge increase in the number of deer across the country. I believe this is very pertinent, considering the ecological/environmental damage over-populous deer are and will continue to cause. Soon, the same will happen with moose on Isle Royale. You're a scientist, an expert on this, I'm sure you know the results of removing an apex predator from the food chain. Per Wikipedia "The removal of top-level predators, often recently through human agency, can radically cause (or disrupt) trophic cascades. A commonly cited example of apex predators affecting an ecosystem is Yellowstone National Park. After the reintroduction of the gray wolf in 1995, researchers noticed drastic changes occurring in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Elk, the primary prey of the gray wolf, became less abundant and changed their behavior, freeing riparian zones from constant grazing. The respite allowed willows, aspens, and cottonwoods to grow, creating habitat for beaver, moose, and scores of other species. In addition to the effects on prey species, the gray wolf's presence also affected the park's grizzly bear, a vulnerable species. The bears, emerging from hibernation, chose to scavenge off wolf kills after fasting for months. They can also eat wolf kills in autumn to prepare for hibernation. As grizzly bears give birth during hibernation, a greater food supply may improve the mothers nutrition and increase the number of cubs. Dozens of other species, including eagles, ravens, magpies, coyotes, and black bears, have been documented scavenging from wolf kills. " There appears to be many various benefits to having a robust wolf population versus the absence of wolves. Because there are only two remaining wolves on Isle Royale, for this ecosystem to continue to thrive, it is imperative to bring in new wolves. Without wolves, the islands moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Thank you very much.

Correspondence ID: 1996 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:26:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternate C

Correspondence ID: 1997 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:26:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly recommend adding new wolves to Isle Royal in order to maintain the proper balance with the moose on Isle Royal. The need for bringing in new wolves is urgent since the wolf population is down to two.

Correspondence ID: 1998 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:26:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.
Deb [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 1999 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:26:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without the wolves to control the population of prey animals, they will leave the land to the mercy of the herbivores which will cause erosion. This is bad for ranchers and the public. Even towns can become overrun with these animals especially small town that do not have the funds to control these pest.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2000 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:26:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring in New Wolves to Isle Royale Area.

Correspondence ID: 2001 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:26:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ask that you add more wolves to Isle Royale by using option C. We need to have a balances ecosystem.

Please don't let my personal identifiable information be made public.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2002 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:27:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves belong in Isle Royale. DC Wolves should help or no vote from me.

Correspondence ID: 2003 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:27:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stand up for the Isle Royal wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2004 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:27:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves require aggressive protection. Predators are an essential component to a healthy ecology. This is because of Predator Trophic Cascades that function in complex feedback loops that benefit every member species of the local ecology.

Correspondence ID: 2005 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:27:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the wildlife management plan for Isle Royale National Park (the "Plan"). I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of the Plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park.

I'm concerned about the future of Isle Royale's ecosystem and the visitor experience because there are only two wolves left there. Without adequate numbers of this apex predator, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until their food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants all the rest of the wildlife in the park.

I therefore support Alternative C in the Plan, which will bring new wolves to the island as is drastically needed to maintain their population and believe that

the National Park Service should immediately adopt and implement this option to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2006 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:28:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLZ adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

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Correspondence ID: 2007 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:28:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves were put on this earth to serve a purpose and you will destroy the purpose if wolves are killed

Correspondence ID: 2008 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:28:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2009 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:28:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the wildlife management plan for Isle Royale National Park (the "Plan"). I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of the Plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park.

I'm concerned about the future of Isle Royale's ecosystem and the visitor experience because there are only two wolves left there. Without adequate numbers of this apex predator, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until their food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and all the rest of the wildlife in the park.

I therefore support Alternative C in the Plan, which will bring new wolves to the island as is drastically needed to maintain their population and believe that the National Park Service should immediately adopt and implement this option to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2010 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:28:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is time to recognise our responsibility in crippling the Isle's ecosystem and bring back the wolves to a healthy population

Correspondence ID: 2011 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:29:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring new wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 2012 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:29:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please import several wolves to Isle Royale. The different gene pool will help in diversifying the current population of 2, and help with the moose overpopulation. Plus, it could help start a new diverse gene pool for importation to other areas which are land-locked (Yellowstone, etc.).

Correspondence ID: 2013 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:29:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is in regard to the wolf management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am glad to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. There are only two wolves left at Isle Royale, which greatly impacts the ecosystem and the visitor experience. The moose population will greatly increase and soon there will be no food left for other wildlife and will have a harmful impact.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. This will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

This management option needs to be adopted quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter.

Correspondence ID: 2014 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:29:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2015 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:29:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: God please

Correspondence ID: 2016 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:29:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that refreshing the wolf population of Isle Royale should be one step in revitalizing the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2017 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:29:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2018 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:30:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been to most of the National Parks and Isle Royale is one of my favorites. It was several years ago that I heard wolves howl! I got shivers then, but now I have tears in my eyes to think that I (and many others) may never experience that again. Please do whatever is necessary to keep wolves at Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2019 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:30:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring more wolves to Isle Royal and keep the ecosystem balanced. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2020 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:30:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With the tenuous situation of wolves around our Nation, the security and diversity of the population on Isle Royale must be artificially maintained by our intervention of introducing a diverse genetic group.

Correspondence ID: 2021 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:30:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of the Isle Royale Park plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Karena

Correspondence ID: 2022 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:30:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I very much support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. I urge protection for Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jean [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2023 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:31:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves belong on Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 2024 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:31:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank-you for this opportunity to comment on the plan for Isle Royale National Park. With the focus narrowed to only the future of wolves in the park, I'm concerned that other wildlife populations are likely to get out of control. Moose, for example, would flourish, resulting in more vegetation destruction & possible starvation as food sources are exhausted. For a park like this to remain viable, the entire ecosystem should be considered, rather than being shortsighted by tunnel vision.

Again, thank-you for your overseeing our wonderful park system to balance interests of park visitors as well as wildlife residents.

Correspondence ID: 2025 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:31:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wild life on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2026 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bob and Carolyn ■

Correspondence ID: 2027 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2028 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2029 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2030 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2031 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To bring the environmental system back in balance, we need a vibrant wolf population on Isle Royale; thus I ask you to introduce new wolves onto the island. It is imperative.

Correspondence ID: 2032 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:32:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the animals of this area...

Correspondence ID: 2033 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:33:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do every thing in your power to protect and preserve the precious Isle Royale ecosystem and the wolves that inhabit it.

Correspondence ID: 2034 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:33:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let more wolves onto island for helping the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2035 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:33:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Introduce more wolves to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 2036 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:33:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2037 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:34:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It Has been proven that wolves help to bring natural balances too the eco system and animal population. In areas where wolves have their packs the natural fauna and landscape have returned to the way that it was before we drove wolves and other predators. stop killing these animals and support them.

Correspondence ID: 2038 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:34:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A carefully balanced ecosystem is vital to the survival our public lands. One can only look at Yellowstone to see the incredible transformation of this national park after wolves were reintroduced. Wetlands flourished and other species were kept in control thereby preserving flora and fauna. Wolves have been maligned for centuries based on myths and scare tactics. and the pleasure some people find in shooting, poisoning or trapping them. Wolves have a natural fear of humans and I can think of no reason to keep them out of Isle Royale. For the long term health of this park I favor Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 2039 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves can be a great asset to cut down on moose population

Correspondence ID: 2040 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:35:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2041 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:36:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: yes we should bring more wolves to Isle royal, I am sure the UP will find some more problem wolves to kill, so we should move them to Isle Royal . much better idea then having some nut wearing their tooth around his neck.

Correspondence ID: 2042 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:36:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

George [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2043 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:36:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michele [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2044 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please release wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2045 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:37:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to bring more wolves to the area in order to keep the environment in balance. There are many places where they are killing wolves so they could introduce those to the area.

Correspondence ID: 2046 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:37:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale's ecosystem can not possibly remain in balance without wolves present to keep other wildlife in check and at healthy numbers. Please repopulate the Isle with additional wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2047 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:37:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a key member of the top predator population. Top predators are essential for the health of the prey population and for maintaining balance and prey food supplies.
Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 2048 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:38:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sara

Correspondence ID: 2049 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:38:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They need to bring at least 3 pairs from different parts of the Country so that there is some Diversity and less inbreeding . I've backpacked there for years and there is nothing like hearing the Wolves at night . I love Isle Royale , take good care of it .

Correspondence ID: 2050 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:38:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2051 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:38:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In 1975, when I was young, 29, I arrived with my then husband and son who was 8 yrs old. We had driven from Pennsylvania for our planned backpacking trip of the Isle from one end to the other. We left the boat and walked to the first campground and set up for beginning our trip the next day. We attended the ranger program that evening and planned the hike. As we walked from one end to the other, we saw wolf tracks on the trail, but never saw the wolves. Still we were quite aware that they were there. We saw moose, a few times and thoroughly enjoyed our 5 day hike and 6 day stay. I think of it often and would love to return, this time to stay in the hotel.

What will happen to the Isle without wolves? You MUST import some new wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2052 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:39:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is a prime example of what happens when man interferes with nature. Wolves are one of only two predators that is able to bring down a moose. When the wolf population is decimated like it currently is on Isle Royale, too many moose survived and destroy natural vegetation on the Isle. You need to increase the wolf population so that the balance of nature can return to normal.

Correspondence ID: 2053 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:39:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern: (should be everyone!)

Without wolves, the Isle Royale moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of

consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

In summation, I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2054 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:40:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is time we support and respect the animals on our earth. They create balance, not only for the vegetation and local animals, but also for us humans!

Correspondence ID: 2055 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:40:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want to protect the Isle Royale Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2056 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:41:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's imperative to have wolves on Isle Royale to keep the balance of nature in check.

Correspondence ID: 2057 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:41:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Predators must be protected, they balance the environment and are integral to on-going health of all species and of the land and waters.
Isle Royale needs more wolves. Please bring the necessary numbers of wolves to rebalance this sadly depleted island.
Do not allow any killing, trapping, shooting, roundups, poison, of any creatures.

Correspondence ID: 2058 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:41:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2059 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:42:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2060 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:42:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With only 2 wolves left the time is NOW to introduce more wolves or this population will no longer be in existence and HOW SAD for all of us!!! Wolves play an important part in nature and MUST be preserved for future generations! Please take the proper measures NOW to ensure the existence of these magnificent creatures!

Correspondence ID: 2061 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:43:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our animals, land, resources, parks etc. NEED to be appreciated and saved!

Correspondence ID: 2062 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:44:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There needs to be enough individuals in a population to make it viable. Introduce more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2063 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:44:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is time to repopulate Isle Royale with it's wolves. If they were indigenous to the Isle, they should be repopulated. No living thing should be allowed to disappear for the sake of civilizations short-sightedness. We as a people need to realize that the animals on this EARTH are as important as humans, and were here far longer than we have been here. Stop tearing down animal habitats for new building, find old derelict buildings and either rehab, refurbish or tear those down and rebuild them.

Correspondence ID: 2064 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:44:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, margo [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2065 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:45:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Predators are more important than prey. Haven't we learned our lesson yet?

Correspondence ID: 2066 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:45:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Brigitte [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2067 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:45:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to keep balance on Isl Royal. To do this new Wolves need to be introduced to the island. This is an amazing part of Michigan we need to work to preserve it.

Correspondence ID: 2068 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:45:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Option C is the way to go. We need to stop the killing of wolves, and start re-introducing them back into the wild.

Correspondence ID: 2069 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:46:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Christa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2070 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:46:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2071 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:46:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am hopeful that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm very concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. What a disaster this will create.

I definitively support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2072 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:46:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are necessary for a balanced environment.

Correspondence ID: 2073 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:47:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider bringing new wolf bloodlines to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2074 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:47:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Steps must be taken to increase the wolf population on Isle Royale to maintain the necessary ecological balance. Wolves help control the population of moose and other animals, and therefore help to maintain the necessary vegetation so that all important species may survive. There are currently only two wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2075 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:48:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Brian [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2076 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:48:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2077 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:48:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cecilia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2078 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:49:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are essential to all the ecosystems they patrol, but hugely more important to Isle Royale than most because of its closed nature. In a closed system like this island, wolves are the only thing between disaster for the moose and the endangered plants in the Isle Royale ecosystems.

All the wolves that ever lived on Isle Royale came from outside the park. It is essential for new genetic stock to be imported again. If this is not done the essentials of this beautiful park will collapse.

It is incumbent upon us, the guardians of this resource to take the only actions that will protect it, and this means, balancing out the moose/wolf relationship. Please authorize these preservative measures, today!

Thank you for reading,

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Correspondence ID: 2079 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:49:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves need to be brought back to Isle Royale!!

Correspondence ID: 2080 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:49:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a prerequisite for a healthy ecosystem. without them since they are a top level predator everything else is doomed to failure. You need to bolster their population before it's too late.

Correspondence ID: 2081 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:49:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C
Bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2082 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:49:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2083 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:50:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am strongly in favor of bringing new wolves to Isle Royale to help balance the eco system. It is my understanding that this is Option C of the options under consideration.

This is to evidence my support of Option C.

Thank you,

Jan ██████████

Correspondence ID: 2084 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:50:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future

of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2085 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:51:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a keystone species. As go wolves, so goes the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2086 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:51:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2087 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:52:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2088 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:53:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support option C of bringing new wolves in. Keep the balance of the ecosystem alive and well. It is important that we protect and preserve our resources, and the balance of the ecosystem in the majestic land.
Thank you for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 2089 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:53:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is one of those weird times where human intervention is needed to return an area to a more natural state - transplant a few wolves to Isle Royale National Park. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 2090 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:54:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has

narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

Two wolves means a great risk for inbreeding and all the negative involved in that. More wolves will create a larger gene pool and a better balance in the eco system.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Annmari [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2091 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:54:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2092 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:54:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Connor [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2093 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:54:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am feeling hopeful that the future of wolves at the park has become a primary focus of the welfare of the park. I am concerned, however, about the future of the island's ecosystem and visitor experience because there are only two wolves left at Isle Royale. The ecosystem is out of balance without more wolves. The moose population will continue to increase, depleting the food sources. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I urge the National Park Service to adopt and implement this management option as soon as possible to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2094 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:55:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C ...intro Duce more wolves. This will result in a healthier moose population and return the island to a more vital state.

Correspondence ID: 2095 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:55:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to express my encouragement in the plan to focus on the reintroduction of wolves to Royale Isle. I would like to encourage option C. The reintroduction will only strengthen the ecosystem of the area as well as the visitor experience. With only 2 wolves left they cannot keep moose population in check nor have any genetic diversity. I implore you to bring wolves back to the area and put a mandatory hunting ban in place.

Correspondence ID: 2096 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:56:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Clearly, something needs to be done to safeguard this ecosystem.

With NPCA I support Option C which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

I have visited Isle Royale and appreciate the quiet forest. Please preserve this so that others may experience it.

Correspondence ID: 2097 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:56:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect the park. Wolves help protect the park by controlling the moose population.

Correspondence ID: 2098 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:56:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised range of alternatives for the Isle Royale Wolves EIS. I strongly support alternative C, bringing wolves to the island as often as needed for at least the next 20 years. I believe that the NPS should work to maintain a population of wolves on Isle Royale as a means to maintain a stable, healthy population of moose and to thereby better manage vegetation. I also think Isle Royale represents an important opportunity to allow large predator/prey relationships to flourish, as well as to allow visitors to observe that relationship. And I think it is important to do what we can to improve the survivorship and distribution of wolves, who have been vilified, lost much of their habitat/range, and whose populations have dwindled sharply over the last hundred or so years. The conservation of predators is an important (and too often overlooked) part of conservation, and I believe Isle Royale has an important role to play in that conservation.

Sincerely,

Amy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2099 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:57:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns .

Sincerely,
Sara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2100 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 14:57:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2101 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:58:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Correspondence ID: 2102 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:58:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Correspondence ID: 2103 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:58:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 2104 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:59:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think that bringing new wolves to the island will help best sustain the ecosystem. I have read in the past few years the issues and have always felt that an increase in wolf diversity would be best. It's unfortunate that the pack is now down to 2 wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2105 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:59:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Corey ██████████

Correspondence ID: 2106 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:59:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin ██████████

Correspondence ID: 2107 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:59:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Two wolves when there were 50 doesn't sound as if a balanced ecosystem is being promoted or addressed. Hopefully it will be in the future.

Correspondence ID: 2108 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:59:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the environment and save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2109 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 14:59:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a supporter of the national parks, I ask that you please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2110 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:00:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow the relocation of Wolves to this park location! We would all appreciate it if you could do something to alleviate this situation.

Correspondence ID: 2111 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:00:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Living in the heart of Midwestern wolf country, I know that wolves play an integral role in a healthy ecosystem. To increase their presence in an area that is lacking an appropriate population will do only good.

Correspondence ID: 2112 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:00:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green-

It is with great sincerity and hope that I write to you asking for your help in re-establishing the wildlife that must be part of Isle Royales as Nature had intended. And of course, that being reintroducing the wolf population. I truly feel our American natural heritage is on the brink of grave danger as the agencies that were placed in positions to protect and conserve these areas are obviously at the opposite end of the spectrum. It is so wrong and inane to think they are there to do what they want rather than what is right for our wilderness and wildlife.

This is a wonderful opportunity to stand up and allow Nature to care for itself without human destruction or interference. These magnificent animals are a treasure to the ecosystems and play a vital part in the chain/balance of life. They have been under siege and only someone with the intelligence to turn the tide can be the Isle's savior.

Thanking you for your help and kindness. Most sincerely, Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2113 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:00:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: WILL EVERYONE JUST STOP ALL OF THIS SENSELESS KILLING OF ANIMALS!!!

Correspondence ID: 2114 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:00:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2115 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:00:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2116 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:01:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale. What a thought that there are only 2 at the moment. It is important for the balance of the island and will help keep the moose population under control. Wolves are struggling all over the United States due to human greed and cruelty and soon there won't be any wolves left. Soon there might not be a world left! We have to protect them, protect our earth. Please make it so. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2117 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:01:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Option C which requiring the National Park Service to import wolves to Isle Royale National Park in order to maintain a healthy, viable population of wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2118 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:01:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am asking that you seriously consider bringing wolves back to Isle Royale in order to best manage the moose and all other aspects of the ecosystem. If you have not already done so, I highly recommend you read The Wolf's Tooth, by Cristina Eisenberg. This is what she studied, the effect of tropic cascades, and the crucial role that predators play in a balanced ecosystem. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2119 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:02:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am writing to ask you to support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you in advance for doing the right thing.

Sincerely,

Corinna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2120 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:02:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need more wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2121 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:02:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let the wolves live. They are a part of the natural food chain that eat moose & other animals. Why are people messing with them. I don't understand. They aren't bad!

Correspondence ID: 2122 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:03:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Phyllis Green, Isle Royale National Park Superintendent:

Without wolves, Isle Royale's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

As you consider your management options, please know that I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2123 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:03:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Per the National Parks Conversation Association:

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2124 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:03:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I hope you will implement Alternative C as quickly as possible to avert these problems.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2125 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:04:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.
thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2126 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:04:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Option C to bring more wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 2127 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:05:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take care of the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2128 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:05:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring the wolves back.

Correspondence ID: 2129 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:06:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keeping an ecosystem healthy requires both predator AND prey in balance. So, let us restore predators! Pretty direct!

Correspondence ID: 2130 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:06:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sounds like a sound suggestion to this aituation

Correspondence ID: 2131 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sounds like a sound suggestion to this situation

Correspondence ID: 2132 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's important that we maintain the ecosystem in Isle Royale. It has recently been reported that there are only two wolves left on the Island. Of course, these predators are vital to their ecosystem, keeping moose population in check, for example. I hope that you'll consider introducing new wolves into the island in order to maintain the ever-important predator prey balance. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 2133 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I encourage the National Park Service to adopt and implement Alternative C, quickly. Bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population will create and sustain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2134 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

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Correspondence ID: 2135 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Danica [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2136 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Scott [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2137 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: END THE NON STOP KILLING OF EVERYTHING ON THIS EARTH!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2138 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:07:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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THANK YOU for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sandra [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2139 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:08:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2140 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:08:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am planning a first-ever trip to Isle Royale this September. I had always heard of the healthy moose and wolf populations on Isle Royale and was looking forward to the opportunity for hearing a wolf's haunting howl. But now, after reading about the crashing wolf population on the island, I'm dismayed that the wolf/moose population dynamics have been thrown out of balance and my chances of hearing a wolf are slim-to-none. How did this happen?

I urge the park service to consider the introduction of new wolves to Isle Royale. We, the people, can't let wolves disappear from our north woods wilderness areas. Can we?

Correspondence ID: 2141 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:09:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2142 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:09:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: it makes sense! bring wolves that are being killed elsewhere to Isle Royale. win/win! no brainer

Correspondence ID: 2143 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:09:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The sooner this happens, the better!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2144 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:09:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Once one portion of an ecosystem disappears, all the other portions are affected so if the wolves are gone will their prey multiply so there is an imbalance.

Correspondence ID: 2145 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:10:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Millicent [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2146 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:10:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2147 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:10:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2148 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:10:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bob [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2149 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:10:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2150 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:10:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The entire planet Earth operates on a system of balances. Top predators are a vital part of the system. Please help restore that natural balance by bringing in new health wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2151 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:11:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely

Peter [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2152 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:11:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I have seen a summary of the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I believe Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain a wolf population, is the best option. Without wolves to keep them in check, moose will destroy the ecological balance on the island, by overeating native vegetation and destroying habitat for other inhabitants.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2153 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:11:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help balance the Isle Royale ecosystem by releasing wolves there!

Correspondence ID: 2154 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:11:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Maxine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2155 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:11:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do your best to restore these animals to Isle Royale. We are responsible for their well-being insofar as we have the resources and determination to help.

Thanks for considering this request.

Correspondence ID: 2156 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:12:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the

moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2157 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:12:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It only makes sense to maintain a viable gene pool on the island. Add new wolves to the island to improve the viability of the pack. Please do so before this historic group dies out completely.

Correspondence ID: 2158 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:12:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2159 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:13:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to the Isle Royale ecosystem. It's been proven how important wolves are to their ecosystems; the land and animals thrive with their presence.

Thank-you for your consideration.
-Catherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2160 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:13:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They need to get the wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 2161 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:15:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. As an avid backpacker I have had the pleasure of hiking most of the trails on Isle Royale during two different trips there. My first visit was in 1976 I believe and my second trip was perhaps 10 years later. I have a tremendous love for the unique features of the island and especially the delicate balance between the wolves and the moose there. It would be a shame for this unique relationship to end so I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2162 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:15:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Janet [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2163 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:15:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow wolves to return to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2164 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:16:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kerry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2165 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:16:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Here is a chance to help wolves and the balance of Nature on Isle Royale!

Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island and keep the moose from taking over, and destroying the native plants. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, this option will best balance the island's delicate environment.

This can be a win-win situation. Please give your strong consideration to Option C!

Correspondence ID: 2166 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:16:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2167 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:17:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2168 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:17:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Return the balance to this area by introducing new wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2169 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:17:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our forests!

Correspondence ID: 2170 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:17:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Larry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2171 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:18:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale Wolves and all wildlife and lands.

Correspondence ID: 2172 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:18:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are a natural part of the ecosystem and should be encouraged on National Park lands. Please introduce more wolves to Isle Royale. I have heard stories of Isle Royale from friends and they were excited to encounter wolves and other wildlife while visiting several years ago.

Correspondence ID: 2173 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:18:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2174 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:19:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Julia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2175 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:19:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Restore Nature's order. Without predators herbivores outgrow their food supply and will end up dying of starvation - not a nice way to go. Having normal predator-prey environment allows for the improvement of the species for both sides.

Correspondence ID: 2176 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:19:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please add more wolves to the park.

Correspondence ID: 2177 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:19:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: essential

Correspondence ID: 2178 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:19:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are essential to the park's ecosystem. we should not let them die off.

Correspondence ID: 2179 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:19:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. I have read of other situations where restoring the natural predators of an area restored the balance in the ecosystem and created greater wildlife diversity and better soil conservation.

Correspondence ID: 2180 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:21:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Saving these wolves is imperative.

Correspondence ID: 2181 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:21:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Healthy ecosystems need predators.

Correspondence ID: 2182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:21:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C.

Correspondence ID: 2183 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:22:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2184 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:22:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is important to keep as balanced ecosystem in the park as possible. Therefore, i believe that some wolves should be introduced into the park to work toward a more balanced environment. Part of the reputation and beauty of this park is the balance be tween the moose and the wolves, each filling their role. Both species are needed for that balance.

Correspondence ID: 2185 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:22:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale has offered respite for gray wolves, their species having been vanquished and extirpated all around the area of Isle Royale. It is for this reason that healthy wolves need to be reestablished on Isle Royale. There they will be safe from harassment and eradication- -something unheard of east of the Mississippi and scarce in the areas where they've recently repopulated.

Of course this would be a special reintroduction, medical monitoring necessary for maintaining the health of the animals. As happens with us, genetic mutations weaken survival chances. (Duh!) It's just that we can move, select new mates, keep a gene pool healthy. They haven't been able to, of course, and climate change is a major reason. Thus this reintroduction would be another opportunity to demonstrate the effects of climate change.

I also maintain that the NPS reconsider reintroducing wolves into Olympic National Park. It would seem a perfect match for wolves, for NPS PR, and for visitors to the park (never mind problems associated with mountain goats). Wolves may occasionally be known to take calves and sheep. They certainly don't take trees, and the larger numbers of first nation people living nearby would probably be more tolerant than are European settlers (us) who invented the Big Bad Wolf myths.

I'm speaking for wolves. They can howl but not speak for themselves. And so I'll always try to speak for them.

Correspondence ID: 2186 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:22:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Randy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:22:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to adopt option C. Please help the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2188 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:23:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2189 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:23:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2190 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:24:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are some of nature's most intelligent animals and deserve to be protected against human incursions which would ultimately adversely affect their environments. Isle Royale is a perfect place to ensure their survival. With only two wolves remaining on the island their long term survival is dangerously imperiled. and when they are gone...then what? Ensure that healthy, robust band of wolves enjoy the protection and well being the island will provide.

Correspondence ID: 2191 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:24:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully,

Margaret [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2192 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:24:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I have not traveled on Isle Royale, though I was once given an opportunity to apply for an internship there. I know about the island from my undergraduate studies in ecology. The famed wolf - moose studies made a big impression on me, and just last year I enjoyed reading Nevada Barr's murder mystery set on the island. So, I have somewhat of a connection to the place.

While I understand that even a famed long term study does not guarantee nature remaining unchanged forever, I think it's worthwhile to manage the ecosystem in a way that restores healthy balance.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2193 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:25:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2194 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:25:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2195 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves do need to be introduced to lessen the damage to the island by the moose. Why wait so long?

Correspondence ID: 2196 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:25:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our government (the republicans!) work so hard to take land away from our wildlife and our forestry, gaining ground for them is always going to be a bright spot in our lives, but mainly in our children's lives. Please keep me posted, and if there is anything I can do I will know thru your newsletter. Thank you for your efforts.

Correspondence ID: 2197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:25:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Raymond 

Correspondence ID: 2198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:26:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves

Correspondence ID: 2199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:28:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 2200 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:29:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns. I have visited the Island and have seen what the reality is without the wolves and care about the population of the moose.

Sincerely,
Christine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:29:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are wonderful animals and should be protected

Correspondence ID: 2202 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:29:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2203 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:30:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Marilyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2204 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:30:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You've heard of the balance of nature, right? Wolves are a part of it.

Correspondence ID: 2205 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:30:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. The decline of the wolf was due to human action (parvo virus introduction) and it will take human action to fix this. It will be important that this issue be addressed no matter which alternative is selected.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population with the objective of re-establishing a naturally occurring population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:31:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring wolves

Correspondence ID: 2207 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:31:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Brenda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:31:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:32:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a vital part of the balance of nature. All wild life is teetering on extinction. We must do all we can to maintain a vital ecosystem and encourage more open spaces and more wildlife for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 2210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:32:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

We have seen these effects when the natural predator is removed on is in decline. The net effect is the ALL species suffer.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Theodore [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:33:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2212 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:33:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves are part of a very fragile ecosystem. If they're taken out of the equation, the ecosystem becomes unbalanced, i.e., species that are normally kept under control by the wolves will have population explosions.

Correspondence ID: 2213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:35:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring additional wolves into the park area in order to bring the number of the packs back to an acceptable number.

Correspondence ID: 2214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:36:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have every right to be part of the natural ecosystem in this habitat. They evolved to be predators and if the moose population needs to be put in check, let a carnivore like the wolf have his place.

Correspondence ID: 2215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:37:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please safe the wolves

Correspondence ID: 2216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:37:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:38:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns about helping to protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Barb [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:38:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

On a personal note, my wife and I spent our honeymoon on Isle Royale in 1972 and it will always be one of my most cherished memories. I would venture to say there is nowhere left on the planet that is removed enough from human development that can sustain a natural ecosystem as does the Isle. I hope my daughter and her future children can experience the specialness of this place if they so choose.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:40:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Prevent the extinction of the existing wolf colony (2 wolves) on Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 2220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:40:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Pl ase save the wolves!!!

Correspondence ID: 2221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:41:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe we need to add wolves to have a better balance of wolves to moose to help keep the popular in balance.

Correspondence ID: 2222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:41:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:41:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves, please.

Correspondence ID: 2224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:41:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wonderful opportunity to do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 2225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:41:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gavin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:43:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Adding new wolves on Isle Royale will strengthen the gene pool and keep them healthy.

Correspondence ID: 2227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:43:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:43:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Maintaining the ecosystem is very important to me!

Correspondence ID: 2229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is time to protect the wolves and Isle Royale's ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 2230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the eco-system!

Correspondence ID: 2231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the wolves safe.

Correspondence ID: 2233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need wolves for population balance.

Correspondence ID: 2234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. PLEASE SUPPORT OPTION C.

Correspondence ID: 2235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:44:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Need to reinstate the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:45:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

MIchele [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:45:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

It has already been proven that reintroduction of an apex predator like the wolf, brought the exploding population of elk under control at Yellowstone allowing the aspens to grow properly and thus saved an entire Eco and riparian system from total collapse,(which it appears is happening at Isle Royale).

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the

moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:45:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Robin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:46:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an intrinsic fiber of the Circle of Life and must be protected - at any and all costs.

Correspondence ID: 2240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:46:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2241 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. The hard part of bringing in new wolves is to reduce the friction between the existing wolves and the new wolves. If the wolves are fighting, they are not going to help with the balance.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2242 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:47:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephanie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:47:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider adding new wolves to Isle Royale. There is a need to improve the genetic diversity and, with global warming there is little chance of ice bridges forming in the future. These are important predators of their prey the moose which provides for the natural world to remain in balance. I know that we as humans do not like to interfere with nature, but this is a special place that deserves to have a bit of assistance in order to keep the predator-prey balance. Thank you, Sue

Correspondence ID: 2244 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:48:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help return the world to its natural balance.....

Correspondence ID: 2245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:48:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE PROTECT ALL WILDLIFE AND THEIR CRUCIAL HABITATS

Correspondence ID: 2246 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:48:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, the consensus is that this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Therefore, I strongly urge Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:48:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Having family that now lives in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, it is an area I may be visiting sooner vs. later. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sarah [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,



Photo: Only two of these three wolves remain at Isle Royale National Park. © Rolf Peterson

Correspondence ID: 2248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:48:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Being a trained zoologist, I can only stress that wolves and/or other top predators tend to have a very beneficial effect on the ecosystem in which they live, among other effects by hindering their prey from exhausting its food supplies already before winter. Thus, the re-introduction of wolves would definitely be recommendable.

Correspondence ID: 2249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:48:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider bringing more wolves to Isle Royale, Option C, as the best way to ensure a viable wolf population . The island will not be the same without wolves - and the moose population will grow too high.

Correspondence ID: 2250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:49:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: bring the wolfs back

Correspondence ID: 2251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:49:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: N/A

Correspondence ID: 2252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:49:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have the right to love. they are important to the circle of life.i am tired of humans killing these beautiful creatures and taken away their land.

Correspondence ID: 2253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:50:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves need our help

Correspondence ID: 2254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Nature should be balanced every where.

Correspondence ID: 2255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:50:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like your website

Correspondence ID: 2256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:51:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All the wild animals was here before man kind came along....And I think that all of should stay around forever.... They are beautiful wild life.... (PLEASE KEEP THEM AROUND)

Correspondence ID: 2257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:51:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect the ecosystem of Isle Royal by introducing more wolves to counteract the devastating effects of overgrazing by the moose population. Nature does it best- -let that system prevail.

Correspondence ID: 2258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:51:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: once this was a place of learning about wolves make that happen again end all hunting

Correspondence ID: 2259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:51:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:51:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that wolves migrated over the frozen waters from Canada to Isle Royale when Lake Superior froze over back in the 1960's. When I visited Isle Royale as a backpacker in the 1970's, the wolf pack was approximately 8 wolves. I would not like to see the Park Service bring too many wolves to Isle Royale. You currently have 2 wolves in the Park. I believe bringing in 8 more wolves would suffice.

Correspondence ID: 2261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:51:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do the right thing and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Edward

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Correspondence ID: 2263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:53:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Pat

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:53:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: protect our parks. People use them for recreation and pleasure

Correspondence ID: 2265 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:54:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Maintain the natural order of the parks or there will be a terrible imbalance with unsurmountable problems that will occur.

Correspondence ID: 2266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:54:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For heavens sake, let's restore some ecological balance to Isle Royale National Park. Wolves are needed to have a healthy moose population. Option C is the the way to go.

Correspondence ID: 2267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:54:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

I appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on the Wolf Management Plan for Isle Royale National Park. I believe that wolves are an integral part of our environment and we should do what we can do manage them, especially in the interest of saving them in their natural habitats.

I have lived in Northern Minnesota my entire life and witnessed our wolf population decline drastically. I remember as a child seeing wolves and moose frequently when visiting state parks and forests. However, in the past twenty years, sightings of these animals are few and far between. It seems, in general, that Minnesota's wolf population is declining state-wide. While wolves were not always part of Isle Royale, they have been a part of Minnesota and do have access to the island in the winter months. Wolves likely have used the island for ages, even just for a food source. I would love to see the wolves continue to be part of our ecosystem.

I recently read a novel (The Wolves of Alaska by Jim Rearden) regarding this exact issue for the state of Alaska. I've learned of the many aspects to be considered when approaching wildlife management. Not only must we consider the predators, but also the prey and their food sources. With fewer wolves, Alaska experienced a rise in Moose and Caribou population, but reduction of too many wolves resulted in an abundance of Moose and Caribou and who struggled to find food. There is a balance to nature and if we are able to assist in that balance I believe we should. Not everyone will be pleased, and not everyone will be open-minded to fact based decisions, but I believe option C is a sound strategy that will support our wolf population in a practical and scientific manner.

I would like to continue to see wolves in Isle Royal and Northern Minnesota. They are an animal that has existed here for centuries, but is now facing a steady decline. If we can assist with the balance of the Wolves, Moose, Deer, and other animals, I think we can ensure the success of these National Parks for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:55:02
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bernard [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:55:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. A healthy ecosystem benefits everyone, including us.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely-

Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:55:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

When I was in high school in 1963 I hiked the length of the island with my brother and my best friend. Every night we were treated to the howling on one or the other of the wolf packs. It remains one of my greatest wilderness experiences although I have traveled through the West, Alaska and southern Africa. That experience certainly had a big effect on my choosing to pursue an environmental protection career which I did for 45 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:55:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves were there before us

Correspondence ID: 2272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:55:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have always loves Wildlife animals plus mostly wolves,because I have dog's ancestor of wolf,So I'm animals lover.

Correspondence ID: 2273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:56:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save these animals!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 15:57:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Add more wolves to alleviate the genetic bottle neck of the Isle Royale wolves. Not doing so will ultimately guarantee the loss of this species in the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:57:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see wolves renewed/reintroduced on Isle Royale. I think new blood will revitalize the area and be good for the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:58:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

Correspondence ID: 2277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:58:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:59:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have helped Yellowstone and the whole ecosystem. When moose overrun the ecosystem wolves are the most natural and best solution. Just look at how well the creeks and trees are returning to health in Yellowstone

Correspondence ID: 2279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:59:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly urge you to repopulate the wolf population on Isle Royale. This has been a major point of pride for my state and climate change, among other causes, has wiped them out. I do not know any Michiganders who feel otherwise.

Correspondence ID: 2280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like the alternative that maintains a balanced population of wolves and moose according to the best current science. The only caveat that I would see is if this in any way causes problems to the exceptional long-running study that has been going on for so many decades.

Correspondence ID: 2281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 15:59:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves, they're a crucial part of the ecosystem!

Correspondence ID: 2282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:00:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Deanna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:01:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need new wolves to save this incredibly valuable resource.

Correspondence ID: 2284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:01:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service is specifically addressing the issue of the future of wolves at the Park. I am a large mammal predator ecologist who has studied predator-prey systems in the U.S. and Mexico. My years of experience have taught me the extreme importance of maintaining viable large predator populations on the landscape. This is especially true in our National Parks where, as the Isle Royale AND Yellowstone examples have demonstrated, the lack of wolves had led to runaway large ungulate populations that threaten ecosystem integrity. The return of wolves to both these parks has brought those populations back into ecological balance. Now, with only two wolves left, Isle Royale is faced with the prospect of returning to those days of uncontrolled moose numbers with serious consequences to both moose and the habitat of the Park. Thus both professionally and personally, I am writing in support of Alternative C, the bringing of new wolves to the Island to maintain the population. New wolves will return the wolves to their ecological capacity to again maintain the ecological balance of the Park.

I encourage the National Park Service to adapt this plan as soon as possible to maintain the ecological integrity of Isle Royale National Park

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:02:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Luis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:03:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am frustrated OFTEN by the inability for NPS to #1: fight the damned ranchers & other rapists of the land who think their interests/livestock/hunting privileges are what must triumph over everything else!

#2: I had one fabulous trip nearly 10 yrs ago to Natl Parks in the West, in the Fall. I was literally up close- -in the 2nd car to stop- - w/ buffalo crossing a road in NE corner of Yellowstone. Rolled down my windows to hear them snort & softly bellow, watched w/ awe while females & babies went first before the males. The road actually shook & dust was everywhere. I was mesmerised, & have never forgotten that time&place. Then saw antelope in another spot (not sure what kind), & elk were in mating season & all over the road at Crystal Mountain; quite entertaining to watch the pursuits!
To think of YET ONE MORE SPECIE being eradicated is disgraceful!! Especially wolves! They are AMAZING creatures; devoted to family & pack members. Their social skills are highly programmed, & to be admired.
When are we going to learn, and follow, that ALL BEINGS have a purpose?!

Correspondence ID: 2288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:03:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Adriene [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:03:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:03:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep wolves alive and growing!

Correspondence ID: 2291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:04:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No wolves will survive with the small number that are left. You must help restore a healthy population on wolves - please.

Correspondence ID: 2292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:05:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. It is encouraging to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience are at risk. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase and will eventually consume all the park's food sources. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

For these reasons, I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I ask that the National Park Service adopt and implement this management option quickly in order to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2293 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:05:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: increase the wolves

Correspondence ID: 2294 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:06:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Susi [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:06:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:08:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:08:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce new wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 2299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:08:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Cherrie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:08:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:11:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jane [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:11:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:11:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support alternative C to bring more wolves to the island to keep the moose population from exploding. This alternative will help The native vegetation from destruction.

Thank you for considering my remarks,

Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:11:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:12:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the Isle Royale Wolves. The earth belongs to all creatures.

Correspondence ID: 2306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:12:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring wolves back to Isle Royale National Park in Michigan. Without the wolves, the balance of nature would be distorted and the place would be overrun with moose. The Park Service must bring in more wolves to help correct the imbalance of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 2307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:13:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs its wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:14:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA (and I) supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:14:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: .

Correspondence ID: 2310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:14:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jody [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:14:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:14:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves back to the park. Please support option "C".

Correspondence ID: 2313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:15:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's give them a chance. Mother Nature did.

Correspondence ID: 2314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:15:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mitzi [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:15:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support the wolf recovery program.

Correspondence ID: 2316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:16:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Christine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:16:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The ecosystem needs wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:16:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe introducing more wolves to the island is the best option. I believe that will help maintain a balanced ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2319 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:17:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To prevent the disaster of moose overpopulating Isle Royale off Michigan, it is necessary to introduce a few wolves to stabilize the moose population and ensure the ecological balance of the Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:17:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are essential to a healthy ecosystem. The wolf population must be revived for Isle Royale National Park to flourish.

Correspondence ID: 2321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:17:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have the right as any other species, especially humans, to live where they once were and anywhere they decide to go, as we do. They have the right to live out there lives, have families, and not have to worry who is after them to kill them. All ares should have wolves and/or any other animals to keep animal populations at bay. If not, some species can get way over populated and there will have to be killings of wildlife which is completely inhumane. Please think about what you are going to do, weigh the pros and cons, but consider having a place where wildlife can share its beauty like GOD intended.

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 2322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:17:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:17:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Four generations of my family have enjoyed Isle Royale, even before it was a National Park. I'm sure you will do what is best for the ecosystem and it's visitors.

Correspondence ID: 2324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:18:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: regarding the Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:18:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please reestablish the wolf population. Thx

Correspondence ID: 2326 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:18:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I hope you will import enough more wolves that they can breed without inbreeding, and keep the moose population at the proper level that plants can grow well and the water remains pure.

Thank you for not regarding wolves as enemies, when they are important to ecological balance.

Correspondence ID: 2327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 16:19:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Aaron [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:19:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the Isle Royale ecosystem! Restore a genetically healthy wolf population!

Correspondence ID: 2329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:19:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Great!

Correspondence ID: 2330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:20:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for including the public in comments on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. It's a positive step that the Park Service has narrowed its plan to focus only on the future of the Park's wolves. As only two wolves still survive at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2331 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:20:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2332 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:21:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Wolves are good for the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:21:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Please take steps to restore the wolf population at Isle Royale National Park.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 2334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:21:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and I hope that you can take action on this situation quick..

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 2335 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:23:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please

Correspondence ID: 2336 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:24:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:24:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Erika [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2338 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:25:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2339 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:25:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jeff [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:26:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop hunting these magnificent creatures!

Correspondence ID: 2341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:27:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2342 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:27:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Ref Isle Royale wolf near depleted population. Please implement Alternative C, with the goal of re-establishing a viable wolf population on the island.

Thank you.
Dale [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2343 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:28:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: adopt option c. it's a no-brainer, really. i can't believe you're seriously thinking about any other option. nothing else makes any sense. nothing. do the right thing. we also need to understand how the wolf population got down to 2 from 50, so it doesn't happen again. how did they die? the answer is not even mentioned in the letter.

Correspondence ID: 2344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:29:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do what the scientists recommend and choose option C. Don't play politics or give in to special interests. Do what is best for the whole ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:29:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There are several states that are trying to rid their wolf population. Why not get in touch with these state representatives and offer a trap program and bring them to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2346 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:29:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, Im concerned about the future of the islands ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.
Please do not delay in your decision making. Moose are decimating the Island.
The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.
Maybe AZ Game and Fish would consider letting you some of the 100 wolves they keep in captivity because they do not have the academic intelligence to recognize inbreeding in the field. And think of the restocking savings. Just transport. And the wolves would get to live free on Isle Royale. WIN WIN
April [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2347 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:29:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2348 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:29:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Trina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2349 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:30:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a critical part of any ecosystem and a wonderful species that we are decimating along with most of the rest of the planet's wild animals. Please protect and replenish the wolf population!

Correspondence ID: 2350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:31:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brenda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2351 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:31:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:31:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:31:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring back wolves to restore the natural balance.

Correspondence ID: 2354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:32:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves are necessary on Isle Royale , and they belong there

Correspondence ID: 2355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:32:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Instead of killing wolves, mpve them to a Isle Royal where they will be appreciated. And where they are needed

Correspondence ID: 2356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:32:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Don't let the wolves die out!!!

Correspondence ID: 2357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:33:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the Royal Island ecosystem. Everything is conected and needs to be in balance for people and animals to survive.

Correspondence ID: 2358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:34:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree

Correspondence ID: 2359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:34:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Phyllis Green and Park Service,

As you know, the ratio of wolves to moose is crucial to the balance of the ecosystem of Isle Royale National Park. You need to supply the Park with more wolves to keep the number of moose under control.

I hiked alone in the Park at the end of August, 1993 on a day where the temperature was 90 degrees. I was determined to hike until I saw a moose, and I did. After circa 28 miles when I was running out of water I finally saw three of them. Several miles later I crashed at 3-Mile-Point, where I was visited at night by a moose.

I fully intend to return to Isle Royale one day and camp on the other side in order to hear the wolves. Isle Royale is a magical place, a place which people from different parts of the world love. It would be a great tragedy if it were destroyed by not having enough wolves.

I am a retired opera and concert singer, a soprano.

Best regards,

Lesley [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:34:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt "Option C" and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:35:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future

of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:35:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I completely support your efforts in this area. Bravo!

Correspondence ID: 2363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:35:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't sit back and allow the wolves to die out - please take action to counteract the effects of humans on destroying the wolf species.

Correspondence ID: 2364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:35:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

I am requesting that Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thank you for your consideration,



Correspondence ID: 2365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:36:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely:

Sharon 

Correspondence ID: 2366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:36:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: IT IS TIME THE GOVERNMENT STOPPED THEIR WAR ON WILDLIFE! OUR USFWS IS SELECTIVELY TARGETING SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE SPECIES, WHORING TO SPECIAL INTERESTS AND TROPHY HUNTERS. IT IS SO DISCOURAGING THAT WE TAXES TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATORS IN THESE ORGANIZATIONS WHO SELL US AND THE WILDLIFE OUT! ANY SENSITIVE SPECIES DESERVES CONSIDERATION!

Correspondence ID: 2367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:37:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Be kind to the Royale Wolves!!!

Correspondence ID: 2368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:37:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that it is important that the wolves get the help they need to become strong and live happily without being hunted.

Correspondence ID: 2369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:37:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.
Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jennifer [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:38:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a native of Michigan and visitor to Isle Royale as a child many times, I have deep convictions about its survival as a natural area supporting a healthy ecosystem in which the wolf is a keystone species. Not to mention that the wolf has been unjustly targeted virtually everywhere that it was formerly an important top predator, which makes it even more critical to protect and promote its survival.

Correspondence ID: 2371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:38:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a hiker & backpacker who hiked in Monnesota as recently as October 2015, I want to respectfully request that you reintroduce new wolves to Isle Royale NP (option C). Wolves are a keystone species and the epitome of wildness in America.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 2372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:38:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am strongly in favor of adopting Option C and bringing new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without the wolves.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:38:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Melody [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:39:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Humans constantly disrupt the natural order, in most cases for entirely selfish reasons and because they just don't care. It is essential to try to artificially maintain the balance of ecosystems; bring back the wolves while we can. If funds are available, catalog full genomes of the current pair and those being added, that is an interesting project!

Correspondence ID: 2375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:40:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please implement Option "C".

Thank You,

Joe [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:40:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ..

Correspondence ID: 2377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:40:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

Please protect our National Parks. Isle Royale's ecosystem needs to be brought back into balance. It needs to have additional wolves introduced into its ecosystem.

Thanks

Tim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:40:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves and the ecosystem. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:41:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Eliminate the waste in Washington and preserve things that can't be purchased later....we won't get a second chance.

Correspondence ID: 2380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:42:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No comment

Correspondence ID: 2381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:42:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The NPS should put more wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:42:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Domenica ■

Correspondence ID: 2383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:43:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A healthy ecosystem requires predators to promote herd movement that tramples forage lands and prevents over grazing. This improves the land considerably. It is documented science not anecdotal tales from the uneducated who are against everything.

Correspondence ID: 2384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:44:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A

Correspondence ID: 2385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:46:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It would be in our best interest to ensure that more wolves are moved to Isle Royale.

What a shame it would be for this proud, innocent and precious species to be doomed to extinction.

Please, do all that is possible, to see that this life-saving measure is accomplished.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Correspondence ID: 2386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:46:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree letting nature taking its course would be best. Keep people out and let the animals work it out.

Correspondence ID: 2387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:46:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Correspondence ID: 2388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:47:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns. We need wolves - bottom line!

Sincerely,

Colleen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:47:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green, dear National Parks Service,

As you know, there has to be the proper ration of wolves to moose in order to protect the ecosystem in Isle Royale National Park. I back-packed there alone in late August, 1993, and fully intend to return in order to hear the wolves. It is a magical place, a place I treasure, and a destination which many others visit. It is a magnet. Therefore, why not bring in more wolves to save the park from destruction!

I am a retired opera and concert singer, a soprano.

Best regards,

Lesley [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:47:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brad [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:48:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kevin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:48:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves are needed to keep the moose population in check. Predators keep the environment & wildlife habitat healthy - do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 2393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:48:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take care of our wildlife

Correspondence ID: 2394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:48:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, adopt Option C.

Correspondence ID: 2395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:49:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This has too stop

Correspondence ID: 2396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:50:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Janet [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:50:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our National Parks are important

Correspondence ID: 2398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:50:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce more wolves onto Isle Royale in order to maintain a viable ecosystem there.

Correspondence ID: 2399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:51:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Every time we fail to help our wildlife find places that are either already much destroyed or on their way to being destroy we only find ourselves a situation that takes away much of the joy of life and the opportunity to make our children more aware of what our great world has to offer us. Besides, every time we take away an opportunity to save a valuable piece of pristine lakes, mountains and wilderness in general we continue to step away from the beauty of nature - we have to grab and hold on to the magnificence that Mother Earth has to offer us before future generations have any sense of all of what might have already been trampled or totally taken away from us all!

Correspondence ID: 2400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:51:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:52:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are crucial to the balance of life on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:52:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please read the form letter. We care about this but don't have time to do all of what we'd like. Support. So please re-introduce the wolves to even out the eco-system. We'd like to visit Isle Royale soon. Hope to kayak. Thanks.
Sherry and Tom

Correspondence ID: 2403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:52:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The wolves are needed to control the moose. With global warming they no longer cross over the ice. Too many moose will end up devastating the vegetation they eat.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 2404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:53:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mike [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:53:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It benefits the Eco system to bring in more wolves. Messing with nature unbalances everything. Please do the right thing and bring back balance to nature the natural way. Add more wolves to the existing 2/more bio diversity. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 2406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:53:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In Re: The management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:55:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 2408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:55:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My wish is that the few people who represent the public will do justice to our land and country by following through for all and not just the lobbyists who want to bribe you to do their bidding.

I think it is criminal to hold the American people hostage while supporting a party, any party's, wishes no matter how many are hurt.

Correspondence ID: 2409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:55:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Phillip ██████████

Correspondence ID: 2410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:56:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mike ██████████

Correspondence ID: 2411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:56:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect animals. They have no voice!!

Correspondence ID: 2412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:57:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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We are supposed to be CARETAKERS of our world and all its creatures. Instead, man has knowingly poisoned our air, water, earth and killed whatever creatures are in his way. You MUST stop his Unending Greed and Indifference before we have nothing to protect.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:58:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Chandra [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:59:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Sample Message/Comments

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Monique [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:59:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate this opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I like the fact that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem. More wolves are needed to naturally control the moose population in the park. An overpopulation of moose will negatively impact native plants and other wildlife in the park if left uncontrolled.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population.

I hope the National Park Service will adopt and put this option into effect quickly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:59:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All parks need to be preserved. They are part of US History.

Correspondence ID: 2418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 16:59:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Despite the constant drumbeat of folks who think that the only good wolves are dead wolves, the reality - - the scientifically measured and proven reality - - is that wolves are a vital component of healthy ecosystems like the one in Isle Royale. There is no natural alternative - - and as advocates have argued, this is actually not simply a more balanced plan, but a more humane one long term for countless other elements of the natural world on Isle Royale.

I urge, with so many others who are doing the same, the NPS to make the right call here.

Many thanks for considering my comments.

Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:00:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale and your concern about the reproductive possibilities, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will likely continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Gary [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:00:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Nature has a balanced plan for the health of all ecosystems. Wolves are an important part of a park's health, 2 wolves are certainly not viable. Please restore a healthy number of wolves to this beautiful area, with No hunting allowed.
Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:00:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:01:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Instead of killing Michigan wolves, relocate them.

Correspondence ID: 2423 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:02:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It would appear that maintaining a wolf population on Isle Royale is essential to maintaining a balanced ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:02:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Barry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:03:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Douglas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:03:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Barbara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:03:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:03:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID:	2429	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:03:46				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	n/a				

Correspondence ID:	2430	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:03:53				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	none at present				

Correspondence ID:	2431	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:03:55				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Please keep our ecosystem in balance!				

Correspondence ID:	2432	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:04:54				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I think it is time to return healthy wolves to Isle Royal in order to preserve the natural balance of the island.				

Correspondence ID:	2433	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:05:47				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Dear Superintendent Green,				

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kevin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID:	2434	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:05:48				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	I agree that wolves need to be kept on Isle Royal.				

Correspondence ID:	2435	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:06:48				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Save the Wolves - bring in new bloodlines to expand the pack to keep prey species under control.				

Correspondence ID:	2436	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
Received:	May,09,2016 17:07:06				
Correspondence Type:	Web Form				
Correspondence:	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.				

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jeannie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2437 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:09:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves must be introduced to Isle Royale to maintain genetic diversity.

Correspondence ID: 2438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:10:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need to be brought in to balance the environment

Correspondence ID: 2439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:10:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe it's important to maintain a healthy natural balance.

Correspondence ID: 2440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:10:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe in the reintroduction of other wolves to this wilderness area: Isle Royale. I want this species of wolf to survive and thrive in the future.

Correspondence ID: 2441 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:11:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It has and needs to be done for the future of the next generations

Correspondence ID: 2442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:11:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the wolves of Isle Royale and bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:12:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kevin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2444 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:12:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Land for animals. For Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:13:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:13:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: How is it that 99% o the wolves were killed???? The wolf population needs to be lifted so healthy new lineage needs to be introduced safely to balance the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:13:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:13:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. We are encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, we're concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

We support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Sue & Dave [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:14:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have significantly negative impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:14:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future

of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Janelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:14:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2452 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:15:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Years ago I read a story about researchers on the island thought it was funny to go out and howl at the wolves at night. At first the wolves howled back, then they went silent. I was concerned that would not end well. Apparently this is not ending well whether the howling or lack of howling had anything to do with it no one will ever know. But researchers need to have more respect for the creatures they are "researching" and I hope this will be promoted. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. The island seems a perfect place for wolves to live without undue interference from humans. It would be a shame to not utilize it for such. When wolves were first introduced to the island, it was feared they would wipe out the moose population. Apparently that has not happened.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Kay [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:15:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is imperative that wolves are reintroduced into Isle Royal. They are such an integral part of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:16:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In my opinion I think more wolves should be introduced to the Island, which would be Option C. This would bring a better balance to the Island and make things right.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 2455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:16:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keystone predators must exist within an ecosystem for that system to have the diversity, health, and biodiversity needed to thrive. Restoring the wolf population on Isle Royale becomes essential for that balance and health to exist. Numerous scientific studies have proven the value of keystone predators - most recently, the benefits that wolves have brought to the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Please allow solid scientific evidence to determine the value of wolves - NOT political pressure from those who remain ignorant of the worth of wolves within their environment.

Correspondence ID: 2456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:16:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

P.S. I'm 82 and it seems that all of my life the wolves have been maintaining a balanced Moose population - I hope you bring the wolves back!

Correspondence ID: 2457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:17:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Option C. More wolves are needed to maintain a population. Not having wolves is not an option.
Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:17:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe wolf population on Isle Royale should be increased. Living in Michigan's upper peninsula I have seen what over populations of deer can do to land. A good place to get the wolf's would be the U.P. as some people think we have too many. Thanks listening.

Correspondence ID: 2459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:17:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tracey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:18:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:19:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Transplanting wolves from other areas would keep the Isle Royale environment healthy and stable.

Correspondence ID: 2462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 17:19:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves deserve a chance to survive. Please help them.

Correspondence ID: 2463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:21:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:21:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:21:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.
And I agree with NPCA. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 2466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:22:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale!

Sincerely,
Elise [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:22:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

I also want to compliment you and the park rangers for the great service you provide the USA in maintaining and protecting all the National Parks. As my wife and I visit all the National Parks (35 of 58) we see the great work being done. We will visit Isle Royal in the next 3 years and hope to observe another great initiative as you save the wolves.

Sincerely,

Richard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:23:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:23:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: none

Correspondence ID: 2470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:23:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:24:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Thanks,
Don

Correspondence ID: 2472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:24:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:27:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Cap the mine shaft that killed the last wolves and reintroduce.

Correspondence ID: 2474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:27:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:27:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolves live in peace!

Correspondence ID: 2476 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:28:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steven [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:29:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe we need to bring additional wolves to live on the island to create a sustainable population of wolves. This will increase the health of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:29:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Great idea. Hope it works.

Correspondence ID: 2479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:29:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves and moose belong on Isle Royale.....longest wolf study in our nation!

Correspondence ID: 2480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:29:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Many years ago my wife and I backpacked Isle Royale National Park, an experience whose memories we have treasured ever since. Among those memories was the ecological interaction between the resident wolf and moose populations there. We did not actually see the wolves, but evidence of their

presence (scats, gnawed moose bones, etc.) was unmistakable. We were thus deeply saddened to learn of the decline of the wolf pack, presumably as a result of the genetic effects of unavoidable inbreeding.

I thus welcome the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged that the Park Service has wisely narrowed the scope of that plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. Clearly, in the absence of wolves the moose population will continue to increase, devouring their food sources until none are left. The impact of that on the native plants and other wildlife in the park will be disastrous.

I therefore support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding, will replenish the gene pool, and will minimize impacts to the native vegetation. I strongly oppose the alternative option of allowing human culling of the moose population by hunters, as I believe such human interference would conflict with basic park values and would endanger the lives of other park visitors.

I urge that the National Park Service adopt and implement Alternative C quickly in order to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you very much for considering my views.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:30:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carolyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:31:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C should be followed. More wolves should be introduced to Park Royale to keep the ecosystem stable.

Correspondence ID: 2483 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:31:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C, bringing more wolves to Isle Royale to keep the moose population in check.

Correspondence ID: 2484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:32:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:32:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have a right to survive on this planet and where ever they help the balance of the land with other animals.

Correspondence ID: 2486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:33:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves belong in Isle Royale. Reintroduce them, or add to the few that still exist there.

Correspondence ID: 2487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:33:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jeff [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:34:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My wife and I camped for a week in Isle Royal (all parts of the Park) in 2008, and we were enchanted by the wild life, including flora and fauna. Our visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of the research on the re-introduction of the wolf. We saw plenty of moose on regular basis, but only wolf prints and scat. We believe that maintaining the balance between predator and prey is important, for I.R. especially keeping diversity in the gene pool of wolves. I was [REDACTED] NPCA for [REDACTED] years, although our visit to I. R., was not in an official capacity. I remain an active member of NPCA, and a strong believer in NPS.

Correspondence ID: 2489 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:34:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help save these wolves and their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 2490 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:35:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2491 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:36:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When will agencies ever except science when it stares them in their face. Despite what special interests like sometimes you have to let nature do its thing just the way nature intended. I believe all species are here for a reason and the habitat in where they thrive needs to be left to be the way nature created it. When we try to sway the balance of a species for our agendas it always back fires.

Correspondence ID: 2492 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:36:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is important, there need to be more wolves on this island!

Correspondence ID: 2493 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 17:36:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Why must humans exterminate every living thing?

Correspondence ID: 2494 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:36:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:37:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

It is encouraging that the National Park Service has narrowed the scope of management options to focus solely on the future of wolves at Isle Royale National Park. With only two wolves left, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Correspondence ID: 2496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:37:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. It has been proven the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone National Park have helped rebalance the ecosystem and wildlife populations.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Faith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2497 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:37:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please institute option C and reintroduce more Wolves to Isle Royale. Thank you Ken [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2498 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:38:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Seeing wolves was a trip high point for all of the adventurers on a National Geographic cruise to Alaska that I took several years ago. I'm certain that visitors to Isle Royale would be thrilled to have a similar experience.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your nam

Correspondence ID: 2499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:38:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of "Option C" relative to introducing new wolves into the Isle Royale ecosystem. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2500 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:38:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns. and for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Stuart [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2501 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:38:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a Minnesotan who loves Isle Royale I would like to see it kept in a healthy balance. The ice connection clearly complicates the situation so intervention is necessary.

Correspondence ID: 2502 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:39:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a natural part of many wild ecosystems. Without this top predator, the rest of the ecosystem suffers and will not function with checks and balances.

Correspondence ID: 2503 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:39:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring in more wolves to this sight.

Correspondence ID: 2504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:40:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Everthing on Earth is critical to sustaining my Life!

Correspondence ID: 2505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:41:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park,Tell the Governor Of Your State,Stop Being Greedy & Selfish Destroying America Parks In This Country Enough is Enough,stop ripping & Tearing the United States National Parks for money.You must be Judi The Traitor That sold JESUS FOR SILVER & GOLD LIKE YOU ARE DOING TO THE NATIONAL PARKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.SHAME,SHAME ON YOU, YOU MUST BE A CROOK A TRAITOR,A LIER, A ABUSER & MORE.STOP PLAYING COMMUNIST,THIS IS A COUNTRY OF FREEDOM NOT A PRISON CAMP IN WORLD WAR II IN GERMANY OR RUSSIA.GO OVERSEAS, I WAS BORN OVER SEAS EASTERN UKRAINE,POLAND MOTHER RUSSIA,YUGOSLAVIA,ITALY & MORE.SO IF YOU DO NOT LIKE TO HELP THIS COUNTRY CALLED AMERICA,THAN IT IS TIME TO GO LIVE IN A COMMUNIST COUNTRY.SO SAVE ALL THE NATIONAL PARKS HERE IN AMERICA OR GO

LIVE IN NORTH KOREA & PULL THAT OVER THERE INSTEAD OF THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARKS.SAVE AMERICA & ITS WILDLIFE!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2506 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:42:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: What makes me angry is "United States of America" is not number one on the Country list....Makes me not want to get involved!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I think wolves should be protected- -period...Everything should be done to bring them back!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2507 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:44:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Joyce [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:44:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank-you for considering my concerns

Cordially,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:45:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is terrible that out of 50 wolves their are only two wolves left on the Isle Royale. We have to leave them alone and let them help the ecosystem their. They do it naturally. We have to stop this war on wolves.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Brenda

Correspondence ID: 2510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:45:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It would be a shame to see the study of predator/prey relationships end on Isle Royale and the absence of wolves would soon allow moose to breed and eat themselves into a starvation situation leaving the island with neither wolves nor moose.

Correspondence ID: 2511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:45:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: National Forest should be sanctuary from animals and preserved for humans.

Correspondence ID: 2512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:45:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hi,

I've visited Isle Royale and have also read and studied about wolves and was a long-term member of the International Wolf Center. Isle Royale needs wolves to restore a balance between the moose and other wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Correspondence ID: 2513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:46:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves are needed to keep a healthy balance in nature. it's not the population of the animals that have to be controlled, but the population of humans.

Correspondence ID: 2514 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:46:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Please bring the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2515 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:46:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alpha predators are part of a healthy ecosystem.

Note: I've seen wolves bring down a moose - I don't harbor a romanticized vision of them.

Correspondence ID: 2516 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:47:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have no right to extinct a species for no reason but for inhumane pleasure. Please be forward thinkers and adopt OPTION C.

Correspondence ID: 2517 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:47:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2518 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:47:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2519 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:48:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please move forward with the Royale Island wolf re-introduction. These wolves are an important and vital component of the Royale Island ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2520 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:48:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2521 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:48:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please reintroduce wolves to Royal Isle Park.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2522 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:49:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Elise [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2523 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:49:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Once there were as many as 50 wolves and now there are only two left. The wolves are necessary to control the proliferation of moose and other animals that would threaten the available natural vegetation, and the over-all balance of the island ecosystem.

I agree with the National Park Conservation Association, which supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2524 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:50:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now

asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. It would be sad for the population to go to zero living on the Park

I live in the area where red wolves live. They have been struggling and they have been protected for a number of years. There are about 50 still living in the area. At one time they lived along a large area of the East Coast. It is important that these animals don't become extinct.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2525 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:50:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Option C. More wolves are needed at the Isle Royale National Park in order to keep the ecosystem there in balance. Expert science input supports this position and I am requesting that decision makers do so as well.

Correspondence ID: 2526 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:51:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As it was in Yellow Stone, let it be done here. I was there for the original reintroduction and have enjoyed a restored balance to the land.

Correspondence ID: 2527 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:51:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jennifer [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2528 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2529 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2530 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves. There are enough animals going extinct ,we need to protect as many as we can.

Correspondence ID: 2531 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello

Correspondence ID: 2532 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2533 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolfs need your help.

Correspondence ID: 2534 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:53:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: BRING NEW WOLVES TO ISLE ROYALE.

Correspondence ID: 2535 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:54:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are very important to the natural environment, maintaining balance in the micro and macro system. Keeping the numbers of other animal species in check from the weak, injured and sick. Why else would mother nature add wolves to her list to do.

Correspondence ID: 2536 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:54:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale's eco system!!

Correspondence ID: 2537 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:54:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need to be protected. They keep to themselves. They are good for environment and part of heritage and don't kill people or farm animals if allowed to form pack. When people start killing parts of pack and have a single male then they may have to kill to survive. After all wolves have been here for centuries we are the ones that domesticated them to dogs and then now we want to kill them all because hunters don't want them to kill deer and caribou. We need to study them not kill them. We can learn to live together.

Correspondence ID: 2538 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:54:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important.

Correspondence ID: 2539 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:54:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. Having read David Mech and Rolf Peterson books on the wolves and moose there, I feel attached to the interplay between these two species...that is I'd hate to see it become only moose, or I suppose, only wolves. I'm sorry there's no real information about why this imbalance has occurred, but I feel in any case the balance should be restored. Whether it will remain restored or not it will be interesting to see.

So, I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2540 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:54:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I believe it is important to bring wolves to the island because once they're gone it will effect the Eco system.

Correspondence ID: 2541 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:55:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please bring wolves there

Correspondence ID: 2542 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:55:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: select option C
bringing in more wolves at park

-Keith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2543 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:55:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Donna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2544 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:57:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and the fragile environment on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,

Jean [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2545 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:58:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save wolves from extinction

Correspondence ID: 2546 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:59:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In order to give wolves a fighting chance to survive climate change, we need to increase their numbers and their territory. In addition, we need to give them opportunities for greater genetic diversity to ensure healthy populations. Wolves should be reintroduced into as much of their native territory as possible.

Correspondence ID: 2547 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 17:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please continue to save our precious animals May God Bless & keep you.

Correspondence ID: 2548 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:00:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves were there before and should be there now.

Correspondence ID: 2549 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:00:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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To effectively judge the impact of the wolf population, you should read the 44 year long study, ISLE ROYALE WOLF STUDY. This classic study carefully documents the position of wolves in the ecological system. The study was carried out by the Canadians and is in book form available on

amazon.com.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2550 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:00:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Pam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2551 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:01:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the ecosystem stable-Thanks

Correspondence ID: 2552 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:01:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am very encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. As you are well aware, wolves are a top tier predator and they play an extremely important role in the balance of an ecosystem. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the genetic issues to the wolf population with such a small number. We know from experience that without wolves, the moose population will increase to an unhealthy level, eating until the food sources are gone and starvation/malnutrition set in. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park as well as with visitor experience.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. In addition, the wolves will continue to represent to all visitors what a healthy ecosystem should look like and preserve our natural heritage without human manipulation of culling or other means to control prey species numbers.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island and ensure a positive role model for the park visitors.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2553 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:02:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jay [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2554 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:03:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You won't have wolves there if you kill them all!

Correspondence ID: 2555 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:03:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park.

A long time admirer of Isle Royale my husband and I spent a week visiting the park this past Fall. At the time we were aware of the pending loss of wolves to the park.

We support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2556 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:03:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

In regard to the Isle Royale situation, with the current number of wolves down to 2:

The best management option is option C, adding more wolves. This would bring about a natural means of controlling the overpopulation of moose, rather than letting moose increase to the point where they destroy the habitat and subsequently suffer and starve.

Please choose option C. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 2557 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:04:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are necessary part of a healthy eco system. They do not deserve the constant harassment that is perpetrated against them. The vast majority of citizens want non lethal means of controlling natural predator populations.

Correspondence ID: 2558 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:04:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am from the UP and am very concerned that Isle Royale remain as it has been. The wolves are a very important part of the ecosystem there. Please do not decide that they are not important. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2559 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:04:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. It is encouraging to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, we have concern about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

We support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation, as well as adding genetic diversity to the wolf population.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns

Correspondence ID: 2560 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:05:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have hiked length of Isle Royal and know it must be preserved with a sensible policy for having wolves again be there in a suitable number. Time to allow importing wolves to Isle Royal.
Thanks for your consideration. Sy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2561 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:06:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have hiked length of Isle Royal and know it must be preserved with a sensible policy for having wolves again be there in a suitable number. Time to allow importing wolves to Isle Royal.
Thanks for your consideration. Sy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2562 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:06:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves keep the environment in balance.

Correspondence ID: 2563 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:06:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an important element of the wild ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2564 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:07:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the people who spend the time and do the studies are in fact the one whom should make the decisions. Having studied wildlife management at Northland College in WI and visited Isle Royale on two occasion for studies I know this is a tiny ecosystem which requires constant monitoring. 40 years ago when I last visited moose were certainly not an issue not even sure they existed but wolves did. I have seen what moose can do in northern Maine and their reach is incredible. If it is believed that more wolves will help maintain a healthy moose herd then bring them in. Certainly follow up surveys should be made for at least 3yrs following an increase and I am sure the park service could find volunteers from Northland College that would jumb on the opportunity.

Correspondence ID: 2565 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:09:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to care for the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 2566 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:11:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Alan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2567 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:12:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Import new blood to the Isle Royale wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2568 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:12:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I hope the effort to bring the wolves back to Isle Royale is a success!

Correspondence ID: 2569 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 18:12:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Philip [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2570 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 18:13:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Alice [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2571 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 18:13:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If you truly are a park service than protect the wildlife in the park. Your eco system depends on these animals to keep nature in balance. Why you people feel you have to play god and kill off wildlife is beyond me. I am in Ontario and one of our parks have tourists lined up for miles just to hear the howl of the wolves or to catch a glance at them. They made hundreds of dollars from tourists, yet all you can think of is killing them off. Shame on you!!We want our wildlife for our generations to enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 2572 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 18:15:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

George [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2573 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 18:15:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

I have never visited Isle Royale but want to, and I don't live far from it. I would love to know that there are wolves there and that they are healthy and useful, balancing the moose population. Only two wolves sounds very lonely, and no doubt inbreeding would happen, weakening them further. Please put more wolves on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bonnie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2574 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:15:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help do everything that can be done to help this delicate ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2575 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:15:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I understand the sense of urgency as the wolf population dwindles on the island, I also want to reflect on the fact that the first wolves came to the island entirely on their own, compelled by the sometimes mysterious, to us at least, sense that wolves have about where the food is.

I think beyond pointing wolves in the right direction and hoping there will be adequate ice coverage to support their winter forays off the mainland, there is probably little left to do about the situation, unless we want to get caught in a cycle of artificially building and maintaining what we consider to be a balanced ecosystem.

Our ideas about how to intervene in the Great Lakes systems to keep them healthy have been notoriously misbegotten in spite of being full of good intention. There are always surprises when things are left to their own devices.

Correspondence ID: 2576 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:16:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Since I was a small child I have always dreamed of visiting Isle Royale to see the wolves. Such a magical and fine place for wolves to survive and flourish. Please replenish the Isle with new wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2577 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:16:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the wolves! I love them and they are beautiful animals that need to be protected!

Correspondence ID: 2578 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:16:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.
SCIENTISTS HAVE MEASURED THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF WOLVES IN THE YELLOWSTONE ECO-SYSTEM. I HAVE VISITED YELLOWSTONE AND WORKED FOR A CONCESSION THERE. I HAVE SEEN AND AS SUCH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPRECIATE WOLVES AS MAGNIFICENT ANIMALS, AND A CRITICAL PART OF A HEALTHY ECO-SYSTEM. THIS CAN BE A PART OF MAINTAINING THE ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Respectfully,
Al [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2579 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:17:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Steven [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2580 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:17:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to not only protect isolated parks, but make protected connections between them.

Correspondence ID: 2581 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:17:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves are important. We have to save them.

Correspondence ID: 2582 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:18:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have been and should be on Isle Royal, to control the elk/deer population, if for no other reason. But they are neat to see too.

Correspondence ID: 2583 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:18:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Elinore [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2584 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:18:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Lesley [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2585 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:19:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Gail [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2586 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:20:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Catherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2587 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:20:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2588 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:22:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Edward [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2589 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:22:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Wolves are being persecuted in most areas of the lower 48. The usual reason given is fear that they will kill wildlife. This cannot happen on an Island National Park. For this reason, I favor restocking wolves on Isle Royale, as sort of a biological genetic bank.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2590 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:23:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I strongly support restoring a functional wolf population to Isle Royale. There is no doubt that the two remaining wolves will not be able to repopulate the park. Further, they really are not able to meaningfully contribute to the ecosystem. A healthy, intact wolf pack is the only way to keep moose numbers at sustainable levels (unless there are plans to allow hunting in the park, which I and others would vehemently oppose). I took my daughter to Isle Royale last summer, as it is her goal to visit every national park before going to college. She was anxious to hear a wolf howl. I, for awhile, let her think that the sounds of the loons echoing off the hills were wolves. Sadly, I revealed the truth, and she added to her list yet another problem in our national parks that she is determined to rectify. Please, choose option C and fix this problem now - there are plenty of others that she can work on when she receives her degree. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2591 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:24:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: More wolves less people.

Correspondence ID: 2592 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:24:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2593 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:25:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2594 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:25:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to put a stop to the killing of all Wolf's

Correspondence ID: 2595 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:28:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves back to Isle Royale Park. They are needed to keep the Moose population in check. The moose have no other predators and will overgraze the island. Then the moose will starve to death and the ecosystem of the island will have been ruined. The wolves will keep the moose population down to a sustainable level.

Correspondence ID: 2596 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:28:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I realized my dream of visiting Isle Royale in 1975, and it has remained one of my cherished memories, because of its fascinating diverse ecosystem. At that time, the number of moose seemed large. I cannot imagine how unbalanced things are with only 2 wolves on the island. Please increase the wolf population to make the environment healthier.

Correspondence ID: 2597 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:28:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a lover of our National Parks . i am very concerned about the wolves of Isle Royale. When I was last in the Park in 2006 the population was ,even then, dangerously low. I understand the reluctance to interfere, but in reality. We have interfered in all of the systems that we maintain and control,which is all of the National Parks to some degree.
sincerely
Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2598 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:28:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2599 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:29:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. Although I have never visited this beautiful park, I look forward to spending time there in the future and being able to see the wolves would certainly be an incredible experience.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 2600 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:29:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With only two remaining wolves on Isle Royale, in order to ensure the survival and growth of the species that is now in danger of being obliterated.

Correspondence ID: 2601 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:30:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the animals!

Correspondence ID: 2602 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:31:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lauren

Correspondence ID: 2603 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:32:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is urgent- only 2 left!

Correspondence ID: 2604 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:32:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider there positive implications of introducing new wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 2605 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:32:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need more wolves for Isle Royale ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2606 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:33:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2607 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:33:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A healthy eco system needs predators. The wolf is a native species and is the most appropriate to this environment. I urge you to reintroduce more wolves as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 2608 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:34:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is time to add new wolves to Royale. Wolves add to a healthy balance of predator and prey. They have improved the ecosystem at Yellowstone Park. Two wolves are not enough.

Correspondence ID: 2609 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:35:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Verlene [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2610 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:35:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C to bring new wolves to the island as needed. This will keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and protect native vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 2611 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:36:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Without wolves, the moose will overrun the island and destroy the plants.

Correspondence ID: 2612 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:37:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves will keep the moose population in control IF there are enough wolves present. This will hopefully not allow the moose population to get so large that they starve and totally wreck the plant species. If the wolf population is not increased than the moose population needs to be reduced to ten or less since they will increase much faster than the wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 2613 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:37:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2614 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:38:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. The park would not be the same without wolves. Besides the existing moose population would skyrocket out of control without a predator and the native plant species would suffer terribly.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 2615 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:39:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2616 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:39:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These wolves are critical to the Eco system.

Correspondence ID: 2617 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:39:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. This similar to the deer population in my home state, New Jersey, and its deer population. They devastate the native plants without predators and destroy local ecosystems.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will produce a genetically healthier wolf population and help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kyra [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2618 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:39:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 2619 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:39:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan C, as it seems like the most logical plan to have a sustained population survive.

Correspondence ID: 2620 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:40:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to respectfully ask that you consider Option C which will require the National Park Service to bring additional wolves to Isle Royale in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. These wolves will serve a pivotal role in ensuring that the ecosystem is healthy and balanced. Option C is the best option because without wolves, there would be no natural predators to manage the moose population on the island. The moose population can be naturally controlled with the presence of wolves. It is imperative to manage the moose population because their consumption of native plants will eventually eliminate what growth is left. When food supplies run out, the natural stability of the island is at stake.

Option C has been explored by scientific experts. The results of their studies have shown that Option C will best offer options to balance the island's fragile environment.

I thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Correspondence ID: 2621 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:41:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Why must we shot everything? Leave them alone, they were there first.

Correspondence ID: 2622 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:42:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The NPS must work to keep our national parks in great shape to be visited and appreciated by all and for future US citizens!

Correspondence ID: 2623 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:42:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves

Correspondence ID: 2624 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:42:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of option C. Active wolf management over time on Isle Royale, introducing new wolves as need be to keep the population robust. Since human enhanced climate change is partially responsible for the failure to freeze over of Lake Superior, it seems a responsible thing to do. Also, allowing the moose population to swell without wolf predation will lessen the health and vitality of the moose herd, and may imperil the rich, diverse wetland flora on the island. Also, part of the allure and mystique of Isle Royale is entwined with the presence of wolves there.

Correspondence ID: 2625 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:42:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has

narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2626 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:43:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are not only beautiful but they are also critical to the eco-system.

Correspondence ID: 2627 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:44:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help these wolves. They need to be protected.

Correspondence ID: 2628 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:46:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2629 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:46:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

patrick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2630 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Eric [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2631 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:47:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save Republican cuts to the parks.

Correspondence ID: 2632 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:47:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I have long been a supporter of restoring wolf populations in areas that can support them. In Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, the absence of wolves is reflected in the devastation wreaked by deer throughout the park. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Received: May,09,2016 18:47:30
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Correspondence ID: 2634 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:49:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2635 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:49:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring more wolves to propagate a new blood line of wolves to maintain the pack.

Correspondence ID: 2636 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:50:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Two wolves is not a large enough gene pool? More need to be brought in to have a healthy population!

Correspondence ID: 2637 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:51:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important to this planet please look after them and keep them safe!

Correspondence ID: 2638 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:51:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please give these animals a chance.

Correspondence ID: 2639 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:51:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect them!

Correspondence ID: 2640 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:51:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Lauren [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2641 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:52:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Any ecosystem needs balance. The additional wolves to Isle Royale would provide just that.

Correspondence ID: 2642 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:53:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Aisha [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2643 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:53:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: More wolves are ESSENTIAL at Isle Royale! That micro-ecosystem can't exist without them!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2644 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:53:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need more wolves to keep the ecosystem in check. Only two?? We can do better than that. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2645 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:55:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important and beautiful. We need to be their voice and save them.

Correspondence ID: 2646 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:55:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select Option C, adding wolves to Isle Royale to maintain balance in moose/deer population, as currently only two wolves exist on the island. Sincerely yours, Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2647 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:56:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park, which I hope to visit some day. I hope you will implement Alternative C, which will involve introducing new wolves onto the island.

It's not just about the wolves - it's about the amazing Isle Royale environment, of which wolves are a major part. In order to maintain a wolf population, and for the health of the ecosystem this appears to be the best course of action.

Thank you,
Lynne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2648 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:56:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2649 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:57:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Since so many wolves in this country have been exterminated, in order to maintain the species, you should introduce more wolves to this area.

Correspondence ID: 2650 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:58:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2651 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:59:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2652 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:59:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jessica [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2653 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 18:59:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves are needed on the isle

Correspondence ID: 2654 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:00:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Don't let the Isle Royale Wolves die out.

Correspondence ID: 2655 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:00:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A healthy ecosystem needs predators to keep the moose/deer in check. The wolves need to have a diverse DNA population to remain healthy. Isle Royale wolves have had too much inbreeding to sustain a healthy population and need help by the introduction of outside wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2656 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:01:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an important part of the balance of nature and must be repopulated on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2657 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:01:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

cathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2658 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:03:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ron [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2659 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:03:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2660 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:03:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plead bring additional wolves to Isle Royals, to help keep them safe and able to multiply.

Correspondence ID: 2661 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:04:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: 0

Correspondence ID: 2662 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:04:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale Wolves.
Thank you for your attention !

Correspondence ID: 2663 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:04:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Park Supervisor,

Please consider the reintroduction of wolves to Isle Royale. The current population cannot grow and the moose population needs a natural control to maintain the islands vegetation . This is such a wonderful park and natural wonder, it is important to retain the elements that have wrought this wonderful place. My family has enjoyed it immensely as have many friends.

Thank you,
Pam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2664 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:05:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain balance in the ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 2665 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:06:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Harry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2666 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:06:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The balance of Nature is primary in sustaining any environment. The wolves are an important part of that balance. They control the prey that would devour the foliage of the area and that in turn keeps the soil together and water system would be stressed and drained. Balance is utilizing all parts of the eco-system.

Correspondence ID: 2667 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:07:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
during this years Detroit Free Press Film festival, I heard with alarm that the wolfs on Isle Royal are fading away as a result of a limited gene pool giving way to an ever growing moose population. Even though I am all for keeping nature to it's own devices, it appears that global warming and the associated lesser Ice cover has forced excessive inbreeding in the pack.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ray [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2668 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:08:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add wolves so that they can be protected and flourish!

Correspondence ID: 2669 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:08:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolves be happy and come back!

Correspondence ID: 2670 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:10:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale need our help. Please make it a model of eco-management.

Correspondence ID: 2671 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:10:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Shelley [REDACTED]

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Received: May,09,2016 19:10:33
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2673 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:10:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is very important to increase the wolf population in Isle Royale. We have a moral responsibility to protect all animals. Thank you, Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2674 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:11:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves, don't wait until it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 2675 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:11:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help us.

Correspondence ID: 2676 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:11:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Timothy [REDACTED]

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Received: May,09,2016 19:12:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Gail [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2679 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:12:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Bradley [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2680 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:13:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: OF COURSE new wolf DNA should be added to Isle Royale! Please do this to protect this fragile natural order.

Correspondence ID: 2681 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:14:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2682 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:14:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I find it incomprehensible that we, as human beings, have regressed in our roles as viable stewards to all living things left in our care. We are failing miserably and show no inclination to change this dynamic. Exactly why, and when, did we become so immune, heartless and evil?

Correspondence ID: 2683 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:14:45
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jackie

Correspondence ID: 2684 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:14:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been to almost every NP in the country as well as many of the national seashores and wilderness areas. I love them all for many different reasons. It is for this reason that I weep for the future of Isle Royal NP in Michigan. With the wolf pack down to just two, the elk/deer population will have no natural enemies and will continue in their devastation of the Flora/vegetation thus destroying further, the balance of the natural chain. I believe that this destruction could be halted by the introduction of new wolves to the island and, as happened in Yellowstone, I think scientific studies there proved that the ecological structure was dramatically improved after their intro there several years ago. I trust that you will consider the positive impact of a growing wolf pack and not be swayed by the politics of a few people that object to the natural processes of life.

Correspondence ID: 2685 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:15:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: dear superintendent green

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2686 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:16:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Return this eco system to an original state, which includes natural predators besides man.

Correspondence ID: 2687 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:17:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am glad that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I am concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Very respectfully,

Tanya [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2688 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:17:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To have a balanced ecosystem you need predators as part of it.
Please bring more wolves to Isle Royale so that an adequate breeding population can be re-established.

Correspondence ID: 2689 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:18:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves make an ecosystem work. They cull herds naturally, usually the weakest and diseased. They keep herds moving which allows grasses and trees to grow. Two wolves are not enough. A pack is needed. Please bring new wolves to the Isle and restore nature.

Correspondence ID: 2690 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:18:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Joann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2691 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:18:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Please ensure that Isle Royale stays NATURALLY healthy by reinforcing the existing wolf population.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2692 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:18:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2693 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:19:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

In 1982, as a young adult, I had the wonderful opportunity to backpack with friends on Isle Royale. Seeing moose in the woods and hearing wolves at night were thrills that I will never forget. I was also inspired to read and keep informed of the unique ecosystem balance that has existed on the island for many years. Therefore I was quite concerned to learn of the demise of the wolf population there.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Vickie [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sybil [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2695 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:19:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The park service does a great job at protecting wildlife and plants :).

Correspondence ID: 2696 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:19:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the wolves from coming extinct. Bring more wolves in. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 2697 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:19:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2698 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:20:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Decision Maker,

In the 60's or early 70's, I remember reading in Ranger Rick about how the wolves who walked across the frozen lake helped restore vitality to the moose population on the isle.

Please consider a reintroduction. It is time to do it again

Sincerely

Erica [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2699 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2700 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:21:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is a very difficult problem (Dietz 2016). Over the last century, the Park Service has often adopted the admirable view of being stewards of ecological, evolutionary and biogeophysical processes that are unfolding "naturally." But in many ways anthropogenic climate change means, as McKibben has put it, the "end of nature" (McKibben 1989). So ethical choices are difficult. I would argue in favor of options B or C. I note that B is in some sense embedded within C in that once a wolf-reintroduction begins, it can be continued or discontinued based on sound adaptive risk management. I would argue against option D in that, with the wolf population already at two, and with no clear indication yet of the indicators and thresholds that would be used for management under this option, it could be sometime before wolves were reintroduced. By that time the system could have undergone irreversible change. With regard to Option A and indeed the use of the phrase "natural processes" in option D, I note that in all probability the reasons the wolf population has dropped to such low levels is the lack of formation of an ice bridge which in turn can plausibly attributed to climate change. Since current climate change is almost entirely anthropogenic, the term "natural" seems inappropriate. As with all policy decisions, once the best science has been deployed there are still value judgements or ethical considerations that ultimately guide the decision. In my view, the most appropriate action as the Park Service struggles with its stewardship in the age of global environmental change is, in this case, to follow options B or C and reintroduce wolves in a timely way to reduce the risk of irreversible changes to the ecosystem over at least the moderate term.

Dietz, Thomas. 2016. "Science, Values, and Conflict in the National Parks." Pp. in press in Science, Conservation, and National Parks, edited by S. R. Beissinger, D. B. Ackerly, H. Doremus, and G. E. Machlis. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
McKibben, William. 1989. The End of Nature. New York: Anchor.

Correspondence ID: 2701 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:21:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Elise [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2702 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:23:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore the wolf population at Isle Royale. A large enough population is needed to keep the ecosystem healthy. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2703 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:23:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not eliminate the wolves

Correspondence ID: 2704 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:23:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephanie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2705 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:25:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are necessary to balance out the course of natural selection

Correspondence ID: 2706 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:25:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Please accept Alternative C, which will bring the definitely needed additional wolves to the island. With only two wolves left, an increased population to a very sustainable level is needed as soon as possible.

The moose population is already way too high. Without additional wolves there will be too many moose. Hunting to reduce the number of moose is most certainly not the answer. A sustainable wolf population will naturally bring the number of moose to a normal sustainable level.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option as quickly as possible so that the ecological balance on the island is regained.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important matter.

Sincerely
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2707 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:28:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marcia [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2708 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:28:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must rescue, save and protect the Wolves and their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 2709 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:28:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2710 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:29:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 2711 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:29:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. Western states and British Columbia are in the process of hunting down and killing wolf packs-can I humbly suggest that the National Park Service connect with these killing groups and instead of killing, target some of them for reestablishment on the island?

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2713 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:30:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cynthia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2714 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:31:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: asd

Correspondence ID: 2715 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:32:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Anthony [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2716 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:32:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important to the ecosystem. Thank you for addressing this important issue

Correspondence ID: 2717 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:33:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. The Isle Royale National Park environment will be a out of balance without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2718 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Caleb [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2719 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:35:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support introducing more wolves to Isle Royale if Rolf Peterson supports it.

Correspondence ID: 2720 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:36:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a resident of a lake Michigan island, I understand the delicate balance necessary for Islands. Isle Royale has long been an important place for nature studies and I encourage all to maintain the balance which existed so that all species can flourish.

Correspondence ID: 2721 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:36:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Regards,
Erica [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2722 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:37:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose option C - import new wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2723 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:37:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2724 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:37:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The adoption of option C appears to be the action necessary to restore ecological balance to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2725 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 19:37:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves from extinction!!!

Correspondence ID: 2726 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:38:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2727 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring new wolves to Isle Royale. If you don't, it won't be long before you have starving moose and a decimated ecosystem on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2728 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:39:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are a vital part of the ecosystem. Without their presence, coyotes as well as prey species like moose and deer proliferate, increasing to unsustainable levels. Since wolves were originally present on Isle Royal, I urge you to support their re-introduction now that their numbers have severely diminished.

Correspondence ID: 2729 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:40:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jared [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2730 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:40:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please put back the ecosystem as it belongs in wild places.

Correspondence ID: 2731 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:41:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2732 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:42:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time to balance out the ecosystem to what it once was.

Correspondence ID: 2733 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:44:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: save the wolves

Correspondence ID: 2734 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:45:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2735 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:45:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Randy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2736 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:45:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Mother Nature knows best. Return wolves to their rightful habitat.

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda [REDACTED]

ps - the disclaimer above the comment form stating that personal information may not be protected is intimidating and seen as a deterrent to keep people from commenting. Shame on you.

Correspondence ID: 2737 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:46:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Allen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2738 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I lived in Michigan most of my life and would always read about Isle Royale and the wolves. It seems impossible that there are only two wolves left. Positive steps need to be taken to bring the population up to a sustainable level and with a acceptable gene pool. I'm saddened to hear this poor planning by the NPS allowed this to happen.

Correspondence ID: 2739 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:46:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A treasure isle awaits these animals.

Correspondence ID: 2740 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:49:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The protection of the environment has to be the top priority.

Correspondence ID: 2741 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:50:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kenneth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2742 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:50:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are natural and necessary members of the ecosystem and their presence in the park should be supported. It is shameful that people have done so much to eradicate this intelligent and helpful species without which the other species in the park will be thrown out of balance.

Correspondence ID: 2743 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 19:51:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Reestablish the wolf back on Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 2744 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:52:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I had the pleasure of visiting Isle Royale in 2011 and thoroughly enjoyed backpacking in such a unique ecosystem. Although I did not spot any wolves during my visit their presence was obvious. The decline of the Isle Royale wolf population began with the introduction of a canine parvovirus and has been compounded by climate change; because humans are responsible for the decline I believe it is paramount that we take action to restore balance to the Isle Royale ecosystem.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Pete [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2745 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:53:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: x

Correspondence ID: 2746 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:53:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2747 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:54:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The destructive vehemence of anti-wolfers is shocking and saddening. Wolves are a keystone species and are vital to a healthy ecosystem!!

Correspondence ID: 2748 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:55:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: SAVE ALL THE ANIMQLS ON QND OFFENDQNGERED SPECIES LIST

Correspondence ID: 2749 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:55:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, bringing wolves back to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2750 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:55:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2751 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:55:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Gentlemen:

When one hears of two wolves living on an island, it seems like a small amount. Knowing also that there is a thriving moose populations there, it seems that bringing more wolves in to balance population is not harmful to the animals, but brings on natural selection. It is not easy to say this, but sometimes the weakest who may become ill could be diminished. This would help the forest and environment without bringing in other man made means. I applaud bringing in sets of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2752 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:55:39
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Correspondence ID: 2753 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:55:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: None

Correspondence ID: 2754 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:56:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2755 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:56:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After reading the information on the wolf population on the Isle it is important that the wolf population be increased to keep other population in check.

Correspondence ID: 2756 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:56:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the

moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carla [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2757 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:56:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2758 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:57:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the ecosystem, introduce some new wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2759 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:57:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider bringing new wolves to the Isle Royale to re-establish a viable breeding program in order to bring back health and balance to the island's ecosystem.

Thank you for your consideration of this serious ecological matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2760 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:57:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The addition of young wolves of a new genetic strain would be a wonderful event. Wolves are being killed in the four North western states because of ignorant and foolish people. On Isle Royal they would be uniquely guarded and safe. Please do it.

Correspondence ID: 2761 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:58:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2762 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:59:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2763 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 19:59:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C is in the best interest of the park. If moose do not have enough natural predators, they will eventually destroy the plant life of the island, upsetting the natural balance. By bringing in more wolves, that ecosystem stays in balance, keeping the moose population in check.

Correspondence ID: 2764 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:01:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lynne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2765 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:02:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have to save wolves because of the fact that they are good for the country. They are to us what lions are to Africa. We cannot have them killed because killing is a bad idea

Correspondence ID: 2766 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:03:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our public lands and wildlife must be protected.

Correspondence ID: 2767 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:04:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C please, bring more wolves in.

Correspondence ID: 2768 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:05:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I strongly support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. It would also be just, as the lack of winter lake ice, most likely caused by climate change, is what is preventing the natural immigration of new wolves to the island.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2769 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:07:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Donald [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2770 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:08:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add wolves to tha Isle to protect the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2771 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:09:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPS

We are a leading nation, and must challenge ourselves to put forth a greater effort and to push ourselves to meet our goals while taking care to not destroying the things that cannot be replaced. There are ways to have both; the things that we need and still allow us to protect the worlds systems that support us.

Bring back the wolves of Isle Royale. Put things back in their place and let stand the natural order.

I urge you to not let this government undermine our irreplaceable world wealth for short term profits and industrial convenience. A whale population of fewer than 280 individuals is all that stands between a unique species and the eternal nonexistence of extinction and. DON'T let this loss be our legacy, one we have to explain to our children, as they ask why we did nothing.

Regards,
Robert [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2772 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:10:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's vital to the survival of Isle Royale to adopt option C to introduce additional wolves to the island. Without them, the moose population will ovtopopulate and exhaust the food supply,dedtoying the island as it now exists.

Correspondence ID: 2773 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:10:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Catherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2774 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:10:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thanks for listening to my comments.

I would like to voice my support for option C, bringing more wolves to the island to balance the moose population. The wolves should come from diverse areas and completely unrelated gene pools so hopefully the chances of heritable defects are lessened. This has been too lopsided for way too long.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2775 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:10:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2776 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:11:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the ecosystem function. Save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2777 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:12:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle royale needs a wolf population. Please work to make this happen.

Correspondence ID: 2778 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:12:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2779 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:13:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that in order to preserve the natural beauty of Isle Royale, it is critical that the wolf population be increased. It appears that the only way that can occur is for the Parks Service to "import" some new wolf families to the Island.

Correspondence ID: 2780 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:14:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Leslie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2781 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:14:23
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2782 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:14:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option c. Bringing wolves to the island will bring ecological balance to the wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 2783 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:15:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restock the wolves and keep the hunter freaks out. allow the wolves and balance to do its job.

Correspondence ID: 2784 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:15:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves and the other animals that add so much to our lives. There seems to be a feeling that all wild animals should be eradicated. What a terrible thought this. I love animals and I do not kill them. Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 2785 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:16:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Katherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2786 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:16:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2787 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:17:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Suzanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2788 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:18:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2789 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:19:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves must be reintroduced where ever it is possible to re-balance the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2790 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:19:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2791 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:20:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: rk. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Correspondence ID: 2792 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:20:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I remember when I was there when the fisherman had cabins and fished for a living the wolves came to get the scapes from the fish and they never were attack Those were the days that wild animals and humans got along on the island

Correspondence ID: 2793 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:20:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Need more wolves on Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 2794 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:20:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2795 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:21:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2796 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:22:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support option C. The wolf population must be large enough to maintain the moose population naturally.

Correspondence ID: 2797 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:24:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our national parks and the wonders they hold deserve to be protected for future generations

Correspondence ID: 2798 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:26:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After reviewing the EIS for wolf management at Isle Royale, I believe Alternative C provides the for the most sustainable approach to preserving a balanced ecosystem for the park.

Correspondence ID: 2799 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:26:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am submitting a comment regarding the management plan for Isle Royale National park.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park; now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. It seems this option will best maintain the ecological balance of the island.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2800 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:27:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add new wolves to the Isle Royal pack. We need more wolves in the wild now.

Correspondence ID: 2801 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:27:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves add to ecology.

Correspondence ID: 2802 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:27:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the wildlife management plan for the park. I am concerned about the impact to Isle Royale's ecosystem without a sufficient number of wolves on the island. I support alternative C, which will bring new wolves to the park as needed to maintain a predator-prey balance. With only two wolves left on the island, an expeditious implementation of the plan may be warranted.

Again, thank you,
-Todd [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2803 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:28:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2804 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:28:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save all parks and wildlife they are Gods animals as well as ours to enjoy be good to all of nature!!

Correspondence ID: 2805 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:31:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2806 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:32:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2807 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:32:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Madeline [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2808 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:34:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I am extremely concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C - - bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population in check and will minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly in order to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely yours,
Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2809 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:34:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Correspondence ID: 2810 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:35:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale a number of times when my parents volunteered during the summer over number of years. I always wanted to see a wolf but only heard them from a distance. With climate change there is little chance for ice bridges to form to allow crossings from the mainland. For the sake of the islands ecosystem to flourish there must be predators to keep the moose population in check or the island's trees and shrubs will be eaten down to nothing. Also, one of the great tourist attractions on Isle Royale has been the wolf. Usually I don't think we humans should interfere with nature, but this is different. Please introduce several pairs of wolves, enough to have gene diversity, onto Isle Royale as soon as possible.

Wolves are very important to a balanced environment and are very shy of humans. Please reintroduce wolves now.

Correspondence ID: 2811 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:37:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

Isle Royale is a very unique place that is being impacted by climate change. Because of the change, the population of wolves on the island is threaten. Humans are the main reason that the island's environment is on a precipice. We can save the ecosystem on Isle Royal through Alternative C. Every winter I follow the wolves lives by watching the online project blog, and I would love to do so for many years to come.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Johanna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2812 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:39:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to introduce new wolves to Isle Royale to preserve this fragile ecosystem. They are very important in the balance of nature.

Correspondence ID: 2813 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:39:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marybeth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2814 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:40:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2815 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:41:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Inbreeding is just a slower way to extinction. The genetic pool of isolated populations must be as large as possible.

Correspondence ID: 2816 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:41:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Alec [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2817 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:43:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop the Killing

Correspondence ID: 2818 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:43:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It sounds like it is time to bring more wolves to this area so they can rebound.

Correspondence ID: 2819 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:46:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2820 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:47:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2821 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:49:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely, Harry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2822 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:50:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Harry [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely, Harry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2823 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:50:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The wolves have been a vital and integral part of the Isle Royale ecosystem, allowing the vegetation communities to flourish under a tolerable and manageable population of moose. The long geological history of the island very likely includes the presence of predators, replenished whenever ice bridges were durable enough to facilitate migration, long before the colonization of recent history in 1949. However, due to anthropogenic climate influence toward less winter ice in the Great Lakes and fewer wolves in the surround parts of US and Canada, such migration is unlikely to occur again naturally in the Anthropocene. The predator-prey relationship on Isle Royale has become an iconic textbook example of such relationships taught in high-school biology. If wolves are allowed to die, an outstanding northern mixed-hardwood forest will suffer excessive, unsustainable grazing pressure, and become more akin to the over-grazed, predator-free lands that characterize much the urbanized, fragmented eastern US. I urge the Park Service to transplant a new founder group of wolves from the nearest convenient population.

Correspondence ID: 2824 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:51:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I hope this issue is resolved soon. I agree. reintroduce wolves into their habitats.

Correspondence ID: 2825 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:51:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Duane [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2826 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:52:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: More wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2827 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:53:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe you should reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2828 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:53:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The wolf population was, most likely, negatively impacted by human intervention - parvo virus from visitors' pets. A positive human intervention can restore the wolf-moose balance.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2829 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:55:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the option of bringing additional wolves to Isle Royale NP. A healthy wolf population is essential to a healthy ecosystem on Isle Royale.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2830 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:55:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2831 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:56:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Suzanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2832 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:57:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,Diane

Correspondence ID: 2833 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:58:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and reading my comments.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2834 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:58:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Thanks for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2835 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:58:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

frank [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2836 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 20:59:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

It has been too long since the three glorious days and nights I spent on my solo trek of the Minong ridge the summer before last. I can't wait to return to Isle Royale. It is a place that was almost sacred to my father as a sailor, a mythological refuge to me as a child, and I hope it will remain the wild heart of Superior for my daughter and her children's children.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Suzanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2837 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:00:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. My husband and I spent our honeymoon at Isle Royale in 1976.

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ramona [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2838 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:00:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion concerning the issue of the wolf population on Royale Island National ark. I join the NPCA in supporting Option C, which will help to restore a healthy ecosystem in the Park. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2839 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:01:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carrie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2840 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:02:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My family and I want to join the National Parks Conservation Program in supporting Option C, requiring the NPS to bring wolves to Isle Royale National Park.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to make this comment! Thank you!

I love the conservation aspect of our National Park system and I am hopeful that Isle Royale will be part of your broad and comprehensive conservation planning.

Correspondence ID: 2841 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:03:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2842 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:03:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. This is a natural way to solve the problem without a lot of dangerous chemicals or invasive species. If the transplanted wolf population is kept relatively small it should balance the moose problem without become a problem in turn. It is certainly less costly in terms of consequences of traps, chemicals, or dangerous hunting practices.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2843 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:03:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2844 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:03:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2845 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:04:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are ESSENTIAL to the survival of the ecosystem on Isle Royale. 2 are NOT enough!!!

Correspondence ID: 2846 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:07:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves of Yellowstone have been a godsend. They restore a healthy ecology

Correspondence ID: 2847 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:08:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2848 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:08:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Jon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2849 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,09,2016 21:08:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please consider

Correspondence ID: 2850 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:10:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2851 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:11:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have seen in Yellowstone and elsewhere that predators are necessary to maintain balance in an ecosystem and so ensure its continuity. In much of North America, the dominant predator is the wolf. Isle Royal needs it wolves. Plan C appears to address the need adequately.

Correspondence ID: 2852 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:13:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In order to maintain a healthy wolf population, new wolves must be introduced to prevent continuous interbreeding with close relatives.

Correspondence ID: 2853 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:16:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do believe that introducing more wolves to Isle Royale would assure the island of a healthier ecosystem by helping to control the moose population. Too many moose will in turn cause potential damage to themselves and the flora. I encourage you to reconsider the introduction of several more wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2854 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:16:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need these magnificent creatures!

Correspondence ID: 2855 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:17:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I grew up on the north shore of Lake Superior and have always been intrigued by Isle Royale. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm very concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. I have seen the sad effects of overgrazing by deer and elk in Colorado where I now live. predators are absolutely necessary for a healthy ecosystem.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2856 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09,2016 21:20:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2857 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09,2016 21:20:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2858 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09,2016 21:20:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Heidi [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2859 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09,2016 21:22:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sharrel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2860 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:23:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Isle Royale wolves

Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Sample Message/Comments

Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Richard and Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2861 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:24:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please bring mre wolves

Correspondence ID: 2862 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:25:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2863 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:30:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of keeping the wolves in Isle Royale. Besides being beautiful, breath-taking, and awesome to listen to at night, their presence helps provide a necessary balance among the island's wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 2864 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:33:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back wolves

Correspondence ID: 2865 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2866 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:36:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce more wolves to Isle Royale. The wolf population has been reduced to only two, which is not a sustainable population. Formerly, there were as many as 50 wolves on Isle Royale. Wolves are an important contributor to a healthy eco-system. Their lack is crucial! Please allow the re-introduction of more wolves as quickly as possible!

Correspondence ID: 2867 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:38:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2868 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:38:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2869 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:40:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring the wolves back to where they belong-on their land.

Correspondence ID: 2870 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:42:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help please - they need us!

Correspondence ID: 2871 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:44:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Rich [REDACTED]

P.S. Our back fence is the boundary of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], which means we have (limited) access to millions of acres of wilderness. We are more the intruders to this natural area than the bears that come on our deck, or the hundreds of elk and other "natural inhabitants" that we view from our windows. Across the street is a [REDACTED], but we prefer the natural view (and inhabitants) behind us. Please do everything you can to maintain the ecosystem of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2872 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:46:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a keystone species, meaning they play a critical role in maintaining ecological health and well-being.

Correspondence ID: 2873 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:47:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.



Correspondence ID: 2874 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:47:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When is this problem going to end??.....I mean the one that 'humans' have regarding not wanting to share this Planet with animals!!

Correspondence ID: 2875 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:48:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In order to keep a balanced and healthy ecosystem, it is necessary to introduce more wolves to the island. Please follow the recommendations of the National Park Service to restore their numbers.

Correspondence ID: 2876 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:49:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please pursue Alternative C to bring additional wolves into the park in order to help balance the ecosystem and enhance visitor interest. With wolves under attack in so many places across the West, finding animals to relocate should not be difficult. Thanks for your excellent work.

Correspondence ID: 2877 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:50:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: get a grip!!

Correspondence ID: 2878 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:51:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We cannot keep destroying the ecosystem. Every big & little thing matters.

Correspondence ID: 2879 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:51:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need our wild places and to preserve them we need to maintain our ecosystems; introduction of more wolves to Isle Royale is vital to that ecosystem and should be done.

Correspondence ID: 2880 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:51:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Add new wolves to the two wolf population on the isle to keep the Eco system in balance!!

Correspondence ID: 2881 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:53:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Robyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2882 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:54:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2883 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:55:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tiffany [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2884 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:55:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

A national park supporter and fan

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2885 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:56:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for listening to my concerns, and thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for taking your time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 2886 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:58:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to help the wild places stay wild.

Correspondence ID: 2887 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 21:59:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

robyn ██████████

Correspondence ID: 2888 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:02:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help restore the natural balance and put more wolves back in this area.

Correspondence ID: 2889 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:03:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Craig ██████████

Photo: Only two of these three wolves remain at Isle Royale National Park. Â© Rolf Peterson

Correspondence ID: 2890 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:05:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Roberta [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2891 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:09:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves! Balance the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 2892 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:09:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Howard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2893 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:11:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PROTECT WOLVES THEY ARE A NATURAL AND IMPORTANT PART OF OUR ECOSYSTEM!!!

Correspondence ID: 2894 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:14:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support bringing additional wolves to check the over population of moose on the island. The remaining 2 lone wolves is not enough to keep the moose population in check. My husband, son and I visited Isle Royale and truly enjoyed our fantastic experience. We saw quite a few moose, but no wolves. We didn't hear any either. Without the moose population in check, the island vegetation will be in peril as well as the moose population due to lack of food. Please add more wolves to the island. I'm so grateful you are thinking about Isle Royale. It's one of the lesser National Parks and not visited by nearly the amount of people like the larger parks. Nevertheless it is one of the best unspoiled jewels of the Park system. I want to see it thrive and remain viable to its wildlife. The trip out to Isle Royale by ferry from Copper Harbor was wonderful as Lake Superior was calm that day. We hiked and saw moose, fox, and birds along with breath taking scenery. We rented a motor boat and explored the other nearby islands and lighthouse. We took the boat tour, canoed, and enjoyed the rustic cabin we stayed in. It was an unforgettable experience. I want to return again this summer, especially on the National Parks 100th anniversary. Please do all that you can to help Isle Royale stay healthy. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2895 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:15:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2896 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:15:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Give the wolves a chance to contribute to the ecosystem. Why must we humans always destroy the balance that God has created. Give the wolves a chance to create their own home and bring nature into balance. Wolves have every right to exist as do we humans.

Correspondence ID: 2897 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:16:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2898 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:17:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is to urge you, NPS, to go with option C that requires you to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2899 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:21:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are beneficial to an ecosystem since they target the old, ill, and injured animals as prey. They are not monsters.

Correspondence ID: 2900 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:23:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 2901 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:23:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. My husband and I are encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, we are concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2902 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:27:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2903 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:28:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that in order to protect nature and its ecosystem there must be enough prey and predators. We have to maintain homeostasis in nature for it to work. Make sure there are enough wolves in order that moose do not over populate the areas.

Correspondence ID: 2904 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:30:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of option 1, taking no action. The moose and wolves got to the island without any human action. We should continue to let nature take it's course. Leave them alone!

Correspondence ID: 2905 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:34:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support adding more wolves to the Isle Royale. The ecosystem needs predators to keep things in check, specifically the moose from eating too many grasses and eroding the waterways. Adding new wolves will help maintain the balance and help diversify the gene pool.

Correspondence ID: 2906 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:36:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Pat [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2907 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:39:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: What will happen if wolves become exposed to the devastating infestations of ticks that are becoming epidemic for Moose in my home state of Maine and other places?Wouldn't it be wise to bring tick populations under control before reintroducing wolves?

Correspondence ID: 2908 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:39:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider introducing more wolves to the area to help preserve the system. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2909 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:40:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves!!

Correspondence ID: 2910 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:41:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Correspondence ID: 2911 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:41:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[Linda ██████]

Correspondence ID: 2912 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:43:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: RE-POPULATE ISLE ROYALE WITH ONLY WHOLE FAMILY OF WOLVES.

Correspondence ID: 2913 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:44:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Clara ██████

Correspondence ID: 2914 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:46:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2915 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:46:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: choose option C.

Correspondence ID: 2916 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:48:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves belong here.

Correspondence ID: 2917 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:48:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I hope that you will allow the wolf population on Isle Royale to grow in order to restore the natural balance among the animals. Plentiful hunting targets are attractive to some people but too many browsers will ruin the habitat. Please support the rebuilding of the wolf pack.

Correspondence ID: 2918 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:49:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2919 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:52:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time that man stops interfering with the natural balance of Nature by allowing species to be hunted to near extinction. It isn't up to humans to determine what the balance of nature should be...that's God's department.

Correspondence ID: 2920 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:54:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Biologic diversity is crucial to a natural balance. A viable population of any species relies on the occasional addition of new family members. Anyone with an inkling of knowledge in animal husbandry knows how important it is not to have inbreeding too close in any group. Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem. Prevention of genetic inbreeding is a concern in this modern age of shrinking habitat and persecution of our larger predators who help keep nature in balance.

Correspondence ID: 2921 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:58:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to put nature back in balance.

Correspondence ID: 2922 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 22:59:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. I would hate to see this happen to such a magnificent park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2923 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:00:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: How disgusting that from the amount there were previously there are now only 2 wolves left. What sort of cruel, ruthless, disgusting humans are we that we can hunt down these beautiful animals, who have as much right to this earth as we humans do. Despicable to say the least. We should be very ashamed of ourselves - these animals are voiceless, defenceless and innocent and we were never given a right to hunt them to the brink of extinction. Sick, evil, monstrous murdering trash that do this need a bullet to the brain. Please, you need to help these animals by doing the right thing in caring for and protecting them.

Correspondence ID: 2924 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:00:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves. Thank you, Jill

Correspondence ID: 2925 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:02:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ellis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2926 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:03:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

PLEASE CONSIDER POPULATING WOLVES BACK INTO ROYALE NATIONAL PARK SO AS TO SUSTAIN THE POPULATIONS AS WELL AS MAKING THE ECO-SYSTEM THRIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Correspondence ID: 2927 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:04:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steven [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2928 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:05:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Nichole [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2929 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:06:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2930 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:07:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There are only 2 Isle Royale wolves left and that is a disgrace which must be corrected for the park's ecosystem to be in balance:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Charlotte [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2931 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09.2016 23:10:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. If the wolves are not able to sustain a natural population, then why would bringing more wolves solve the problem? We need to asses the ecosystem as a whole. Is there enough food (prey) there? Is there enough habitat for the prey? Is climate change effecting the system?

Correspondence ID: 2932 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09.2016 23:12:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, there is a need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 2933 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09.2016 23:13:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS and Superintendent Green,

As an American who loves our national parks and our nation's wildlife, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I applaud the Park Service for having narrowed the scope of the plan to focus on the future of wolves at the park. Having learned that there are just two wolves left at Isle Royale, I am very concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and its visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population likely will continue to increase, eating until the food sources have been depleted. This would have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. Also, without a substantial population of wolves on Isle Royale, visitors will miss out on the opportunity to view and hear these rare and majestic animals.

I strongly support Alternative C, which would bring new wolves to the island as needed to maintain a healthy population. Introducing new wolves to the island would not only help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and impacting native vegetation, it would add to the visitor experience and help attract more tourists to the park and region.

I hope that the National Park Service will adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island and improve the park.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Jeremy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2934 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09.2016 23:15:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a necessary part of a successful ecosystem and pose no threat to cattle or domestic animals. Please introduce and support the formation and sustained viability of healthy protected packs! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 2935 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.09.2016 23:18:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I believe the future of the island's ecosystem is at risk. Without wolves, balance in the local ecosystem will become unstable and fall apart. By introducing new wolves we could prevent disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

Sincerely,

Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2936 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:22:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support and urge you to adopt Option C. Without adding new wolves to Isle Royale and Isle Royale National Park, the moose population on the island will quickly overwhelm the ecosystem by devouring native vegetation and affecting other wildlife. More wolves are needed (to sustain their numbers) and to keep the moose population in check, thus saving the flora and enhancing visitor experience. Please adopt this management option quickly to maintain the ecological balance of this island. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Correspondence ID: 2937 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:23:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without our wolves and other wildlife all life on this planet would be decimated because of man's arrogance, selfishness, and greed, and IT IS MAN who will suffer the ultimate consequences from disease and death for crimes against Nature!! Wolves and other wildlife belong to the Earth as the Creator intended in the first place!!

Correspondence ID: 2938 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:24:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wrong is wrong!

Correspondence ID: 2939 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:33:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to Help! Two! That's Terrible!

Correspondence ID: 2940 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:40:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: es necesario salvar la vida silvestre tanto animal como no animal, evitando asÃ su extinciÃn.

Correspondence ID: 2941 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:44:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please strengthen the wolves of Isle Rorale

Correspondence ID: 2942 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:45:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2943 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:51:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the ecosystems of our national parks!

Correspondence ID: 2944 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:55:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2945 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:59:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2946 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:59:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2947 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 23:59:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future

of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2948 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:01:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green:

I wish to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Todd [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2949 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:03:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Gotta have wolves where they have always been...

Correspondence ID: 2950 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:08:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They are killing wolves out west who are venturing out of National Park borders. Why not round up some of these wolves and bring them to Isle Royale? The Park Service or some of the conservation societies could offer a bounty for LIVE wolves caught outside the parks only.

Correspondence ID: 2951 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:08:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 2952 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:10:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 2953 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:18:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: E

Correspondence ID: 2954 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:25:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am encouraged to see the Park service focussing on the future of wolves at Isle Royale. The park needs wolves to keep the moose population in check and

keep the ecosystem in balance. If the wolves die out, the moose population will grow beyond capacity, ravaging the native plant species on the island and harming other species of wildlife in the park.

I strongly support Alternative C, introducing new wolves to the island to keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 2955 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:25:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider adding new wolves to Royal Isle to increase population. New wolves are needed for the continued survival of the species as whole.

Correspondence ID: 2956 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:30:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2957 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:41:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am writing to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2958 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:45:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the population of wolves up on Isle Royale. They do well in that habitat and deserve to keep their home.

Correspondence ID: 2959 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 01:25:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2960 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 01:32:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2961 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 01:33:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Royal Isles ecosystem...!

Correspondence ID: 2962 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 01:41:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2963 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 01:59:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These wolves die horrid and unfair deaths. We should be saving them.

Correspondence ID: 2964 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:05:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I share the concern about the future of the island's ecosystem, and for the continued survival of the wolf population. An important part of the experience of wilderness at Isle Royale is

being able to still here the howl of a wolf in the distance.

Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. A well maintained wolf population in balance with a well maintained moose population is a very important element of land management at the Park.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island, and to not loose the wolf which is so important to the character of the Park.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Bernard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2965 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:15:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2966 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:19:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. PLEAASE adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves

Correspondence ID: 2967 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:23:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Philip [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2968 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:38:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this management plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience in this magical place. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 2969 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:43:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jessica [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2970 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:48:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves. They are such an important part of our ecosystems.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 2971 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 02:51:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale

God bless ;o)

Correspondence ID: 2972 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:17:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I have read the Public Scoping Newsletter carefully. I am deeply concerned that there are now only two wolves left in the park: I am aware how important a healthy population of top predators is to the ecosystem. I have seen how the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park has re-established a more balanced ecosystem there. We are on the brink of losing our last chance of re-establishing the fortunate balance of the ecosystem in Isle Royale. Doing nothing, allowing the moose population to boom, would be disastrous for native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population for at least the next twenty years. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. Alternative C's emphasis on using the best available science and professional judgment to determine the wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained is eminently wise

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Although I am a Texan, my father was born in Superior, Wisconsin; and my mother's Cajun family largely came from the other side of Lake Superior in Canada. I love this part of the world. Isle Royale is a jewel in the crown of the National Park Service. Please opt for Alternative C so that it can remain so.

With thanks in advance for your kind attention to my concerns,

Yours sincerely,

Helen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2973 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:27:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NA

Correspondence ID: 2974 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:42:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sue [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2975 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:46:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2976 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:48:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Steven [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2977 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:49:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2978 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:50:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

A balanced ecosystem needs predators. Please bring new wolves to the island as part of a science based management of the area.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Regards-

Holly [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 2979 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:53:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: :)

Correspondence ID: 2980 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:55:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: KINDLY...

Correspondence ID: 2981 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 03:57:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Curtis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2982 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:00:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am concerned about the future of the two remaining wolves left at Isle Royale, and for the future of Isle Royale's ecosystem. When the wolves are gone, the moose will multiply and eat through all food sources until they are depleted. This scenario means the native plants and other wildlife in the park will suffer disastrous impacts.

I support Alternative C to bring in new wolves and to maintain their population. The National Park Service should adopt and implement this narrower scope for its management plan to try to maintain Nature's ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 2983 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:01:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is Imperitive to bring back Wolves to Royale National Park Ms Green. the health of its species and its beauty depends on the department Please Help me in this

Correspondence ID: 2984 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:19:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the oppportunity to comment on the pending management plan for Isle Royale National Park and I appreciate the narrowing of the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park.

It is quite clear to me as a forestry professional that, with only two wolves left at Isle Royale,there should be a great deal of concern as to the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Wolves are a critical predator with the Isle Royale ecosystem and without them, the moose population will continue to increase, ravaging the landscape until the food sources are gone and with that the flora / fauna balance critical to an fragile ecosystem.

As a result of my concerns, I am in support of Alternative C, which would bring new wolves to the island as needed to maintain the population. Introducing new wolves to the island will restore predator / prey balance and help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding, thus minimizing impacts on native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2985 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:25:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There are only e wolves, we must bring in another pack to provide diversity of genes. Inbreeding always leads to extinction.

Correspondence ID: 2986 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:30:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In order to deal with your shortage of wolves, I would suggest you collaborate with areas where the wolves are being hunted for the sake of basic extermination. I would also suggest closer investigation into the CAUSE of your shortage. Otherwise, re-supply of a wolven population will only lead to the same situation recurring.

Correspondence ID: 2987 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:32:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Needs to be done.

Correspondence ID: 2988 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:34:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm really not sure what to say other than please put more wolves in the island. Preserving naturally is the best and only way to go. Please restore the wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 2989 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:39:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the oppportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 2990 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:39:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must let nature alone. Wolfs are in the circle of life

Correspondence ID: 2991 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:43:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing this email to encourage the Park Service to reinstate healthy and diverse wolves to the Isle Royale National Park asap. Presently there is no balance to nature on the island with only the two remaining inbred wolves and multiplying moose population. To continue this present situation would mean that the island would be devastated by an overpopulation of moose. Wolves only prey on the weak and elderly moose as a healthy moose is too strong for wolves. Wolves are nature's way of maintaining balance therefore I vote (C) to reinstate wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 2992 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:43:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To guarantee a healthy gene pool, you must have more than two animals. It's critical that we build up the variety of animals that were once native to the area. It's nature's way. Please work with the ecology and bring in new strains of wolves to bring balance back to Isle Royale.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Correspondence ID: 2993 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:46:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Eugene [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2994 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:46:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2995 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:47:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Russ [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2996 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:51:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Preserve wild life !

Correspondence ID: 2997 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:51:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

I also support Option C. Please implement this plan.

Sincerely,

Tammy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 2998 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 04:53:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 2999 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:01:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Park Service,

I have read about the situation at Isle Royale NP. I am glad you are considering the future of the park ecosystems. Thank you for the chance to comment on the options. I favor option C, returning a healthy wolf population to the park. It has been shown over and over that a system without predators is a system out of balance and that it will self destruct. I live in Bucks county PA where our deer population is out of control and it has devastated our forests. We have no understory and no regeneration. We probably can't bring back large predators in our area but you have the chance to keep your system whole and in balance. Please take that chance and bring in the wolves necessary to keep the system in balance. Thank you. Diane [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3000 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:02:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Margaret [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3001 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:02:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do all you can to return the wolf population on Isle Royale to a healthy level. Wolves are an integral part of the natural balance of prey and predators in this park and are crucial to the continuation of the entire ecosystem.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Correspondence ID: 3002 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:05:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the innocent and do all that is possible to create needed environmental needs.

Correspondence ID: 3003 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:05:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carolyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3004 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:07:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3005 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:09:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Chris [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3006 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 05:14:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves to Isle Royale National Park for a more biodiverse environment.

Correspondence ID: 3007 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:14:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help to establish the wolf population

Correspondence ID: 3008 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:16:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves

Correspondence ID: 3009 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:19:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kelly [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3010 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:30:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please always do what is best for animals and nature, people don't have the right to destroy it!

Correspondence ID: 3011 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:33:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Ms, Dear Sir,

I, also want to protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3012 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:34:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I used to live in MI- -at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] -I know how essential wolves are for the balance of the wildlife and for tourism. You need only look at what bringing wolves back to Yellowstone did to see how essential predators are for the whole web. Please, transport wolves back!!!

Correspondence ID: 3013 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:35:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I agree with NPCA's recommendation and support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.
Joan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3014 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:36:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I am going up to visit the park, and I don't want to arrive there and see emaciated moose and a denuded landscape.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3015 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:40:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Only two wolves left? Is this a breeding pair? What plans are there to restore nature's natural balance?

How did this situation get this bad?

Unrestricted hunting, trapping or poisoning cannot be allowed! I visit our National Parks and love to see the land and the wild life preserved for future generations to observe as well.

I expect the National Park Service to see to it that ALL parks are protected and preserved for ALL.

Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3016 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:41:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3017 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:41:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3018 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:41:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Eleanor [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3019 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:42:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves do something few humans do anymore. They mate for life, co-raise their offspring, and avoid conflict. Unfortunately, they have been pushed out of most of their natural territory, hunted unmercifully, and maligned for doing what they do naturally: take care of their families. It's time to show some respect for these amazing animals and give them some breathing room.

Correspondence ID: 3020 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:42:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3021 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:44:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Please bring in additional wolves to increase the biodiversity that is needed on Isle Royale National Park.
Thank you,
Kerry

Correspondence ID: 3022 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:44:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3023 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:45:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Edith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3024 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:46:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Greetings!

Please bring additional wolves to Isle Royale in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. This action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Thank you,
Jaci [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3025 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:50:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Over 30 years ago, as a high school Biology teacher in California, I used the "Wolves of Isle Royal" as an example of nature working at its finest in balance in my teaching and I find it incredulous that their population has been so devastated! What is wrong with this picture? Why have humans been allowed to affect the demise of this wolf population to such an extent? Option C is the only way to alleviate such an egregious issue. Please do the right thing ASAP!

Thank you,
Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3026 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:50:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sandra [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3027 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:50:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our Wolves

Correspondence ID: 3028 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:53:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population.

The opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park is appreciated. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan with only two wolves left at Isle Royale.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3029 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:54:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The wolves are essential to balancing the Eco system on Isle Royale. Please bring back the population.

Correspondence ID: 3030 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:56:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3031 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:57:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: look at the program in Yellowstone and how the return of wolves have help their ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3032 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:58:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3033 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:58:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isn't it obvious that new wolves need to be added to the population? Do the smart and right thing.

Correspondence ID: 3034 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:58:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Without wolves at Isle Royal, the moose population and the park will suffer.
New wolves must be introduced to save the park.

Please select Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royal ASAP.

Correspondence ID: 3035 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 05:58:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring more wolves to Isle National Park

Correspondence ID: 3036 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:01:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Maintaining our National Parks and preserving wild places is of great importance to me and my family. It is worth the expense and should remain a priority.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Julie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3037 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:02:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I appreciate you hearing my concerns.

Thanks!
Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3038 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:03:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is our responsibility to protect the animals and give them a enough land so that they can survive thank you

Correspondence ID: 3039 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:06:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think that given the success reported in Yellowstone at controlling the elk population by bringing in more wolves, that the best option for Isle Royale would also be to bring in more wolves. The wolves on Isle Royale are famous and should be preserved.

Correspondence ID: 3040 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:08:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Adopt Option C, PLEASE bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. This will help maintain the island's delicate ecosystem!!

Correspondence ID: 3041 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:08:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3042 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:09:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Penelope [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3043 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:10:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3044 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:10:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore a healthy wolf population to Isle Royale. All healthy ecosystems, whether land, sea, or air, need top predators to ensure balance. The return of wolves to Yellowstone was proof of that. Not only did the health of the elk herds improve, but plants returned to stream and river beds, which improved water quality which in turn improved the health of fish and other water life.

Correspondence ID: 3045 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:12:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Marvin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3046 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:13:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WOLVES ARE ICONIC ANIMALS WITH A FAR HEALTHIER FAMILY/SOCIAL STRUCTURE THAN HUMANS. THERE ARE BILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET...CAN NOT WE PRESERVE OTHER LIFE AS WELL?!

Correspondence ID: 3047 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:14:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3048 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:15:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jordann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3049 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:16:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3050 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:16:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3051 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:23:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I loved our visit to Isle Royale several years back, OK... about 13 years ago. We had 3 generations (myself and my husband, his Mother and his Grandparents). Now that my children are almost old enough for us to take them I'm excited to show them the jewel of the park system that is right here in Michigan.

I didn't get to see any of the wolves while there last time and don't think I will see them the next time either, but I want to know they are there so I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. I would also like to know why the wolf population has decreased so rapidly. I don't want a death sentence to the new wolves if at all possible. The balance between the wolves and moose should be as natural as possible but I understand that sometimes we must be a positive influence instead of just letting things progress.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my "vote" regarding Isle Royale. This years NP trip is to Alaska but next year is either the Grand Canyon or Isle Royale. Love the National Parks!!

Angelique

Correspondence ID: 3052 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:25:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I love all animals.

Correspondence ID: 3053 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:25:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was born & raised in Minnesota. I was proud to know that there were moose & wolves so near my home. I am saddened to learn that the wolf numbers are so declined and that the moose population will suffer because of that. Please bring I. New wolves to balance the situation & keep all things thriving.

Correspondence ID: 3054 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:28:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3055 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:29:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3056 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:29:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3057 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:30:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge the agencies to do all that is necessary to reestablish the wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3058 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:31:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3059 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:34:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Royale Isle is one of Michigan's beautiful spots. Wolves have always been a natural part of that. It would be a loss to lose them.

Correspondence ID: 3060 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:34:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3061 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:36:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3062 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:36:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ashley [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3063 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:36:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3064 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:37:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do the right thing, complete the circle and welcome back our wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3065 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:38:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: At last! A place where Wolves are welcome! Thank you. Now, please go and get the last of these majestic creatures and save them from the states that are slaughtering them for fun and games. You know who they are: Idaho, Montana, Colorado, et al.

Correspondence ID: 3066 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:38:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem. I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Greg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3067 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:38:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree with NPCA to bring wolves to the park to deter moose populations from gutting the fauna.

Correspondence ID: 3068 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:38:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are needed to keep the moose in check

Correspondence ID: 3069 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:40:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3070 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:40:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support wolves

Correspondence ID: 3071 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:41:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In the dire need to preserve the natural balance of our wildlife, please adopt Option C and bring wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3072 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:41:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sarah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3073 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:42:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3074 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:44:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Predators are a NECESSARY part of all ecosystems. Remove the predators and the system will sicken. Humans are the ultimate predator and that does not excuse making the world sick by removing the others. Make the island healthy again, return the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3075 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:46:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: All species are important and we are losing so many. There has to be a point where we allow free open space to species. Mankind cannot keep taking away the land needed to support wolves and other wildlife. We have to have some areas reserved for our precious species.

Correspondence ID: 3076 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:48:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I strongly support Alternative C, i.e., bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. Without the presence of a viable and reproducing population of wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of forage, thus dooming themselves and the other herbivores on the island to a slow death through starvation and diseases. This uncontrolled moose population will also disrupt the natural stability of the island. Thus, the introduction of new wolves to the island is critical if the goal is to preserve the national park as a functioning ecosystem.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3077 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:49:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: what happened to the wolves? just let the moose eat their way to reduction?

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3078 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:50:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Years ago I, along with a fellow biologist, visited Isle Royale on a wolf study workshop. It was a great experience and I would hope to have future generations, especially biologists, to be able to repeat the experience.

With climate change, the ice conditions of the past which allowed wolf migration to the island, may not be repeated. I think wolves should be introduced by human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 3079 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:50:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are needed for a healthy eco system. Bringin in more wolves to the park would only benefit the park, not only nature would benefit from it, it also would bring people to see the wolves. Nature will regulate itself after w while so hunting in a park like this would not really benefit this, it only destroys what nature tries to build up.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3080 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:53:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must reintegrate with the natural ecology, if humanity is to survive.

Correspondence ID: 3081 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 06:53:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Get things back in balance

Correspondence ID: 3082 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:54:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

As a concerned grandmother who wants my grandchildren to grow up in a healthy diverse environment, I welcome the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. Thank you for this opportunity. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3083 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 06:59:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royales ecosystem!!!

Correspondence ID: 3084 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:00:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think more wolves should be introduced to the park to balance the eco-system.

Correspondence ID: 3085 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:01:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The moose population is too high. Predators (wolves) help control the population of other species. These populations will go up and down but it will be more natural and control the environment.

Correspondence ID: 3086 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:03:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Dawn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3087 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:04:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3088 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:05:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3089 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:07:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support introducing new wolves to Isle Royale National Park

Correspondence ID: 3090 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:08:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3091 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:08:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3092 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:14:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. It's one of the last true wilderness areas.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Barb [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3093 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:14:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to upgrade our eco system. Wolves are needed as they were once a part of our environment. We still need them. We should be bring to make our environment as near as possible to include all of our once usual flora and fauna. Let's us get away from trophy hunting, oil dependence, over building, and destruction of natural areas. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3094 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:14:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves backto Isle Royale and create a more natural ecosystem. They are a treasure and important to the ecosystem to continue to thrive. Please bring back the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3095 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:15:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3096 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:18:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

The wolves have the right to be there.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3097 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:19:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely

Correspondence ID: 3098 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:20:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt option C. Bring wolves back to the area & work to restore the balance of nature.

Correspondence ID: 3099 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:21:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves need to have new blood in the packs. They have been declining for years.

Correspondence ID: 3100 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:23:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a Michigan Technological Alumni, I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of its plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at Isle Royale. With only two wolves left at park, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marissa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3101 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:24:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an essential part of any ecosystem in which they were once indigenous. With only two wolves left on Isle Royale there is no genetic diversity and inbreeding is the only possible result. More wolves are needed to offset the consequences of inbreeding and add the diversity wolves need to survive and thrive. It is time we learn as a nation to coexist with predators, not just for the sake of the wolves, but, ultimately, for the sake of us all.

Correspondence ID: 3102 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take some of the wolves from the places that are killing them.

Correspondence ID: 3103 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:26:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate being able to have input into the plan to add wolves to Isle Royale. My only experience with this park is through Nevada Barr's books, but she makes the park come alive. I am now aware that there needs to be a balance between wolves and moose in the park. With only two wolves left, the moose population will increase and become unsustainable.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3104 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:26:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The population of wolves must be improved in Isle Royale Nation Park. Please consider bring in new wolves to boost the population.

Correspondence ID: 3105 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:27:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep nature in balance. Add wolves.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3106 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:29:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Joseph [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3107 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:29:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3108 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:29:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

I am pleased to see that the Park Service is focusing on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left, the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience are at stake.

Without a diverse genetic pool of wolves, the moose population will continue to grow, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous

impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing genetically diverse groups of wolves to the island to see if that will allow them to maintain their population. While this is a human intervention, humans already have intervened on a much larger scale with global warming now changing how wildlife populations had been able to save themselves.

Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize the impacts to the native vegetation. A diverse genetic group may give wolf generations a chance to adapt to a changing world.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Maureen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3109 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:30:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't ignore the beneficial effect of the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone National Park, for example.

Correspondence ID: 3110 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:31:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. The island is small and fragile and needs to be assisted in keeping the moose population in check.

I have visited the island the island a few times in the past and it is a very special place. I look forward to seeing it healthy and thriving again.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3111 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:33:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have hiked on Isle Royale 4 times. It is a beautiful and unique NP. I always admired and appreciated the long time balance between the wolf and moose on the island. I would be in favor of returning that balance by introducing new wolves to the island. I don't fear the wolves in any way. They will serve to protect the biodiversity and plant life on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3112 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:34:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am glad the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm very concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience! Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Robin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3113 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 07:36:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3114 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:36:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt the proposal approved by the NPCA.

Correspondence ID: 3115 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:38:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3116 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:38:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have an important place in any healthy habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3117 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:39:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bear Ears deserves immediate protection as a National Monument. The beauty of the landscape, the presence of rare hieroglyphic remains, and the sacred nature of the land for the indigenous should outweigh the wishes of cattle ranchers and others to exploit this magnificent place.

Correspondence ID: 3118 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:40:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jessica [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3119 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 07:42:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save wildlife and protect their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3120 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:43:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. I was recently watching a "Nature" special on Yellowstone NP which indicated that bringing wolves back to Yellowstone helped to keep the population of elk under control.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3121 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:46:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I'm concerned about the future of Isle Royale's ecosystem and the visitor experience if the moose/wolf balance isn't maintained. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and your interest in protecting this unique resource.

Regards,

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Correspondence ID: 3122 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3123 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:47:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Drew [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3124 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:47:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do not kill the wolves. They keep the herbavores in check.

Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3125 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:47:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I've been following the saga of the Isle Royale wolves and believe the best solution is to bring in new wolves.

The ecosystem of the park will be harmed without wolves to keep the moose population in check. The best way to preserve Isle Royale National Park is to maintain ecological balance by bringing in new wolves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3126 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:49:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3127 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:53:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3128 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:53:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3129 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:53:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 3130 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:53:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: over the course of many years the Wild life Service of the Dept of Agriculture has been killing wolves in Oregon, Wyoming, and Montana. For once, why cant you bring these wolves to Isle Royale and replenish what is close to extinct? The moose population is out of control and a natural balance needs to be created!

For the cost capture and transport of the wolf to the island verus what it takes to kill wolves, I am sure it can be off set

Correspondence ID: 3131 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:56:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am writing to voice my support for management plan option C for Isle Royale National Park. Wolves provide an essential function in maintaining a healthy moose herd and a balanced ecosystem. For too long, we have allowed our irrational fear of wolves to drive bad environmental policy. I have not yet been to Isle Royale National Park, but I hope to visit there soon, and hope to find wolves and moose co-existing as Nature intended.

Sincerely,
Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3132 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:58:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please pick option C to bring new wolves to keep the balance in the park!

Correspondence ID: 3133 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 07:59:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are essential to maintaining the balance in nature that Mother Nature designed. Man's interference has disrupted that balance.

Correspondence ID: 3134 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:00:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3135 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:01:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

I am a frequent visitor to National Parks. I live in northern Michigan and value the current state of nature on Isle Royale. The total animal and plant community could be irreversibly disrupted if new wolves are not introduced. I support Alternate C.

Correspondence ID: 3136 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:01:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please re-balance this ecosystem by increasing the wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 3137 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:02:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3138 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:03:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is no longer possible to let Isle Royale evolve without human interference.

For example:

1. Due to climate change; Lake Superior isn't freezing over and creating an ice bridge for wolves to get over to Isle Royale.
2. Also canine parvovirus caused the wolf population to crash when humans inadvertently introduced it to the island by bringing a dog to the island.

Therefore I believe that wolves should be returned to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3139 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:03:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep up the good work.

Correspondence ID: 3140 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:04:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is time government officials stopped looking at wolves as the enemy and commit to their preservation. Additional wolves should be brought to Isle Royale in sufficient numbers to protect their genetic diversity.

Correspondence ID: 3141 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:04:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Suzanne [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3142 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:05:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been to Isle Royale about 20 times since about 1974. I am a retired college biology professor.

The choices for the wolves of Isle Royale are all with problems. I believe option C, the reintroduction of some new wolves, to be the best option. If we leave things alone, the wolf population will soon go to zero. Then the moose population will "explode", followed by severe forest degradation, and then lots of dead moose due to starvation. Then a "new" forest will "recover" and some sort of forest - moose cycle will happen. The presence of wolves would help ameliorate this wild cycle.

Correspondence ID: 3143 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:05:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Dawn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3144 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:09:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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WOIVES ARE ICONIC, IMPORTANT AND VITAL TO WILDLIFE IN THIS NATION! PLEASE PROTECT THEM AT ALL COSTS!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Drew [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3145 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:11:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Science has proven what happens when wolves are eliminated from the eco-system. The study in Yellowstone showed that when wolves were taken out of the biosystem, the elk and deer caused erosion by not moving and grazing in the same place. Rivers and lakes were polluted. Other animals were brought back when the wolf was re-introduced. We need to do much more study before we do something that can't be recalled.

Correspondence ID: 3146 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:11:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please balance the needs of the ecosystem first and the needs of human guests second. Thank you. [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3147 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:14:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect these majestic and vital iconic animals, we can not afford the loss of more of our precious wildlife. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3148 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:14:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help the wolves

Correspondence ID: 3149 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:17:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Like to hear more good news on what Natioanl parks are doing.

Correspondence ID: 3150 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:17:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C is the best option. Bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3151 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:18:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3152 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:19:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose option C and bring enough wolves to maintain a sustainable population and restore a balance to the region.

Correspondence ID: 3153 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:20:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to restore balance to the ecosystem of Isle Royale. With the wolves dying off, the rapidly expanding moose population is threatening native plants.

Please go with Option C and bring additional wolves to the park to replenish the gene pool and restore the balance of predator and prey. Save our native vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 3154 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:20:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3155 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:21:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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My granddaughter (an Environmental Engineering student at [REDACTED]) and I visited Isle Royale last summer and were so impressed with the beauty and uniqueness of the Park. But we were saddened to learn of the decline of the wolf population and how devastating that will be for the ecosystem. Please do not let this happen. We feel bringing in new wolves from various locations introducing new genetics would go a long ways in bringing back a healthy wolf/moose balance.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Pam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3156 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:23:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With approximately 1300 Moose on the island, eating about 40lbs of vegetation per day per Moose, with no predators, is a recipe for disaster. Isle Royal needs an intervention.

Correspondence ID: 3157 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:23:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3158 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:23:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option C which means bringing new wolves into the park.

Correspondence ID: 3159 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:24:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Dennis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3160 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:25:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves maintain health within their territories by weeding out sick animals and maintaining a balance within the ecosystem they are a part of. We need them more than they need us. Nature and God have a perfect balance and we need not interfere. Let God do His work

Correspondence ID: 3161 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:28:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The time has come to quit playing games with Mother Nature. Wake up! Help the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3162 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:29:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

protect our delicate ecosystem, by protecting out wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3163 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:29:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves must be protected and ensured.

Correspondence ID: 3164 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:29:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In mythology and stories, the wolf has been maligned. Ranchers and farmers have blamed them for attacks. Hunters think they're 'ruining their fun'. It's time to realize that wolves play an important part in our ecology - - weaning out the sick and controlling for overpopulation which brings about disease and death to animal populations.

There needs to be more protection of livestock owned by humans in order to keep from killing off wolves. Cooperation between environmental and human populations seem to be the answer.

Correspondence ID: 3165 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:30:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: .

Correspondence ID: 3166 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:31:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ruth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3167 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:31:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring in fresh Wolves to support the Gene diversity o Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 3168 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:31:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: WHAT PART OF GRAND DESIGN DO THEY NOT UNDERSTAND!!!! WOLVES ARE AS BIG APART OF WILDLIFE AS ANY ANIMAL CAN BE THEY DO WHAT GOD DESIGNED THEM TO DO! LEAVE THEM ALONE FOR THE LAST TIME, I AM ALWAYS WATCHING!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 3169 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:33:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A natural process of predation by wolves as a means of keeping the moose population on Isle Royale in check is preferable to any other efforts at human intervention of which I can conceive.

Correspondence ID: 3170 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:34:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Peter [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3171 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:34:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let nature thrive. Bring back what you have taken away. It is the circle of life.

Correspondence ID: 3172 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:35:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: JUST DO IT !!!!

Correspondence ID: 3173 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:36:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3174 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:37:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do the right thing to preserve these animals for years to come. We encroach too much onto their land.

Correspondence ID: 3175 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:40:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Pamela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3176 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:41:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Faithfully,

Correspondence ID: 3177 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:43:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park.

I was saddened to find that we only had two remaining wolves left at Isle Royale. As with the Grand Canyon, when the predators were eliminated on the north rim, the deer exceeded the carrying capacity of the land and thus eventually ate themselves "out of house and home". I feel that the same thing will happen to the moose population on Isle Royale. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. In addition, the moose themselves are large animals known for their volatile disposition. An increased population could provide a more dangerous situation for those who hike the island.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3178 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 08:44:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3179 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:45:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please introduce more wolves to Isle Royale. The in breeding has weakened the wolf pack that is there. Wolves are a very important part of the ecosystem and where they are part of it the whole system is healthy.

Correspondence ID: 3180 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:45:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3181 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:51:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's bring the Wolves to Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 3182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:53:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves need to be reintroduced to this area. The removal of an apex predator has horrible ecological repercussions. The reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone is a perfect example of how critical they are.

Correspondence ID: 3183 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:56:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves are critical to nature's balance in that region. Please ensure they are allowed to come home and stay safe to do what they are supposed to.

Correspondence ID: 3184 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 08:58:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring in more wolves to Isle Royale to keep the moose population in check and the ecosystem in balance.

Correspondence ID: 3185 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 09:00:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and option C.

Sincerely,

Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3186 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 09:02:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Please support Option C, which requires bringing additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 3187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:02:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a FL resident born in Michigan, I delighted in knowing that wolves were a part of Norther Michigan life. Continue to nurture the wolves on Isle Royal to a level where food equals supply for the wolves flourish.

Correspondence ID: 3188 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are part of the ecosystem.They must must be preserved.

Correspondence ID: 3189 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:05:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Many years ago a group us went to Isle Royal to fish and camp. What a thrill to here the wolves as we drifted off to sleep at night. How can we afford to lose an entire ecosystem when the solution is easy.

Correspondence ID: 3190 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:05:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Wildlife diversity, especially predators are needed to keep other wildlife in check.

Correspondence ID: 3191 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:07:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore the wolves to Isle Royale....we need a true diversified wildlife, to keep everything in balance.....THANKS

Correspondence ID: 3192 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:08:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: n/a

Correspondence ID: 3193 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:10:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Humans need to realize that we share the earth with so many other species. And we need to do everything we can to make sure that we try to help keep these various ecological systems as healthy ass possible. We need to maintain the balance.

Correspondence ID: 3194 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:12:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are being slaughtered to extinction but are a vital part for a healthy Eco system. Please help these important and majestic animals survive.

Correspondence ID: 3195 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:15:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is terrible that there are only 2 wolves left on the Isle. Something definitely has to be done to restore nature's balance. Bringing a new wolf population into the picture sounds like the only logical way to ensure that sensitive balance needed on the Isle.

Please support this plan and allow a new wolf population to inhabit Isle Royale. It would be a shame to allow that ecosystem to be disrupted.

Correspondence ID: 3196 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:16:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves are under attack in many locales. this ecosystem is a safe site for wolves if it is protected from developmental encroachment. This habitat is even more precious than 20 years ago. We need to make this a priority, before it is lost. Wolves are one of our great species in North America. Let us give them a chance to survive and thrive here. My home state is Montana, so I know both the difficulties and joys of sharing land with wolf packs. They remain an important par of the American landscape, and add to our ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:17:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Writing to encourage the reintroduction of wolves on Isle Rooyal

Correspondence ID: 3198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:19:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please use this as the best and most natural option to keep the system in balance.

Correspondence ID: 3199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:20:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE MAINTAIN ISLE ROYALE'S ECOSYSTEM BY ADDING MORE WOLVES TO BALANCE THE WOLF RATIO TO MOOSE RATIO. IT'S A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL PLACE. DON'T LET THE MOOSE DESTROY IT!!

Correspondence ID: 3200 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:22:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Since it is increasing difficult for wolves to cross on lake ice in the winter time to Isle Royale NP and the population of existing wolves has fallen to the point where the last two cannot restore a reasonable breeding population to help keep the growth of deer and moose populations in check.

Please strongly consider a plan to trap wolves elsewhere and re-introduce them to parts of the NP. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:23:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Deb [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,
Nina [REDACTED]

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Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Received: May,10,2016 09:26:11
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Anne [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:28:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Sam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3207 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:28:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Encourage the growth and repopulation of all wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:32:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is important to stabilize the moose population on Isle Royale so as they do not over-populate or destroy the ecosystem. Wolves will help to control the population by taking the weak or sick. A larger wolf population would be needed to do this. However, perhaps some of the moose could be transported to some other locations where they would be beneficial.

Correspondence ID: 3209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:32:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:33:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WE do know how important wolves are to the environment, It is time to put this into action in all State and National Parks.

Ruth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:37:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We are talking about the total eradication of the Isle Royale Wolf population UNLESS you bring in fresh DNA with unrelated new wolves! Let's get on it and quit wasting valuable minutes here! Good science indicates inbreeding has no positive benefits for any species. These wolves are an icon at Isle Royale and help keep the ecosystem in balance as good science practices will tell you. Thanks and please don't waste anymore valuable time on this.

Correspondence ID: 3212 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:45:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: .

Correspondence ID: 3213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:45:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring back the wolves. They are an important part of the ecosystem and should be protected. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:46:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe wolves are part of the natural ecosystem & to maintain balance they need to be introduced to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 3215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:46:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Option C. I have seen what the lack of predators has done w/r/t the out of control nature of Virginia White-tail Deer here in Manassas. The understory of our forest looks nothing like it should, and the overpopulation has left the deer thin and in motion more hours of the day which puts them in proximity of roads and cars much more often. In order to restore balance before the same happens to Isle Royale, please commit long-term to sustaining a healthy population of wolves. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:48:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Instead of attacking the biological diversity of this area, you should be researching how to re-establish the hierarchy of wildlife that makes sense for the area. Restore habitat and the wolves will not be a bother to nearby residents. Give them incentives instead to restore woodland areas and link separated wooded sections to each other to make wildlife corridors.

Correspondence ID: 3217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:55:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ramsay [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:55:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are an apex predator and Keystone species in Isle Royale's ecosystem. The best way to maintain this biome is to keep it in a balance.

Correspondence ID: 3219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:57:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that there are only TWO wolves left on Isle Royale, a number way too low to sustain a genetically healthy population. More wolves should be introduced and the population protected from trapping and shooting.

Correspondence ID: 3220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:58:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please return the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 09:59:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:01:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need the wolves. Bring and protect additional wolves so the environment will be in the proper order. Taking away an group of animals in part of the order upsets the "apple cart" and creates problems. Stop the problem by bring in and protecting new wolves now. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:01:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:02:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you! ðŸ

Correspondence ID: 3225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:02:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Several years ago I listened to an NPR program about the wolves on Isle Royale. The researchers stated that because the ice in winter wasn't freezing allowing free passage for wolves the pack was becoming inbred.

Climate change is harming more than people. It is devastating wild life. Wolves, as you know, help ecosystems to thrive and keep other wildlife in check. If we want to continue to enjoy Isle Royale we need to protect these wolves and introduce new blood on the Isle.

Please do all you can to see that these remaining wolves thrive and reintroduce new blood by bringing other wolves from other locations onto Isle Royale.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 3226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:03:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:05:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:10:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:14:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 3230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:15:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to bring back the wolf population to Isle Royale National Park in order to preserve the balance of wildlife. The ecosystem needs them all to continue to be a healthy situation.

Correspondence ID: 3231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:15:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please increase the wolf population on Isle Royale. The moose population needs the wolves to control its size, health, and to preserve its food supply.

Correspondence ID: 3232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:20:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan, Alternative C regarding wolves, for Isle Royale National Park. I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to increase and maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

There were once about 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of its plan to focus solely on wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option Alternative C quickly to return to and maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Very truly yours,

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Correspondence ID: 3233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:21:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Isle Royale is one of the National Parks that I hope to visit in the future.

I was very disappointed to learn that there are only two wolves left at Isle Royale as my husband and I enjoy seeing wildlife wherever we visit.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elaine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:25:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation

Correspondence ID: 3235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:25:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save and protect ALL wildlife everywhere, time is running out!

Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 3236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:26:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dorothy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:32:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bringing back wolves in Isle Royale would help balance the ecological systems there. I have been to Isle Royale and appreciate its wild nature, which should include wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:32:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As I posted in an earlier comment period, I support Alternative C, that is, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Alternative C replicates the natural immigration that characterized the Isle Royale population in the past. Sadly, global warming has probably prevented future immigration by reducing lake ice. To compensate, we must mimic these immigration events with introductions. Introductions will enable the wolf population to avoid inbreeding (the current problem), help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:34:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:34:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

My name is Emily [REDACTED] and I am in 7th grade. We have been researching the current situation on Isle Royale involving the wolves and moose in my science class at [REDACTED] and I would like to share my input with you to help you make the right decision regarding this issue. I think you should choose Alternative D.

I think you should choose Alternative D because it doesn't involve a lot of human interference, so nature wouldn't be as affected by humans. The humans wouldn't interfere unless the wolf population died out or came close, they would only interfere to save the ecosystem and it wouldn't happen right away if at all, so you couldn't really argue humans have completely changed the Isle Royale ecosystem. Another reason you should choose Alternative D is because you're only putting in wolves if the ecosystem needs it, and when you do put in wolves, it's to kill off some moose so they don't become overpopulated and eat away all the vegetation, so nothing would have food which would collapse the whole ecosystem for all animals. So adding in wolves if needed at all will save the ecosystem. My final reason why you should choose Alternative D is because it's a solid compromise of all the other options. It will let nature take its course if the ecosystem can survive that way but if it can't, then we would only step in to put in wolves as needed to save the ecosystem from overpopulation or depletion of producers. So if we interfered, we would only be doing it to save the ecosystem from losing the balance the wolves provide it, which is why I think you should go with Alternative D.

So overall, I believe you should go with Alternative D because it would preserve nature unless the ecosystem collapses, in which point humans would interfere but only enough to save the ecosystem that we have been studying for years and have learned so much from. This option is like a compromise and parts of this can satisfy everyone. Thank you for listening to my opinion and I hope you will consider my ideas.

Sincerely,
Emily [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3241 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:34:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

My name is Emily [REDACTED] and I am in 7th grade. We have been researching the current situation on Isle Royale involving the wolves and moose in my science class at [REDACTED] and I would like to share my input with you to help you make the right decision regarding this issue. I think you should choose Alternative D.

I think you should choose Alternative D because it doesn't involve a lot of human interference, so nature wouldn't be as affected by humans. The humans wouldn't interfere unless the wolf population died out or came close, they would only interfere to save the ecosystem and it wouldn't happen right away if at all, so you couldn't really argue humans have completely changed the Isle Royale ecosystem. Another reason you should choose Alternative D is because you're only putting in wolves if the ecosystem needs it, and when you do put in wolves, it's to kill off some moose so they don't become overpopulated and eat away all the vegetation, so nothing would have food which would collapse the whole ecosystem for all animals. So adding in wolves if needed at all will save the ecosystem. My final reason why you should choose Alternative D is because it's a solid compromise of all the other options. It will let nature take its course if the ecosystem can survive that way but if it can't, then we would only step in to put in wolves as needed to save the ecosystem from overpopulation or depletion of producers. So if we interfered, we would only be doing it to save the ecosystem from losing the balance the wolves provide it, which is why I think you should go with Alternative D.

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Sincerely,
Emily [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3242 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are necessary for the health of natural skite

Correspondence ID: 3243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:36:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a one time hiker on Isle Royale, i feel the wolves have a place there.

Correspondence ID: 3244 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:37:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect this ecosystem!

Correspondence ID: 3245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:38:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Return the Wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3246 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the chance to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

I was shocked to learn that there are only two wolves left at Isle Royale. Last I heard, I thought there were three packs! I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.
The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you so much for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:40:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP Killing Wolves and DISRUPTING the Delicate Eco system's balance. Wolves are GODS Creatures as well as the moose. Please maintain the natural balance on these islands in order to protect the natural environment and maintain it in the way that GOD intended!

Correspondence ID: 3248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:42:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathleen ■■■■

Correspondence ID: 3249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:43:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We support bringing the wolves back to numbers that will sustain them, and again have parks and forests that can create living conditions for all the other wild live as well.

As we grew up in our family, camping and finding new parks was one of the ways we could take a vacation. It still brings back many memories to me.

My husband and I have been to most all of them, and want them to be available to all people.

Correspondence ID: 3250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:45:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Plan C for the introduction of additional wolves to Isle Royale National Park. Just two wolves on the island is not sufficient to control the population of Moose and will result in a collapse of the ecosystem there.

When I lived in Michigan, I always enjoyed an occasional visit to Isle Royale and felt richly rewarded when I chanced upon a wolf or moose. Others should be able to continue to have that experience. With the implementation of Plan C, that will happen.

Thank you for allowing my input.

Correspondence ID: 3251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:45:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is a great idea. Hopefully the wolves will fare well and be left in peace.

Correspondence ID: 3252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:45:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. And Isle Royale without wolves will be a poorer place. Wolves are integral to the island.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:47:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:48:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the chance to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am happy to hear that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 10:51:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royal National Park.

Correspondence ID: 3256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:51:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: balanced ecosystems require all pieces pray , predator, plant life. man hunting needs should strive to maintain balance with the ecosystem , not supercede it. otherwise the ecosystem is quickly out of balenc and may never recover. such common sence should amke it clear that thr wolves need to be alow to naturally balance there number on Isle Royale and every where possible for the health of the moose and the rest of the ecosystem. please replaced the wolves so that they can reestablish order.
sincerley ,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:58:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves to add to the island population of 2

Correspondence ID: 3258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:59:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 10:59:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save The Wolves!!!!

Correspondence ID: 3260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:00:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have been blamed for many things, wrongly. If you look at Yellowstone Park then you understand how they helped to bring back the balance in that once destroyed ecosystem. Tree growth has recovered considerably.
Damage to cattle: Public land is not cattle territory. Ranchers should stay away from public land and parks Wolves have been there before so WE are invading THEIR territory. Public land is not for rent to cattle ranchers.

Correspondence ID: 3261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:01:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The wolf population on Isle Royale needs to remain intact. If wolves no longer exist on the island that also means no predators exist on the island. You will then have an out of balance ecosystem which will never work.

Correspondence ID: 3262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:02:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:03:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are an integral part of our world.

Correspondence ID: 3264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:04:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:10:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we need a balanced ecosystem that includes wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:10:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wolves

Correspondence ID: 3268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:12:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: You saw what happened when Wolves were reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park.....everything started coming back to life.....Do the right thing, cause it will be good for both.....

Correspondence ID: 3269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:18:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Max 

Correspondence ID: 3270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:20:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I read an article that said wolves were reintroduced to an area of Yellowstone that was failing it's flora & fauna. In just a year or two the area was again flourishing with new growth & many species either returning or their habitat improving.
I believe that Mother Earth, I her natural state, maintains a healthy balance, in most cases. I am for expanding the wolf pack(s).
I truly feel it is your best solution.

Correspondence ID: 3271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:22:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Andrew [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:23:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:29:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As someone who has had the extraordinary privilege of visiting Isle Royale numerous times, including backpacking the Greenstone, I simply cannot even imagine an Isle Royale without wolves. In addition, the long-running and important study of the wolf-moose relationship will obviously have been all for naught if wolves are allowed to just die off. All across the US wolves are once again being vilified and hounded, so the opportunity to both protect endangered wolves AND rebuild the population on Isle Royale seems like a no-brainer to me.

Correspondence ID: 3274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:36:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need wolves to help our environment. Please bring them back and help make our earth whole again.

Correspondence ID: 3276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 11:38:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:39:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Return the wolves

Correspondence ID: 3278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:40:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:40:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs more wolves to balance its environment.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:41:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:42:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My family and I are glad for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

We are pleased that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale,

We care deeply about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

We strongly support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely, The ■■■■ Family

Correspondence ID: 3282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:46:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: stop

Correspondence ID: 3283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:48:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda ■■■■

Correspondence ID: 3284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:48:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please

Correspondence ID: 3285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:51:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

I write to ask you to do all you can to save the habitat of the Isle Royale Wolves who environment is threaten by climate change and human interaction and distruprtion of their native habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 11:52:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

I support introducing new wolves to the island to help with the control of the moose population. I have personally experienced what happens when natural predators are removed from an ecosystem and naturally controlled populations grow out of control.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:01:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:04:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I am writing to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am happy that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. Because the island has two wolves left, I'm concerned that the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This would be disastrous for all plants and animals in the park.

I support Alternative C, which allows us to bring new wolves to the island, keeping the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimizing impacts to the native vegetation. Adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick

Correspondence ID: 3289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:06:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring wolves from other, nearby locations that would otherwise be killed!

Correspondence ID: 3290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:07:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

In my younger days I was [redacted] in then Mt. McKinley N.P. I had the good fortune to meet Adolph Murie [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] during his last trip to the park. His studies have convinced me and many others that wolves are an essential part of a balance ecosystem, especially in Isle Royale where they have co-existed with moose for eons.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Rob

Correspondence ID: 3291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:09:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir;

I am writing to express my deep concern over the condition of the remaining wolves on Isle Royale. 2 wolves can not possibly hope to sustain a viable healthy population. The Park needs to import wolves quickly or the damage of an unchecked moose population with no natural predators will certainly lead to the eventual destruction of the ecosystem of one of the last truly wild places in the MidWest. While the wolf population is under constant threat, especially in our western states and their wholesale slaughter is committed on a daily basis in many areas of the country, could not Isle Royale offer a much needed refuge to at least some of these magnificent creatures. Many people I know have spent their whole lives yearning to see these shy, elusive animals in the wild and have budgeted many of their recreation dollars in the attempt. Isle Royale is one of the few remaining national parks, in the Tri-State area where that dream has any chance of being realized. If compassion can not motivate, what about self interest. Scientific studies have proved over and over that the big predators are fundamental to health of the natural environment. One only has to look at the Yellowstone success story to see the beneficial presence of wolves. Please, I beg you, act with all dispatch to reinvigorate the wolf population of Isle Royale, the people's park!

Correspondence ID: 3292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:11:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. The Isle Royale wolf population may not remain genetically unique, but it will endure.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Craig [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3293 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:16:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I was born and raised in Michigan, and though I now reside in New York, Michigan and its unusual beauties is always in my mind. And, having had the good fortune to visit Isle Royale (only once, but still memorable,) I am compelled to submit my comments regarding the wolves there. Though we had hoped to at least hear the wolves at night, throughout our visit we saw neither hide nor hair of them. So, wolves cannot be a threatening presence to anyone and people with a modicum of ecological intelligence understand the importance of wolves.

I am encouraged to see that the Park Service focusing on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support your Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3294 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:18:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:21:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is a shame that the Gov agencies have STILL not helped these wolves what the hell are you waiting for???

Release some wolves to help keep the these 2 , for becoming extinct .

please help them, release more wolves so these can mate, and live as they are meant to. it is due to climate warning that they are trapped, we must do all we can to preserve their blood line

STOP WASTING TIME, RELEASE MORE WOLVES, AND SAVE THEM!!!!

Correspondence ID: 3296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:22:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I just know there are going to be people who don't seem to like wild life but I do after all,All the animals are god's creation and god doesn't want his animals killed for no reason but yes I'm all for the wolves to come to this park and other animals and parks.

Correspondence ID: 3297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:30:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I appreciate your critical role in helping to keep our parks healthy for future generations of Americans as well as for the wildlife that thrive in these habitats.

Correspondence ID: 3298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:33:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Adam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:34:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Issue: Wildlife/Animal Protection Rights.

Subject: On Isle Royale Wolves.

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:35:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:44:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring back wolfs to Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 3302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:48:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:49:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been following the research of wolves and moose for the past 30 years. So much has been learned, which is of extreme importance to the biological community. I was a volunteer with wolf organizations for many years. I understand, firsthand, the importance of Being able to educate the public with facts, learned through this research. Due to climate change, it is unlikely that any wolves will be able to transport themselves to Isle Royale from the mainland. I believe that the reintroduction of wolves to Isle Royale is of utmost importance to scientists and the general public.

Correspondence ID: 3304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:49:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone.

This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

With only two wolves left on Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:52:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Sincerely, Mary

Correspondence ID: 3307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:53:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please restore the wolf population at Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 3308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:54:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider the reintroduction of wolves into this area.

Correspondence ID: 3309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree with National Parks Conservation Association:

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food & then starving to death, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 12:58:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree with National Parks Conservation Association:

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food & then starving to death, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:01:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.
The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Claire [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:04:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:04:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Every eco system needs a top predator. Wolves fill the bill. A pack can take down a moose. If you don't want to see the park eaten down to a nub, then introduce the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:06:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We haven't heard any details or seen a report from NPS as to what happened to the wolves which were living on Isle Royale. That there are only 2 remaining leads us to believe that the habitat may not provide everything they need to thrive. However of the choices about what to do now, if the facts don't indicate that they will not do well again, we think to try adding a population of wolves again is the best option.

We wonder if too many visitors are being allowed in the limited space of Isle Royale to allow wolves to have the habitat and wilderness area which they require? Perhaps less park visitors is indicated.

We haven't been able to discover whether wolves have lived on Isle Royale for all the years it has been separated from the mainland? We will continue to look for this and other information.

Thank you for considering our ideas.

Marilyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:07:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Phyllis Green,
Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves. They are very strongly needed to return balance to the eco system.
Thank you for reading my comment.
Sissy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:10:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: originally a Michigianian, the pride and joy of michigan is ravaged by an unbalance on Isle Royale.

please replace that balance and permit these new wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:11:00
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Correspondence ID: 3318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:13:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Haven't we learned anything about fooling around with MOTHER NATURE - in this case - THE PREDATORS.....

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Marjorie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:14:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To provide a true balance of nature one must have prey and predators.

Correspondence ID: 3321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:17:58
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:18:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is critical to save predators.

Correspondence ID: 3323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:19:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:20:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They have rights too !!

Correspondence ID: 3325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:27:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

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Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:33:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I love Isle Royale & want to keep it pristine.

Correspondence ID: 3328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:34:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: First, Isle Royale existed for centuries without wolves. How were the moose limited then? Ecosystems change naturally. Second, I do not mind if Isle Royale is stocked or not stocked with wolves, but I do not think it is necessary. Third, I think that the Park Service is best situated and educated to make this decision.

Correspondence ID: 3329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:34:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I was shocked to read there are only 2 wolves left.
For some reason there seems to be a fear of wolves and a line of thinking that they should be eliminated.
I think adding wolves is a far better idea and will balance out the whole ecosystem far better. Two wolves is not enough.
It is good to hear there is a plan to increase the wolf population and have them help maintain other animal populations in a more naturally balanced way.

thank you,
Peter [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:35:43
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I have backpacked on Isle Royale three times. On one of my earlier trips, I heard wolves howling at night. That was such a cool experience! Wolves are a necessary part of Isle Royale and I cannot imagine the island without them.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mary [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

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Sincerely,

LYN [REDACTED]

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Received: May,10,2016 13:37:11
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Correspondence ID: 3333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:38:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royal is a natural habitat, wolves come and go in winter when Lake Superior is frozen over. They have come and gone with the size of the moose herd. that's the way it should continue.

Correspondence ID: 3334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 13:41:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs more wolves. Please provide. There needs to be a balance. Right now there isn't. Thanks.

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Received: May,10,2016 13:47:35
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Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Catherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 13:55:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider introducing additional wolf genes on Isle Royale. I backpacked on the Isle a few times in the early '70's and had the opportunity to visit again last summer. Changes are to be expected, but I was alarmed at the difference the reduction in wolf population has made. It is fun to see moose, but the increase in population means more vegetation is foraged and more suffering for the moose. What happens if deer make their way to the island and there aren't predators?

Isle Royale continues to be a special place, but additional wolves would make a big difference in once again putting it into balance. Thank you

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Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

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Correspondence ID: 3340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 14:02:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Brings the Wolfessel Home Protect the park and Save the Environment and Bring the Wolves Home Save our Wolves Right this Indignity Now!!!!!!! Restore the population of Wolves Now!!Ã-!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 3341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 00:00:00

Correspondence Type:

Web Form

Correspondence:

National Park Service
Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan, 49931-1896
United States of America

Greetings Superintendent Green,

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Another reason is that the study will be able to continue. This study is about learning how prey and predators alike live together in the wilderness. If we, or you don't help them, then not only are you letting animals die, not just the wolves, but you're also damaging the ecosystem of Isle Royale. If you won't do anything about this, then a precious setting of Isle Royale to study, and really get to know how animals work with each other.

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Sincerely,

Joseph [REDACTED]

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Joseph [REDACTED]

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Received: May,10,2016 14:05:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help wolves regain their natural habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:10:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jean [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:13:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

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Received: May,10,2016 14:14:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Every day, I am hearing articles, on TV and newspapers, how important predators are to a healthy ecosystem.

Without wolves, grazing animals overpopulate, and destroy the topography of any area.

I ask that you support every effort to return native wolves, and support reproduction efforts for them.

I am a voter. I pay attention to candidates and their stands on the preservation of natural spaces to allow our fellow

living beings spaces to live while we still have the ability to.

Sincerely, Daryl [REDACTED]

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Received: May,10,2016 14:24:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Received: May,10,2016 14:26:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE INTRODUCE WOLVES TO Royal ISLES.

Correspondence ID: 3350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:38:36
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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Marla [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:41:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:43:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's not about you or me it's about what we leave for future generations to try and live on!!

Correspondence ID: 3354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:44:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe it is our responsibility to do whatever it takes to restore the natural balance of wildlife so that all will continue to flourish and be preserved for the well-being of all. What has been seriously altered by man to the point of near or complete destruction or extinction must be repaired. Introducing the wolves back to our National Forests is critical and there should be no decision other than 'Yes' to move ahead with this plan.
Sincerely, Suzanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:45:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: National parks are a treasure worth preserving.

Correspondence ID: 3356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:46:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Please bring more wolves to Isle Royale>

Correspondence ID: 3357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:47:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Put more wolves on Isle Royale to preserve the ecosystem. I have seen what happens when there are on predators in Canada and here in the U. S.

Correspondence ID: 3358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:56:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:56:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This is a great idea. Almost all wildlife "management" takes the form of killing; to supposedly protect live stock or provide hunters with more animals to kill or whatever. Here is a chance to do real management.

Wolves have been a part of Isle Royal's ecosystem for as long as I can remember. Replenishing by introducing a pack or even a few females and a male would restore the predator/prey relationship and, because it is on an island, would be easy to monitor.

Also, this would be an opportunity to remove wolves from areas where their numbers are becoming too high or where they are not wanted at all. The alternative is to hunt and kill them. Relocation, even of a few, is preferable.

Correspondence ID: 3360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 14:58:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We in Montana have lived with wolves for a long time and value their contribution to fully functioning ecosystems. We so enjoy seeing wild wolves. Isle Royale would be a far different place without wolves. Basically this is a closed ecosystem. The moose and wolves that originally came over on the ice have made the island a wildlife lover's paradise. Ecological balance is key and is why we support Alt. C.

Moose and wolves ideally exist in a predator-prey balance so that the moose don't overbrowse and the wolves don't eat too many moose. Even though moose have been having a hard time because of climate change, they still need to be kept in check. Wolves have been susceptible to disease, so both have existential problems. With only 2 wolves left on Isle Royale this pack needs a boost.

We hope to get to Isle Royale soon and hope to see both wolves and moose. Please do the right thing and select Alt. C. Thanks for caring for our precious national parks.

Correspondence ID: 3361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:04:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I HAVE A GREAT LOVE FOR WOLVES. IN 1966 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE WOLVES IN YELLOWSTONE. THERE SHOULD BE MORE PLACES WHERE THEY ARE PROTECTED.

Correspondence ID: 3362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:06:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Additional bloodlines of wolves are needed for wolf genetic diversity. Wolves are an important ecological balance factor on Isle Royale. Isn't it ironic how wolves are hunted in some states, whereas wolves instead could be translocated where they are really needed.

Correspondence ID: 3363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:08:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are beautiful and intelligent animals that deserve the utmost protection.

Correspondence ID: 3364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:13:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating vegetation until the food sources necessary for other herbivores are gone. That outcome would be disastrous for other wildlife in the park, as well as for native plants. And destruction of vegetation can also have a negative impact on any fresh water sources as soil erosion will increase in the absence of adequate vegetative cover.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. Years ago, as a college student majoring in biology, I wrote a paper on the dynamics of the wolf pack on Isle Royale, based on the observations of wildlife biologist David Mech. Although I have not yet had the chance to visit the Park myself, I hope to do so in the next year or so. My primary reason for visiting Isle Royale would be gone if the wolves were no longer living there.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ruth

Correspondence ID: 3365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:13:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In lieu of the necessity to keep the eco-system in balance it seems prudent to introduce more wolves to Isle Royale as the measure for the success of the whole environment. Be wise for we are all in need of wisdom.

Correspondence ID: 3366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:15:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves are essential to its ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:16:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Janice [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:18:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island.

It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:19:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider adding new wolves to Isle Royale so that the few remaining wolves can deepen their gene pool and not interbreed with each other. A wider gene pool makes for a healthier animal that may be more resistant to defects and diseases.

Correspondence ID: 3370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:21:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. This seems to follow a more natural solution as far as I am concerned. I have not been to this park but I have been to Yellowstone where the sights and sounds of the wolf population there made my trip! I will be following to see which plan you choose and if it is Alternative C then this place will be one I will visit in the future.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:25:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Joan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:39:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:45:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are American icons and important to maintain the ecosystem. They must be protected.

Correspondence ID: 3374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:45:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Predators are vital for an ecosystem. If you save the top predators of the ecosystem, you save all beneath them.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Barbara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 15:45:36
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 15:52:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think it is the wisest thing and most humane idea to reintroduce more wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 3377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 15:58:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: [REDACTED] Royale - Please add wolves to the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:02:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:10:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:10:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring back wolves to Royal Isle

Correspondence ID: 3381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:26:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Wanda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 16:28:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 16:32:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Date: April 30, 2016

[REDACTED]

Bolton, Mississippi 39041

Facsimile Number: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reference: The United States Postal Service (USPS) official's illicit denial, property mail delivery service, is being done without due process of law, such USPS aberrant actions are grossly wrong, and warrant your attention.

Dear Congressman Thompson:

As a result of USPS officials returning [REDACTED]'s mail to its senders, property owner, [REDACTED], files this mail fraud complaint against USPS. Since USPS officials are fraudulently returning his mail to its senders, he submits this letter, for a copy of the evidence used to authorize returning his mail to its senders.

Nonetheless, they are repudiating his rights and privileges to receive their mail delivery services. Hence, USPS officials denied him, his rights and his privileges, without granting him, his requested hearings. Since they are criminally proscribing their mail delivery services to his property, he requests a criminal and a civil investigation into their banning of his USPS' property mail delivery service to [REDACTED]. Why are [REDACTED] First-Class Mail subjected to USPS personnel's impeding whims? Hence, USPS officials took the aforesaid denial of services without due process of law. However, such USPS activities' malfesances are a blatant illustration, an unashamed example, and a heinous instance of a USPS kakistocracy. Why are kakistocrtaical USPS' officials decreed the perpetual banning of all First-Class Mail delivery services to [REDACTED] Especially; while, and they deny his requests for evidence, and they deny his entreaties for an impartial hearing. However, it is a crime of fraud; USPS officials' unceasing abridgment of property owner [REDACTED] right to receive property mail delivery services. Please provide the lawful reasons that USPS officials are rebuffing this party's application for a copy of their lawful rationalizations and their legitimate justification, for their denial of property mail delivery services. Yes, the USPS officials' decisions, to return [REDACTED] mail to its senders, are a gross wrong and a travesty of justice.

Fait justitia ruat caelum,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 16:37:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Vote for option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island!

Correspondence ID: 3385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:37:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the research that shows how ecosystems improved when there are enough predators to keep the sick and old harvested.

Correspondence ID: 3386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:39:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:45:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see the wolf population increase on Isle Royale through further transfers of wolves. I think this is important to the stability of the environment and critical 2R National Park. Please consider the economic ramifications of losing tourism as well as the increase in moose.

Correspondence ID: 3388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:49:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:53:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support option C and bring more wolves onto the island.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 16:53:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

I trust natural interaction to best restore a balance of animal populations. Scientists recognize that wolf restorations not only directly impacts the presence of healthy herbivores like moose, but many other species. Controlling predation by moose and deer allows saplings to grow into forests, undergrowth to provide habitat for small animals and birds, etc.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ruth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 16:54:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 16:59:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I was privileged to visit Isle Royale National Park last August for three days. What a beautiful place! I stayed in the Lodge, hiked, and saw some birds, as well as a family of loons in the water, but did not go far enough to see either elk or wolves. I did see quite a bit of vegetation, including thimbleberry bushes.

Only after my visit have I been motivated to study the plight of wolves in general, and their positive contribution to American ecosystems.

People younger and fitter than I am derive so much pleasure from their longer hikes and their camping. The beauty plus the history of the island are both remarkable. Since both the elks and the wolves seem to have arrived by walking on the frozen winty Lake Superior, which unfortunately is no longer an option, I think it makes perfect sense to reintroduce wolves to keep the elk population at a sustainable level and preserve the park the way it is today as reasonably as possible. Even if wolves need to re-re-introduced a few decades into the future, this seems like a desirable and relatively natural way to preserve the island's value for us all.

Correspondence ID: 3393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:08:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We Need To Save All Wolves

Correspondence ID: 3394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:16:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

After some research and also in viewing the three possible options, I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. This appears to be the most viable choice and one that would support the sustained existence of these beautiful animals on this very special island.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will strongly consider adopting Option C.

Sincerely,
Michele [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:16:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves

Correspondence ID: 3396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:23:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Humans were the cause of the initial wolf population crash on Isle Royale when someone's dog transmitted disease to the wolves. It only seems right that we humans should correct that mistake by re-populating the island with wolves, and give them a second chance.

Correspondence ID: 3397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:27:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:28:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Pleasebring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:31:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I recommend that alternative C be selected. This would maintain the wolf population and keep the moose population in check.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:31:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For years now, I have watched the increase in cattle on public lands. I thought, well, at least the predators, and big game have the forests and national parks. But, not I read, FWS, and Parks people want to change this. Fewer moose, fewer buffalo, fewer wild horses, just to make room for cows and elk for ranchers and game hunters! Stop! Slow down and remember there ate hikers, photographers, and campers who want to see all the wild animals nature has to offer.

Please preserve wolves in upper Michigan. Please! They provide a healthy method to weed out sick and diseased deer!

Correspondence ID: 3401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:35:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:48:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Laurel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:53:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please re-list wolves,they are so necessary to our Eco-System. They have just as much right to live as humans!

Correspondence ID: 3404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:56:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's very important that more wolves are released onto the royal isles to help not only their species but the other inhabitants. Those from the tiny shrew to the mighty moose. I am personally an animal lover and I believe that it's important that we all need to do what's right for our environment because we can't deny that our planet is a beautiful place and that we should fight to protect and preserve it as much as we can.

Correspondence ID: 3405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 17:57:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
mae [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:08:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.10.2016 18:09:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.10.2016 18:12:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear sir,

Thank You for allowing me to input on the Wolf debate that is currently being held. Having visited Isle Royal National Park many times and following the research I think new wolves need to be introduced to Isle Royal. I am a Hunter and conservationist. In any environment we must have hunters and pray. Without either the population becomes out of balance. There have been large die off of moose in the past. The population of moose will be held in place by a healthy population of wolves. Please bring back the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.10.2016 18:12:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Regards,
Cassidy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.10.2016 18:13:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves need an influx of fresh DNA to remain viable, just do it already, it is an endemic population that deserves to be preserved!

Correspondence ID: 3411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.10.2016 18:23:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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In similar situations, the reintroduction of wolves into an ecosystem had an enormously positive impact on the entire ecosystem - plants, birds, small mammals, grazing mammals and other carnivores species. A healthy wolf population will assist in creating a healthy wilderness area.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Best Regards,
Eric [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:40:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In regards to Isle Royale National Park, I ask that you support the reestablishment of Wolves, to bring natural balance to the ecosystem there. It would be a shame for the moose to over run the island, causing the balance to go "out of whack." A balanced ecosystem is the right ecosystem, and protects the national park for years to come.

Correspondence ID: 3413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:41:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: bring new wolves into isle royale to ensure growth

Correspondence ID: 3414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:42:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves. YOU need to have more wolves for the eco system!

Correspondence ID: 3415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:48:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 3416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:49:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: USA INTERFACE: [REDACTED]

Heart Omnibus!

Please Bear with me...

I, Jason [REDACTED] support Option C. More Gray Wolves are needed so that Isle Royale isn't depleted.

Thanks for Bearing with me!

Lionhearted,
[REDACTED]

Team USA

Correspondence ID: 3417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:54:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do your best to help the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:55:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Megan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 18:57:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from expanding to the point that they affect the native vegetation.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:02:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Meghan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:02:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please don't deplete the wolf population on Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 3422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:05:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Breanna [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:16:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: WE must protect our lands, our wildlife and our natural resources. Our country belongs to all the people, it's beauty is for the all people to have and enjoy.

Correspondence ID: 3425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:17:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Some times nature knows better than we do. Isle Royale needs its wolves to control its moose population. To let the moose propagate in an unnatural manner is very dangerous for them and for the isle. AND PLEASE DON'T OPEN IT TO HUNTERS to cull the herd which would be dangerous and irresponsible. The wolf and other predators have a place and purpose in nature. Hollywood has demonized the wolf and many look upon them unfavorably, but they're just trying to survive and fulfill their purpose in life. Let them do what they were meant to do and bring more of them to the Isle. The Isle will be better for it, believe me.

Correspondence ID: 3426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:18:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Shannon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:29:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: One would think restoring and maintaining an ecosystem would mean the Whole system, including the wolves and other top predators. Otherwise, we end up with some cozy, orchestrated hybrid of a park and a zoo that is a man-made arrangement and bears no relation to the much-touted concept of a natural eco-system. At least one should be honest about what the goals are.

Correspondence ID: 3428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:32:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 3429 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:35:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Diane [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3430 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:46:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves in Royale need our protection!

Correspondence ID: 3431 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:53:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is essential that the Isle Royale wives survive! Wolves are essential in the natural order of wildlife. Please introduce new wolves to Isle Royale. As humans. It Is Our Duty To Protect And Preserve Our Wildlife! Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3432 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 19:58:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3433 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 20:00:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves are important for improving the health of the ecosystem and balance of species, both flora and fauna. You should assert every means possible to support wolf populations and to provide substantial habitat protection. The predator prey relationship is best characterized in Where the Wild Things Were, by Stolzenberg. The Yellowstone wolf project produced very positive results in the improvement of flora and fauna. The lessons learned there could greatly benefit Isle royale.

We owe future generations and well protected environment which includes natural inhabitants such as wolves and other predators. Don't refrain from providing for future generations. The loss of a single species can have damaging impacts throughout the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3434 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 20:04:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you,

Rebecca

Correspondence ID: 3435 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:06:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's man's intervention under the guise of so called "wildlife management" that has created this tragedy. If we can intervene for "science", we can intervene to actually HELP the whole ecosystem and the unique wolves that inhabit this tiny island!!I support Alternative C, and I sincerely and strongly urge you to support it as well. It's the right thing to do for both Isle Royale, and all those who call it home...

*****Alternative C The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

*****NWC: We support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 3436 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:13:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the introduction of additional wolves to Isle Royale. A healthy predator population has benefits throughout an ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3437 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:18:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No comment

Correspondence ID: 3438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:22:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale Wolves.

Thank You...

Correspondence ID: 3439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:24:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see the NPS utilize alternative C. This appears to be the most effective way of restoring predator prey balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:42:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Karen 

Correspondence ID: 3441 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,10,2016 20:43:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 20:48:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important for a healthy ecosystem. Please allow them to participate in creating and sustaining a healthy ecosystem in Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 20:49:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,
[your name here]

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Received: May,10,2016 20:50:28
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 20:52:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Curtis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 20:56:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let feed the wolves !

Correspondence ID: 3447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 21:07:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Consider moving a pack from Idaho where they are hunted thanks to their idiot governor.

Correspondence ID: 3448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 21:18:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The only logical course of action that will preserve this beautiful place's habitat and keep the moose population controlled, is to introduce outside wolves to the population (2) remaining to bring the genetic diversity needed for the island's natural checks and balances to be restored.

Correspondence ID: 3449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 21:18:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm all for what you are doing. We need more wolves, not less.

Correspondence ID: 3450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 21:19:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it's a great idea to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. They can control the ungulate population and enhance the ecosystem. Also, they'll be protected there (I hope) and can live peacefully for generations to come. Please do the right thing this time and don't abandon them.

In my opinion, new wolves should've been introduced after the ice bridge melted. This would've kept the population healthy. So, this is a second chance to make it right.

Thank you,

Karin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 21:56:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is common sense. I read the information in the email and I agree with it.

Correspondence ID: 3452 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 21:57:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to Isis Royale as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Peggy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:03:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support this pack by bringing in additional pack members and genetic diversity.

Correspondence ID: 3454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:07:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am shocked that the wolf population is down to two! Please do something about this to preserve a natural resource in Canada!

Correspondence ID: 3455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:16:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:34:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves to Isle Royale and supplement the wolves there. Isle Royale would not be the same without the wolf pack. Keep it wild as possible.

Correspondence ID: 3457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:53:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I forget which book it's in, but one of Laura LITTLE HOUSE series tells of the time her father had to go back east to collect cats. Apparently, the folks around had killed off every single cat. The result? There were no cats to keep down the rodents or keep the birds under control and other things. I haven't read the book since my children were small. It impressed them and should impress you all, too. God has a purpose here. Leave the wolves alone! PLEASE.

Correspondence ID: 3458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:55:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm concerned about the future of the Isle Royale National Park ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 3459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 22:59:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,10,2016 23:02:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please adopt Option C, which involves bringing additional wolves to the Park. Without this, the ecosystem will be out of balance and the moose population will skyrocket.

Correspondence ID: 3461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 00:34:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the wolves at Isla Royale. There are too few left for breeding and without the wolves to keep deer numbers down the island vegetation will be severely damaged.
Please take wolves to the island so that the genetic pool will become strong. Perhaps 20 wolves would make all the difference.

Correspondence ID: 3462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 01:08:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All wolves need our protection. They are essential to the health and future of earth's ecosystems. No one needs to "manage" them, because they do well enough managing themselves in their wolfpack families. No one needs to trap, snare, poison, and helicopter hunt wolves. Ranchers and farmers should come up with alternative solutions to manage their herds. No one needs to harvest, trade, and sell wolf pelts. It's time to educate everyone, particularly children, on the essentiality and gentleness of wolves in our world. Wolves need human protection and preservation in the 21st Century.

Correspondence ID: 3463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 01:19:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose option c,nature knows how to balance itself better than any human ever could. A little assistance is all they need.

Correspondence ID: 3464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 01:58:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns. Ryan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 02:22:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale needs a viable wolf population. Action must be taken. These keystone animals MUST be reintroduced to Isle Royale. The sooner, the better.

Correspondence ID: 3466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 02:33:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Safe wildlife, don't destroy everything

Correspondence ID: 3467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 03:11:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Regarding the management plan for Isle Royale National Park: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for the park, and thank you for considering my concerns. They are shared by many others.

Sincerely,

Christine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 03:18:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Daniel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 03:50:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Peace, Kara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 04:05:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPS should bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 3471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 05:25:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time to introduce new wolves to Isle Royal National Park. The moose population is exploding, and the moose will eventually starve to death without the wolves to keep their population in check. This is a natural environment for a strong wolf population, and it's high time to take action.

Correspondence ID: 3472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 05:28:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time to reintroduce new wolves to Isle Royale National Park. The moose population is getting out of control, and they will starve if left to themselves. A good wolf population is needed to keep the moose population in check. This is a perfect environment for a wolf population, and it's time to take action.

Correspondence ID: 3473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 05:35:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring wolves back to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 05:40:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jared [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 06:08:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please,end animal cruelty and violence thanks.

Correspondence ID: 3476 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 06:09:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 3477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 06:13:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.
I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.
The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 06:26:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm still so saddened by the way humans treat these beautiful creatures that deserve to live and thrive on earth as much as we do. They are treated as a threat instead of an important part of the ecosystem. Two wolves live there, where there were fifty? Disgraceful. Please help these four legged brothers and sisters of ours to regain a healthy population,and restore balance to the isle royale.

Correspondence ID: 3479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 06:29:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

I am concerned that it has taken the government so long to get moving on restoring the wolf population on the island. Please move forward quickly to see that this is done.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 07:00:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Michigan and Canadian departments of national resources must add new and healthy wolves to Isle Royale. That has to be done to keep the ecosystem where it belongs.

Correspondence ID: 3481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 07:13:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I stand behind the NPCA statement that Option C is the best course of action in Isle Royale National Park. The NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 07:18:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please move forward with Option C in regards to the wolf management plan in Isle Royale National Park. NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Thank you,

Alicia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3483 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 07:24:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves

Correspondence ID: 3484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 07:26:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dawn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 07:34:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 07:45:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let us do what we did at Yellowstone for Isle Royale. We have clear evidence from the reintroduction of wolves at Yellowstone, that they make a huge impact in the environments they're a apart of, and for the better.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 07:51:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help save our wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 07:59:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I will put this simply. Please introduce many more wolves to Isle Royale. Maybe all the wolves that the UP ranchers & farmers want to shoot & put on their walls could be transferred to Isle Royale where they would be respected & allowed to raise their young. thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3489 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:01:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please re-introduce wolves on Isle Royale. Without the wolf, there is no check to balance the moose population. The moose increased population due to lack of predation by wolves, has lead to a decrease in vegetation on the island which will only increase with time. The beaver is also effected by the loss of wolves which leads to moose and beaver in direct competition for the same food source with the beavers being the losers.

In short, please re-introduce the wolf to level the playing field again.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 3490 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:12:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. Introduction of wolves to other parks have restored damaged ecosystems.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. New genes in the wolf population are needed to restore a successful population

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3491 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:13:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keeping wolves protects the eco system. Nature balances nature. Wolves live as a family and killing them destroys the family causing them to splinter and roam which may cause other issues.

Correspondence ID: 3492 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:19:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The most sensible solution is to move other wolves to this area,and try to get balance back in this particular habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3493 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:24:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3494 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:27:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:34:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All worldwide are endangered species and need protection to exist.

Correspondence ID: 3496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:41:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3497 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:51:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I feel that Alternative C is the best option for the wolf population to maintain on the land. It creates a balance between the predator and prey relationship on Isle Royale. This option wouldn't let one of the most important keystone species on the land die out, it would keep the moose population down also and create more vegetation.

The food web is reliant on a constant balance between the wolves and moose population, because other animals are also affected with the wolf population falling. The wolves and moose are dependent on each other for survival, with the wolf population decreasing it will influence the rest of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3498 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:54:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Rolf [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 08:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please act to establish a healthy wolf population on Isle Royale through bringing in wolves to increase the genetic diversity of the native wolf population.

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Maureen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3500 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 09:00:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Limited moose hunting would be acceptable for maintaining the ecosystem of the park, but there also needs to be a natural balance. More wolves should be introduced to the park.

Correspondence ID: 3501 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 09:09:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3502 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 09:09:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern;

Please stop the slaughter of Isle Royal Wolves. The loss of these top level predators will be tragic. Wolves are vital to a healthy ecosystem.

Without a healthy wolf population the deer population will explode, wolves also keep moose population in check. Please do not let the wolves die out.

Warmest regards,

Dawn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3503 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 09:11:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I used to live in Michigan and would like to express my interest in keeping wolves in Isle Royale. Please support Option C and bring in wolves to support the wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 3504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 09:35:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 09:35:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Scott [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3506 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 09:37:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Jenifer [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3507 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 09:46:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are an integral part of our ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 3508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May.11.2016 09:55:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I live far from Isle Royale and will probably never see it in my lifetime. However, just as a citizen of the earth, connected to all living things, I am concerned about this issue. Isle Royale cannot escape its dependence on natural laws. If there are no predators there, the moose and other species will overpopulate and eat everything green in sight. It will cause the destruction of Isle Royale. We need balance in nature--in Isle Royale, here in New Jersey, and all over the earth we all share. Wolves will help supply this balance and should be returned to Isle Royale to insure its survival.

Correspondence ID: 3509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 09:58:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A forest without wolves is an unbalanced forest- -every animal has a purpose in the environment, especially the larger predators. The U.S. has a major problem with far too many deer and coyotes both of which create many issues- -this would not have occurred if the wolf population around the country had not been decimated. Man seems to never learn or to learn very slowly that when the balance of nature is disturbed, we all pay for the negative consequences. Wolves are very necessary-our Creator put them here for a reason.

Correspondence ID: 3510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 10:09:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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This is one of the best places for myself and others to hear and maybe see a wolf in the wild.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 10:26:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. While I've not had the pleasure of visiting the park, I look forward to the opportunity in the future, especially the prospect of seeing a wolf, once their population has begun to recover. Having had the experience of seeing a wolf pass by us at relatively close range years earlier on a hike near Lake Superior's north shore, I have every reason to believe my next encounter will be equally riveting!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Ron [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 10:46:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jason [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 10:48:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3514 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 10:54:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add much-needed new wolves to Isle Royal where the wolf population is dwindling. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3515 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 10:57:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The ecosystem on the island needs to have a balance.

Correspondence ID: 3516 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:02:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that it would be in the best interests of Isle Royale and state of Michigan to introduce new wolves into the park. It has become more than just scientific research as it gives the state a source of pride which all states need.

Correspondence ID: 3517 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:03:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3518 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:06:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to let the natural world take care of itself with little, if any intrusion.

Correspondence ID: 3519 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:08:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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My opinion is based both on the expertise of wildlife biologists and scientists, my belief in the NPCA, its mission and staff, as well as my own novice observations and values. Some of the greatest experiences in my life include weeks spent in the backcountry canoeing through the Boundary Waters and hiking through Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks. It seems that the reintroduction of the wolf to Yellowstone has played a key role in its ecosystem and provides visitors a special experience of "traveling back in time" when greater wild wolf populations existed and even potentially spot a wolf or evidence of its presence. The wolf population in northern WI also plays an important role in our ecosystem as the past migration of the timber wolf luckily led to a revived WI population. I am a National Park and wildlife lover and have recently moved my family back home to Wisconsin from Colorado. I hope to make multiple trips to Isle Royale National Park in the future. I have a vested interest in the well-being of this ecosystem.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Justin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3520 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:15:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that either Option B or C would be the best route. The concern is the length of time it will take to make a final decision. With only two wolves reported left on the island, if no decision is made until winter 2016-2017, there might not be any wolves left for a period of time before new wolves are brought in. As previously stated, with the large number of wolves here in Wisconsin and in Minnesota, I would think entire packs (or pack) could be relocated to the island in a short period of time.

Correspondence ID: 3521 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:17:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Correspondence ID: 3522 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:26:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: CAN YOU KINDLY STOP CRUELTY, THANKS.

Correspondence ID: 3523 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:28:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There should be and is room for additional wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3524 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:43:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Emily [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3525 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:45:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3526 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:49:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Carla [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3527 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:53:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back the wolves

Correspondence ID: 3528 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 11:59:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: LET'S PRESERVE ALL WILDLIFE FOR OURSELVES AND GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW. SAVE THE EARTH !!!

Correspondence ID: 3529 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 12:18:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3530 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 12:18:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: ANYONE WITH A BRIAN KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ECOSYSTEM WHEN WOLVES ARE SLAUGHTERED - ELK, MOOSE AND OTHER WILDLIFE POPULATIONS EXPLODE, LEAVING MANY TO STARVE TO DEATH.

FORGET WHAT HUNTERS AND CATTLE PEOPLE WANT - STOP THE PANDERING. START USING TAHT RARE QUALITY KNOWN AS COMMON SENSE!!!

Correspondence ID: 3531 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 12:19:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We need diversity to keep wolves stable population. What a great place for them to live.

Send new wolves in.. They must be lonely.

Correspondence ID: 3532 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 12:37:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider importing some new wolves to Isle Royale. New genetic diversity is needed to keep any population healthy. It seems this might have been done sooner. instead of shooting wolves in parts of the west, this would seem a readily a aisle supply of new breeding stock and a better management tool than hunting/varsity control of an endangered species!

Correspondence ID: 3533 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 12:49:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3534 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 12:55:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3535 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 13:00:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Correspondence ID: 3536 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 13:02:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm sorry I don't know what to add to this right now at this time !!!!

Correspondence ID: 3537 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 13:12:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I can't imagine why the wolf numbers on Isle Royale were permitted to become so low. Restock now!

Correspondence ID: 3538 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 13:28:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Andrea [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3539 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 13:58:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Justin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3540 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:03:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please maintain the wolf and moose populations on Isle Royale through as many interventions as necessary over the next 20 years. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3541 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:04:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I encourage you to bring wolves to Isle Royale. They are a keystone species; their presence keeps the moose population in check so they don't overgraze. They are also a special part of Isle Royale. Hearing the wolves howl and the pups yip along while I was backpacking on Isle Royale years ago is a memory I will treasure all my life. Unlike Yellowstone, there is little to no chance of wolves leaving the park to threaten livestock. Isle Royale can be a last holdout where wolves are safe. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3542 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:09:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: First, here's my background related to Isle Royale, ecology, wilderness, and NPS.
--Grew up in Michigan. As a young teen, visited the park to backpack with a friend in the mid-70s. That visit changed my life.
--Returned several times to backpack or canoe with friends or family members.
--Worked and played in wild areas throughout North America during formative years.
--Seasonal ISRO employee, late 1980's.
--BA in Biology, MS in Biology-Ecology, BLA in Land Resource Planning.
--25 years as a National Park Service professional (left the NPS in 2013)
--Worked on general management plans/wilderness studies for [REDACTED] Led general management plan/wilderness studies for [REDACTED]
--Member of the [REDACTED] that developed the recently-released handbook, "[REDACTED]".
--With interest and passion, followed the dynamics of the Isle Royale wolf and moose populations for 40 years.
--I hope more wolves migrate to the island. But if not, my personal and professional opinion is that we should let nature take its course, for the following reasons:
ISRO is a wilderness park. Congress intended wilderness to be "untrammelled," meaning unmanipulated by humans (or as close as possible to that). For decades, including in ISRO interpretive programs, in college courses and seminars, in books, and at scientific conferences, I learned that ISRO is "nature's laboratory," where we watch and learn. Our daughter is learning the same in her college courses today. So let's watch and learn. Maybe nature will surprise us in a year. Or in 50 years. Or 100 years. Or 1000 years. Change in ecological systems and communities is natural and expected. It is arrogant and anthropocentric to think that change happening in our lifetime is critical or catastrophic because we happen to be alive and paying attention. When it comes to natural communities and human intervention, our actions- however well intended- often have unpredictable, unfortunate consequences. The truth is- no disrespect intended- we are not smart enough and don't understand nature well enough to "play God" in a situation such as this. Isle Royale wolf researchers cannot be considered impartial on this issue. They have a professional interest in keeping a viable population of wolves on the island.
We cannot hope to manage wildlife "ahead" of climate change. Not only are we not smart enough, we're not fast enough.
The wolf population in the Upper Midwest is healthy. The wolves of Isle Royale are not key to survival of the Upper Midwest population, nor to the survival of the species.
I love Isle Royale. I love its water, wolves, moose, and sunsets more than you can imagine. Let's let nature continue to rule here.
Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3543 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:10:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are currently only two wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to grow, consuming the native plants until they are gone and disrupting the natural ecosystem of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3544 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:18:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited National Parks that have wolves and they are vital to the eco system. Please take steps now to ensure that their populations are protected In Isle Royale National Park. Protecting every species is critical to ensuring the balance of our planet. Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 3545 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:30:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am writing to express my support of bringing more wolves to Isle Royale National Park in accordance with the provisions of Preliminary Alternative C.

Certainly, there is a lot more to balancing an ecosystem than reintroducing an apex predator. But what's at risk as we continue to debate the role of wolves in Isle Royale's ecosystem is the transformation of that very ecosystem due to browsing damage from the booming moose population.

Typically, wolf reintroduction eventually brings the wolves into conflict with expanding human territory. Not so on an uninhabited island. At IRNP we have a unique opportunity to study how wolves interact with the rest of the ecosystem. What more might we learn about the effects of a keystone predator on Isle Royale's ecosystem? What changes occur over time? Do these changes have anything to do with the wolf reintroduction?

Reintroducing wolves to IRNP will enable biologists to learn the answers to these and other questions. The more we learn, the better we can bring

ecological science and conservation ethics into alignment and the more empowered we become as stewards of our national parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3546 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:31:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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National Parks Service
Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896
USA

Dear Superintendent Green,

i believe that the course of action you should take regarding the wolf population on isle royale is you should bring in other wolves as needed. I believe this is the correct choice because with all the other solutions you are taking unneeded risks when with this you can simply fix the problem without any risk only success.

Another reason this is the correct choice is because it could end up making the wolf population go up by a lot. If you bring a lot of wolves to isle royale it will completely eliminate the chance and worry of wolf extinction.

My final reason you should bring wolves to isle royale is because with the addition of wolves to the island would be good for tourism purposes many more people would want to come see the wolves bringing up profit for the island from tourists.

In conclusion the addition of more wolves to the island has great benefits with large impact and only a few minor cons making it in my opinion the best option for the island

Sincerely,

Jake [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3547 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 14:31:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Jake [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3548 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,11,2016 14:38:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: wolves has been on earth as longas humans , they are very usefully for the Eco system and they are the grandfathers and grandmothers of our dog. A world without wolves is like a world without dogs too

Correspondence ID: 3549 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,11,2016 14:48:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Save are parks!!!!

Correspondence ID: 3550 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,11,2016 14:50:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Keith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3551 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,11,2016 14:58:10

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Correspondence:

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Kelsey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3552 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:12:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please expand the wolf population in Isle Royale. It's need for population diversity and for the health of the ecosystem. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3553 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:12:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Having visited Isle Royale, I support the reintroduction of wolle as a balanced as a balanced action.

Correspondence ID: 3554 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:23:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a PhD in ecology, a US Army veteran, and a professional wilderness guide f more than 40 years experience, I urge the US NPS to make all reasonable efforts to restore wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3555 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:39:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I have visited Isle Royale several time and am always awed by its beauty! I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Carolyn

Correspondence ID: 3556 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:40:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it may Concern,

Please adopt Option C to bring new wolves into Isle Royale. It is a proven scientific fact that wolves are vital to any eco system and the fact that there are only two remaining in Isle Royale means that without a infusion of new blood the system is doomed to fail in its entirety.

Yours,

Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3557 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:41:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 3558 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:48:26
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Thank you for considering my concerns. Here in my own state, hunters are anxious to kill every last wolf, hounding them with packs of dogs. This is horrific, as you can imagine, and heartbreaking. Please give your wolves a chance to survive, for a fear they will have none here, in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3559 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:49:25
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I remember that in my youth, how exciting it was to view the news media coverage of wolves tracking their way 'cross ice pack to/from the islands, and how gratifying it was to observe them in their island habitat when I visited in the warmer months. You have the opportunity to balance and preserve that habitat by taking action to repopulate the islands.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Hayden [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3560 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 15:53:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please accept this email as my comments on the proposed Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS for Isle Royale National Park. I am somewhat familiar with the issues involved in this proposed management plan as I have followed The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale study and website maintained by Dr. Rolf Peterson of Michigan Technological University. I have been interested in the wolf population in the United States and efforts to control it, reintroduce it, and manage it for many years, and I used to think of Isle Royale as a safe haven for a stable wolf population. Not anymore.

My reaction to the issues that have arisen on Isle Royale regarding the diminishing wolf population, the increasing moose population, and the effects of both on the vegetation of Isle Royale is WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? These issues have been known for some time, and it seems that the position of the National Park Service (NPS) was to do nothing - maybe it was bureaucratic inaction or maybe it was deliberate non-action, or maybe somewhere in-between, but, whatever it was, the Isle Royale wild animal population has and will suffer more due to the inaction. And by doing NOTHING, the NPS has greatly affected what could have been done to help the island successfully recuperate from the imbalance that has developed between the wolf and moose/predator and prey relationship. And it will get worse before it gets better, no matter what plan of action is chosen.

Considering that there are 2 wolves left on Isle Royale and 1,200 - 1,500 moose, it is very clear that action should be taken AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. The timetable for any action plan has actually been insulting, considering that the NPS knew and knows that the 2 vulnerable wolves left on the island may not survive for long and, thereafter, and the moose population will simply continue to multiply, badly affecting the island's vegetative health.

Timetables must be greatly shortened and action must be taken AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (ASAP) to reintroduce wolves onto Isle Royale, as I believe both US senators, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Gary Peters, from Michigan have requested. I supposed that Option C is the best alternative that NPS is considering at this point. However, perhaps an "ASAP" plan will allow emergency action to take place to begin to stabilize what has been and is happening and will continue to happen that worsen conditions on the island. Wolves need to be reintroduced RIGHT NOW. It cannot be that difficult or catastrophic

to introduce wolves back onto the island (especially considering that there is a healthy population in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan due to successful reintroduction).

I think the slow and plodding NPS action on behalf of the wolf population has clearly affected, probably ended, the 50-year Michigan Tech study of Isle Royale predator-prey relationship between wolves and moose. The lack of NPS action shows wanton disregard - maybe outright disrespect - for the long-standing and greatly respected study. I think that the scientists involved in that study at this point have concluded that the timeframe for a wolf genetic rescue plan for the study has most likely passed, a real scientific shame.

My reaction to any proposal to reduce the overpopulation of moose (culling of moose) on Isle Royale by use of mechanized equipment, such as helicopters, is that that course of action is NOT AT ALL ACCEPTABLE. I believe that this means hunters will fly around in helicopters and shoot moose from the air. ABSOLUTELY NOT. Find a way to get natural predators onto the island before this is necessary. It is so frustrating to think that NPS knew what was going to happen on the island as the wolves died off, did nothing, and has suggested that it may be necessary to shoot moose from helicopters to reduce their numbers to an acceptable population for the island. Have the big game hunters decided they need some fun on little Isle Royale? I suppose if the only way to control the starvation of moose on the island is to artificially reduce their numbers, that not even a healthy pack of wolves introduced on the island could help the moose overpopulation now, I would rather the moose die very quickly and painlessly by gunshot rather than starve to death, but I would be so disappointed and disillusioned that NPS would allow the situation to reach that point. It is terrible neglect, and it is guilt by omission.

So, in a nutshell, and with respect, I encourage the NPS to MOVE IT! NOW! Get wolves introduced onto Isle Royale RIGHT NOW, through emergency temporary action, if possible, and then implement Option C. The long-term plan should maintain a healthy wolf-moose-vegetative relationship for a very long time, even if it means bringing in wolves, moose, and vegetation from the outside (but they must match as closely as possible the conditions on the island that will sustain a healthy relationship - if moose eat balsam fir, dont replant decimated forests with lodge pole pine, replant them with balsam fir).

Isle Royale is in the middle of Lake Superior where almost nothing else lives except the underwater aquatic life, and there appears to be no viable reason why the wolf-moose-vegetation world on Isle Royale cannot be re-established and sustained and studied for decades and decades. There don't appear to be any other human or natural populations that might be disturbed. If the anti-wolf faction is griping about "more wolves," they are utterly delusional and paranoid. If there are people who are voicing a desire to allow nature to take its course (which in this case would seem to result in a destroyed Isle Royale - no wolves, starving moose overpopulation, and devastated vegetation), I think that they should consider the fact that human behavior has and will greatly redefine what is considered natural on our planet. Almost nothing is natural anymore. Isle Royale is a tiny microcosm of the Earth's natural world. It can and should be protected, and proper and TIMELY human thought and action can and should make sure that this happens. In conjunction with its own expertise, the NPS should access and be grateful for the highly professional guidance and advice that can be accessed through the Wolf-Moose of Isle Royale study maintained by Dr. Rolf Peterson and his colleagues and students at Michigan Technological University.

ACT NOW TO SAVE ISLE ROYALE AND MAINTAIN A NATURAL WELL-BALANCED ENVIRONMENT OF WOLVES, MOOSE, AND ISLAND VEGETATION. DO THE RIGHT THING RIGHT NOW.

Thanks very much for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 3561 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.11.2016 15:56:09
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mark 

Correspondence ID: 3562 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.11.2016 16:24:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring them as the purpose of wild lands is wild animals and a healthy ecosystem needs to have all members present.

Correspondence ID: 3563 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.11.2016 16:25:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Diversity is the key to a healthy wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 3564 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.11.2016 16:32:50
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Janice [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3565 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 16:35:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is absolutely critical situations for wolves of Isle Royale. What's happened with wolves population of Isle Royal. Were they all killed and trapped? Did they loose their habitat?

Wolves are extremely important for the balanced ecosystem, they sanitize the area where they live. Wolves are iconic American animals and they deserve to be treated like iconic animals.

Please make the park priority to restore the wolves populations on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3566 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 16:40:40
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3567 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 16:42:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been interested in Isle Royale for many years, never had the opportunity to visit, still hopeful. I attended an Audubon meeting last evening, to hear one of your rangers speak, (Kellie?) The Loon Ranger! Any way she said we could comment which is why I'm here.

I looked at the 4 options, I hope and pray that you at least choose B, though C would be best! Over and over I hear comments about why there is even a question about reintroducing the wolves. With so few ice bridges forming, they don't have a chance on their own, and we so need to keep these beautiful animals in our world, especially our Michigan world!

Thank You, Jan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3568 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 16:47:26
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Sincerely,

Cecil [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3569 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 16:52:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

There should be wolves in our wildlands, and if they haven't come back on their own then they should be re-stocked, maybe from the states which have open seasons on wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3570 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 16:53:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The environment and the living organisms (animals, fauna, etc.) within it, nationally, but especially, in our parks, must be preserved from human harm and held as a treasure for our future. All people have to learn from former invasions of our environment, including parks. Destruction of environments; water contamination; and endangerment of species are the detrise of human greed and national irresponsibility. We must not allow such horrible policy outcomes to continue or ever return.

Please place the protection of the ecosystem as the number one priority.

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Sincerely,
Anna [REDACTED]

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I feel the wolf is an important component of Isle Royale's ecology. I am also a believer that wolves should be restored to appropriate locations. In the case of Isle Royale's wolves I believe that the presence of wolves is critical to controlling overpopulation of moose, plus I would like to see the research on wolves and moose at the park continue into the future.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Anthony [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3573 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,11,2016 17:15:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We think this really need to be careful when bring new wolves, that shall not doing any harm to wolves. Leave it alone but still need attention! Our heart as told the truth what King James Version Bible that one Satan hate it but this Bible really important therefore it is really your home but Satan want to destroying all people into blind and fall into the ditch.

Romans 3:10

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

Romans 3:11

"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."

Romans 3:12

"They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

Isaiah 1:21

"How is the faithful city-Rome Vatican) become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers."

Deuteronomy 13:18

"When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God."

God said, Exodus 20:13

"Thou shalt not kill."

Jesus Christ said, Matthew 5:21

Old time, "Thou shalt not kill."

Leviticus 24:21

"And he-anyone) that kill a beast-animals, he-anyone) shall restore it: and he-person) that kill a man-anyone), he-person) shall be put to death."-Hell) (only judge by God Heavenly Father-Jesus Christ Amen!!!) Eye of the God!

In Jesus's Name Amen!!!

Philippians 3:20

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:"

John 10:38

"But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."

John 10:35

"If he called them gods-devil), unto whom the word-scripture) of God-Heavenly Father) came, and the scripture-Jesus Christ) cannot be broken;" John 10:35

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven-sky) and earth-world) shall pass away, but my words-scriptures) shall not pass away."

Romans 1:20

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Jeremiah 10:10

"But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation."- (anger)

See your own eyes that world goes doom for many reason.. Sadness!!!

Stay away from evils now therefore the world is fullest of sins but go to priests or else that

would not be save because it must only by Jesus Christ John 14:6 that one can remove the

sins. Simple looks up but Mostly hate King James Version Bible therefore not believing it

but God did not author confuse but saints=1Corinthians 14:33.

1Thessalonians 2:13=Which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the world of men, but as it is

in truth the word of God.

Do not fail God's test. 1Corinthians 3:13 The fire shall try=(test)

John 10:35 The scriptures cannot be broken

Acts 1:11 same Jesus but Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall turned into hell and all the nations that

forgot God.. Sadness!!!

In the Name of Jesus Amen!!!

In the Name of the Lord Amen!!!=Genesis 1:21 God created great whales and every living creature-animals) Amen!!! : (

Now another problems that go around and never solve it but yes

Animals care who worked hard to restored all the animals who

are in injury, damage by inhumanity killing, abused and threat also

many more evils of doing to all kind animals. Animals would have

gone lots of wondering about why humans kill me. That is sadness!

God created all creature(all kind animals) and living things.-

Proverbs 12:10

"A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast:-animals) but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

Genesis 9:2

"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered."-(respect)

Ezekiel 34:19

"And as for my flock,-(a number of animals)

they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet."-(animals desire clean, foods, water)

Joel 2:22

"Be not afraid, ye beasts-(an animals,a large four footed one-creatures) of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring,-(descended from God's animals kingdom) for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength."-(authority)

Exodus 20:13

(God said) Thou shalt not kill.

Matthew 5:21

(Jesus Christ said) Old time, Thou shall not kill

Leviticus 24:18

"And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast-animals) for beast."-animals)

Leviticus 24:21

"And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it:

Genesis 1:24 Creature

Genesis 2:7 Soul-in itself or soul, in the sense of conscious life an animal also has a soul. See- Genesis 1,26,27

Once they are gone

They are lost forever

Have a soul as just alike human

Both are four footed

Same in pains and warm blood spilling out

Both has a same feeling.

Both has a eyes , nose , mouth and breathing, has a soul

Both need be in caring and the love and family

Once been in shot, both are same cries and death

Both sad feeling of lost family or parent

Both created by Authority Universe Heavenly Father Jesus Christ Amen!!!

Ephesians 3:9

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"

Romans 1:20

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power-(universe the Scripture the Jesus Christ)

and Godhead-(father, son, holy ghost three are in one that Jesus Christ); so that they are without excuse:"

John 10:34

"Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods"?(the devil)

John 10:35

"If he called them gods-(devil) unto whom the word of God-(Heavenly Father) came, and the scripture-(Jesus Christ) cannot be broken;"

Psalms 14:2

"The LORD looked down from heaven-(sky) upon the children of men,-(people) to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God".-(Heavenly Father)

Deuteronomy 13:18

"When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD-(Jesus Christ) thy-(your) God.-(Heavenly Father)

Acts 1:11

"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?-(sky) this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven-(sky), shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."-(sky)

King James Version (KJV)-The Truth Bible the scripture is Jesus Christ)

In Jesus Name Amen!!!

In the Blood of Jesus Amen!!!

Stop Killing Wildlife Animals, Remember Leviticus 24:21 (restore the animals)

In the Name of the Lord Amen!!!

Correspondence ID: 3574 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 17:21:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

As a resident of Arizona, I am only too familiar with the plight of wolves whose populations have fallen to dangerously low levels. The Mexican Gray wolf is very much endanger of extinction once again.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3575 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 17:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is the perfect laboratory for scientists to study the effects of wolf and Moose populations. The fragility of the Wolf population on Isle Royale cannot be understated. Isle Royale Wolves were nearly wiped by a single domesticated dogs carrying the Parvovirus to which Wolves have no resistance. The balance of nature is so tenuous on this magnificent island if the Wolves are completely wiped out the Moose population may well damage and possibly destroy the very habitat that sustains them.

I don't know the answer to this incredible balance of nature on the Isle. If wolves of divergent blood lines are brought in again will they survive? and for how long? I believe we must try to repopulate Wolves on the Isle. We must continue to learn more about how to maintain their survival and that of the Moose and the wildlife and habitat of Isle Royale as a whole.

Correspondence ID: 3576 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 17:52:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sharon [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3577 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 17:59:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Cindy

Correspondence ID: 3578 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:15:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Katie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3579 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:24:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3580 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:28:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am pleased that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous effects on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3581 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:44:07
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Cathleen ██████████

Correspondence ID: 3582 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:48:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3583 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:55:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: WOLVES ARE ALWAYS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF ALL ECOSYSTEMS. BUT HUMANS ONLY KNOW HOW TO DESTROY, JUST LIKE THEY DID ALL THE WOLVES IN UTAH, WYOMING AND LOT OF OTHER STATES. PLEASE BRING THE WOLVES TO THE ISLE. ALL THEY WANT TO DO IS TO SURVIVE THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW. WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE THEM.

Correspondence ID: 3584 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 18:57:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am submitting comments in favor of "Alternative C" in which the NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years (anticipated life of the plan). The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. Since this action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision it would expedite a viable solution to the current dilemma. Unfortunately, the option to genetically rescue the wolves of Isle Royale has passed.

This option provides for maximum flexibility and provides for a plan that will address not only the crashed wolf population on the island, but also the need for the predator/prey balance between wolves and the moose of the island to ensure the moose population stays in check and does not further degrade the vegetation on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3585 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 19:00:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3586 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 19:27:29
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3587 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 19:31:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature has a balance - humans are destroying that balance, usually for greed, but in doing so we are destroying our planet and ourselves. All is in a delicate balance.

They want wolves OUT of the west - but, according to Carl Safina in "Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel", wolves eat approximately \$90,000 in livestock (often the old and infirm) but people coming to Yellowstone want to see WOLVES (bears are everywhere) and they bring \$34,000,000 - wolves are fine animals and without them the elk ate every twig for miles - so they were reintroduced.

"If a man aspires to a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals" Albert Einstein

Correspondence ID: 3588 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 19:47:06
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Janet [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3589 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 19:49:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3590 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 19:57:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 3591 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:10:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife of Isle Royale, especially their wolf populations! Please help in the recovery of the wolves on Isle Royale! These wolves not only belong on this island, they are an important part of the ecosystem and belong to call this land their home!
Thank you for helping our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3592 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:23:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re-establishing a healthy wild wolf population in Isle Royale will help to maintain a healthy balance of the large prey herbivores, which would, with no controls, destroy vegetation and degrade the habitat.

I see what the overpopulation of white-tailed deer has messed up our forestland in upstate NY and CT. Lack of regeneration of native shrubs and seedling trees, just hay-scented ferns that no one eats, and noxious plants like barberry and other junk. The coyotes help some, but are not enough, and our hunters want bucks. Move some of the wolves from the states that do not want them.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

Sibyll [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3593 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:26:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Georgia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3594 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:33:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please permit bringing new wolves onto Isle Royale which will improve the gene pool and encourage an increased wolf population which will help balance the ecosystem by maintaining the moose population to a more nearly optimum number for the area.

Correspondence ID: 3595 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:35:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option C!!!! It will prevent an explosion in the moose population and provide genetic diversity for the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3596 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:42:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Richard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3597 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:45:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: More wolves = healthier ecosystems!

Correspondence ID: 3598 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:50:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely
Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3599 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:52:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely
Samantha [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3600 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 20:56:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think plan C is the best alternative. I have friends who hike here. This refuge is so very important to the ecology and environmental science. The return of wolves will help keep things in balance. The moose threaten to over run the food base. The wolves will help to cut down on this and help to rebalance things.

Correspondence ID: 3601 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 21:07:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Michelle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3602 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 21:10:49
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

We must all do all we can in assuring our wolf populations are protected and nurtured. These magnificent animals are an integral member of this world's populations.

Thank you,
Lorraine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3603 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 21:20:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are the answer!

Correspondence ID: 3604 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 22:44:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ALL ANIMALS deserve the right to be equally protected no matter if they are a pet or not.

Correspondence ID: 3605 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,11,2016 23:52:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must bring the wolves in to stabilize the eco system and save this wonderous place for all future generations.

Correspondence ID: 3606 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 00:01:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3607 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 04:03:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park. Bringing wolves back to balance an ecosystem has already been a tried and proven management tool.

Correspondence ID: 3608 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 05:16:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm all for reintroducing the Wolves to Isle Royale provided that no hunting is allowed .

Correspondence ID: 3609 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 05:43:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3610 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 06:39:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the Isle Royale Wolves.. They are an important part of our Eco systems. Our Eco system is in a bad enough place as it is.

Correspondence ID: 3611 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 06:43:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park.

Every animal has a purpose in nature. Some animals are more cute and cuddly and therefore more easily loved. But cute or not, every animal has a purpose. Someone must step in and do the right thing. It is therefore up to the NPS to stand strong and protect the wolf before it is too late. Extinction is forever!

I am very happy to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Correspondence ID: 3612 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 06:47:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for considering this comment and for taking action to protect this special ecosystem. I support Alternative C. It seems less and less likely that wolves will have natural migration opportunities to recolonize the island in the future, and allowing the moose population to grow unchecked is simply setting the island up for a crash at some point. I would rather see the agency take an active role and introduce wolves to the island now and in the future if deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

██████████

Correspondence ID: 3613 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 07:09:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Kathleen ██████████

Correspondence ID: 3614 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 07:14:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lara ██████████

Correspondence ID: 3615 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 07:36:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
I believe the National Park Service should choose to take no action in intervening in the wolf population of Isle Royale (Alternative A). While this alternative will mean changes for the park's ecosystem and character, the park should not function as an ecosystem museum, preserving an arbitrarily chosen 'best' suite of flora and fauna. Instead the park, in its role as a wilderness, should use this opportunity to continue to study this unique case study of island biogeography. The wolf and moose populations of the island exist only by chance, and taking action to bolster wolf populations is a direct contradiction of the Wilderness Act: "A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."
Please consider the decades of well-intentioned, but ultimately flawed, management of wildfires in this country. That history illustrates the hubris of attempting to reverse or alter a natural process on the landscape, a choice that will often lead to unintended consequences. This decision should be made based on science and law, not emotion, and that is why I support Alternative A.

Thank you for your time,
Joseph ██████████

Correspondence ID: 3616 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 07:39:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3617 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 07:44:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3618 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 08:09:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns, and for working to support our beloved National Parks.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3619 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 08:14:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Miryam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3620 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:01:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Two wolves do not make a population.

In this case, humans must intervene.

Correspondence ID: 3621 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:03:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. The recovery of Yellowstone National Park after the re-introduction of wolves is a shining example of how these animals contribute to ecological balance of a Park System.

Correspondence ID: 3622 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:38:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WOLVES ARE A VITAL PREDATOR.

Correspondence ID: 3623 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:43:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm writing regarding the Isle Royale National Park and my concern about the future of the island's ecosystem. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Predators play an integral role in an ecosystem and I believe the addition of wolves to the park is the best option.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3624 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:45:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tracy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3625 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:55:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am pleased to see that the culling of moose on Isle Royale has been dropped from consideration. While I support Alternative C to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, I have concerns. Under Alternative C, the wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment.

It is no secret that researchers/biologists have disagreed with NPS with the restoration of wolves on Isle Royale to the point that the time for generic rescue has passed. How will conflicts in the future be resolved? What role will the 50 years of research have in the decision making process? Hopefully, these issues can be addressed during the next phase of this project.

Correspondence ID: 3626 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 09:59:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
carl [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3627 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 10:43:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support and implore NPS to carry out Alternative C: bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of GENETICALLY DIVERSE wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action should occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision. PLEASE DO NOT DELAY, rare federally protected wildlife are at risk of extinction.

Correspondence ID: 3628 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 11:24:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephanie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3629 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 11:30:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Before it is too late to preserve history, please do something to protect and nourish the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3630 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 11:35:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am encouraged you have studied the situation related to wolves on Isle Royale. It is a jewel that we need to protect.

I urge you to adopt option C and bring new wolves to the island as needed to restore the ecosystem that existed until recent years. The interdependence of the wolves, moose and environment of the island is well documented.

The work that Dr. Peterson and others have done on the island has provided

the basis for understanding the interrelationship of the flora and fauna on Isle Royale. Wolves are a natural part of that equation. Let us keep it so.

Correspondence ID: 3631 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 11:44:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Daniela [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3632 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 11:54:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3633 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 11:55:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Why have you allowed the wolf population to be decimated????? Through inbreeding many were deformed and had birth defects. It was sickening. Isle Royale is the perfect place to restore healthy wolves and their population. Please do this immediately. What on earth are you waiting for?. Do the right thing! Many years ago we visited this beautiful island. Do not destroy the animals that belong there.

Correspondence ID: 3634 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 12:16:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3635 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 12:43:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Send in the wolves...

Correspondence ID: 3636 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 12:58:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Nancy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3637 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 13:39:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3638 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 13:45:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3639 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 14:49:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: a must needed service

Correspondence ID: 3640 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 14:59:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Remember what happened in Yellowstone when the wolves were reintroduced. Reduced grazing by the elk had a huge impact on the ecosystem, allowing insects, birds, mammals, etc to return. The rivers were healthier. A natural trophic cascade was once again established.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Sandy [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3641 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 15:54:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Denise [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3642 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 16:11:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option C which involves bringing more wolves to Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 3643 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 16:17:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave Wildlife Alone.

Correspondence ID: 3644 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 16:40:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please add wolves to Isle Royal NP. Wildlife Services is killing them in the Rockies why can't we get them to shoot 50 or so with tranquilizer darts instead of bullets and stock up. Two problems solved with a joyous ending. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 3645 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 16:48:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C to bring new wolves to Isle Royale as needed to maintain the population. Introducing new wolves will help keep the moose population under control and will maintain the food resources, native plants and other wildlife on the island. The NPS should adopt this option quickly to maintain the ecological balance on the island. I visited Isle Royale several years ago. We went there to see the wolves and also enjoyed a lecture by Rolf Peterson. To me Isle Royale would not be the same without wolves. Thank you for considering my concerns. Janice [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3646 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 17:11:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sirs,
No time to waste YES please bring wolves to Isle Royale without any hesitation. Time to correct the mistakes of the past and to promote these marvelous creatures. The first time I heard wolves in the forest at sunset 30 years ago it changed me forever. Let others hear this ! Thank you. [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3647 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 17:12:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please strongly consider Option C for the repopulation of Royale Isle wolves. Do not allow the balance of the ecosystem to be destroyed by permitting the already- dwindled wolf count go down to zero. We cannot afford to allow the delicate biomes that currently exist to be permanently damaged or extinct due to our lack of care, consideration, or neglect. Humans have already obliterated too many species, habitats and food sources and have severely endangered ourselves and posterity in the bargain. Restore the wolf population by exercising Option C!
Thank you in advance for your time and attention to my request.

Correspondence ID: 3648 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.12.2016 17:17:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Eric [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3649 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.12.2016 17:28:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Susan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3650 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 17:29:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dave

Correspondence ID: 3651 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May.12.2016 17:30:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This island has been a special location for wolves and has contributed greatly to our understanding of them. Please consider reintroducing them.

Correspondence ID: 3652 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 17:47:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Your a Park Service, act like it and stop the killing of wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 3653 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 17:59:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect and enlarge the population of wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3654 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 18:16:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Tanya [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3655 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 18:40:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the restoration of these majestic animals because their existence is the only way to balance the food chain.

Correspondence ID: 3656 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 19:23:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns,
Sarah

Correspondence ID: 3657 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 20:20:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir and Madam:

I urge you to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3658 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 21:26:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves

Correspondence ID: 3659 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 22:21:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,
Melissa

Correspondence ID: 3660 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 22:47:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3661 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 06:13:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My wife and I hiked 70 miles on Isle Royale in the 1970s and I have followed events on the island since the 1960s. A point I hope is remembered is that the wolf/moose dynamics have been intensely studied for a long time and the intent was always to let events play out without intervention. The result has been a great deal of knowledge, but also a seriously inbred wolf population that is simply no longer sustainable. If intervention is to begin and the "hands off" policy to end, I hope that the plan will include bringing in wolves on an ongoing basis to maintain the genetic health of the population. I think the "hands off" policy has been a good one from a research perspective, but, without introducing new wolves to the island, the future of the moose population can easily be predicted. I support bringing a new population of wolves to the island to re-establish a healthy wolf/moose ecosystem with provisions for occasional introduction of new wolves to maintain genetic diversity.

Correspondence ID: 3662 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 06:34:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park is a treasure. Maintaining its healthy ecosystem is vital, and I strongly support the proposal to bring additional wolves into the park to help accomplish this. I hope you will adopt alternative C as the best way to proceed.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 3663 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 07:09:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We should be protecting every single wildspot left

Correspondence ID: 3664 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 07:16:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A healthy predator population is vital to any ecosystem. I urge you to introduce additional wolves to Isle Royal to help keep the balance. As a Michigander who enjoys the outdoor opportunities in our state, I would hope that my state would lead the way in ensuring that wolves would be given a chance to thrive in their once natural habitat. Besides, wolves are just totally cool

Thank You

Gary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3665 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,13,2016 07:59:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of C : Bringing wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the 20 years.

I have had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with Rolf Peterson about this issue and believe above all his views should be heard, respected and his suggestions followed.

Correspondence ID: 3666 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,13,2016 08:52:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect nature and wildlife. They have no voice

Correspondence ID: 3667 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,13,2016 09:22:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: This wolf community was decimated due to human interference, and deserve a chance to regain a foothold on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3668 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,13,2016 09:29:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves should be reintroduced to the island once the two remaining have died.

Correspondence ID: 3669 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,13,2016 09:41:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: [REDACTED]

National Parks Service
Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896
USA

Dear Superintendent Green,

I am [REDACTED] grade student at [REDACTED] MN. Me and my classmates have been doing a lot researching on Isle Royale and we were researching on the wolf and Moses populations. I was worried about the loves their.

I think that you guys should not do anything for know but keep on watching them to see if they get better or worse because it could get a lot better.

That is what I think what you guys should do, I hope you guys make a good choice.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3671 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 09:53:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support Alternative A, "The NPS would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out". I believe there are other alternatives to help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and ways to minimize their impact to native vegetation. For example, it may be possible to manage the moose population through hunting when the island is closed for visitation. The sale of hunting permits also represents a possible source of revenue. All things considered, I am in favor of removing moose from the island entirely and encourage reintroduction of lynx and caribou.

If the the National Park Service is going to intervene, I would prefer restoration to a more natural state. At this time, the National Park Service should not not intervene and continue current management.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Joseph [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3672 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 10:05:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3673 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 10:50:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for prioritizing in your thinking about Isle Royale my comments, as well as those of so many others who want to see the management plan for Isle Royale National Park zero in on the plight of the two remaining wolves and the wonderful opportunity the Park Service has to reintroduce and reestablish a healthy wolf population in this unique location where wolves have historically helped to balance the ecosystem and moose population. Isle Royale is famous as a unique scientific study environment, and with the Park Service's intelligent assistance, it will remain an important location for studies by working ecologists, biologists, botanists, and range management folks, not to mention the great benefits that introducing more wolves to Isle Royale will create for interested vacationers, parks lovers, and animal aficionados - - really for all who will have the fortune to enjoy and study the wolves and the beautiful island landscapes and ecosystems that are home to a beautiful variety of native plants, animals, and avian species. The health and well being of all the creatures and living forms on Isle Royale depend on a balanced circle of life on the island. Focusing on the future of wolves at the park is critical to all these interests.

For this reason, I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. I agree with the National Parks Conservation Association, which asserts that with only two wolves left at Isle Royale, there is grave concern about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns, and keep up the good work.

Very best regards,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3674 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 11:32:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royal in bringing back the wolves there!

Correspondence ID: 3675 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 11:51:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are needed back in the Isle Royale National Park to balance the overpopulation of Moose. It's time to give the wolves a chance to have a place to call their home and where they will be left alone.

Correspondence ID: 3676 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 12:44:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. From personal experience on the island, I know that Isle Royale is a very special place. And it's not that big! The moose population will have to be kept under control one way or another at some point, I think keeping a healthy wolf population is the best answer, and Alternative C the best way to do that.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3677 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 14:59:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect wolves and bring them back to Isle Royale National Park. Please help.

Correspondence ID: 3678 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 15:04:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I support bringing new wolves back to Isle Royale. When my wife and I backpacked at Isle Royale there was a much healthier wolf population though Parvo was apparently a problem in the population and lack of genetic diversity was hurting the pack. However, they did a good job culling the weaker moose and keeping the moose population strong. In fact, we came to hike there simply because we knew there were wolves and moose there and although we heard them one morning we did not see them. If there is a reasonable way to reintroduce new wolves to the island and allow them to have a broad genetic spectrum with healthy individuals, I feel that it would be best for the Island's eco system; otherwise it may be disaster for the moose and the eco tourism as well. Isle Royale has always been a special place because the moose and wolves are interwoven. Their absence would be tragic.

Thanks,

Tom [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3679 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 15:07:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned

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Correspondence ID: 3680 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 15:12:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly voice my support for Alternative C, which would maintain healthy wolf populations at Isle Royale NP through multiple introductions. Wolves are an integral component of healthy ecosystems in the northern Great Lakes states. Although not always present on the island in the past century, wolves are keystone predators whose presence has been shown to have cascading effects on herbivore populations and vegetation dynamics and plant community structure. The history of human presence and activity on Isle Royale (as well as on mainland MN), with its impacts on the island's natural resources, has likely played a factor in periods of time where wolf populations were not present on the island. This does not serve as any justification for not actively managing the natural resources of the park by maintaining predator populations. Furthermore, climate change has likely increased the stressors on this ecosystem (heat stress, increased invasive species, etc), and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future. These stressors, combined with heavy herbivore pressures from expanded moose populations, could result in surpassing a threshold whereby native plant communities are reduced opening up new habitat for aggressive invasives. Furthermore, large moose populations increase the risks of moose population crashes due to pests and parasites.

Climate Change impacts will likely mean fewer winters where ice forms allowing individuals to leave or migrate onto the island, making active management increasingly necessary. The other alternatives likely leave the wolf populations at risk for either the immediate or medium-term future, which could have large negative effects on moose and plants, as just described. To deal with these negative effects, park resources would be stretched even thinner than they already are, requiring many more staff hours and funds. Although there are no guarantees that this would occur, it would be a shame to risk this happening. The NPS is tasked with managing the natural and cultural resources of the park, not only does it make sense from a natural resource management perspective, but I feel there is also a fiscal and moral responsibility to manage the park in order to maintain ecosystems that are diverse and healthy. Everything we know about the ecosystem of this region suggests that wolves are a part that picture.

Correspondence ID: 3681 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 15:31:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 3682 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 16:20:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please stop destroying the ecosystem before it is too late.

Correspondence ID: 3683 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 16:44:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3684 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 16:47:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we need wolves, and all animals

Correspondence ID: 3685 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 18:32:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce New wolves into Isle Royale National Park. This area needs a natural predator besides humans to keep the grazers in check. Human activities in the area are the main reason there are so few wolves to begin with. I cannot imagine this beautiful park without them.

Correspondence ID: 3686 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 18:47:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Adam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3687 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 20:35:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear P. Green, Superintendent and the Park Service,

Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Wolves are extremely important for the balanced ecosystem of this delicate environment. Wolves will bring the new life to the island. It is proved by scientific researches of many biologists for the long time.

Sincerely,
Joan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3688 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 21:01:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: God gave us the wolves for a reason. Man killing them to the point of extinction was not His plan. But man will never be happy till he has totally destroyed the Earth and all the living creatures on her.

Correspondence ID: 3689 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 21:09:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent of Isle Royale National Park,

I support the option C. Please reintroduce more wolves asap to the Isle Royale National Park. It is very important to keep park healthy and alive. Without wolves this beautiful place will be unbalanced: the moose population will skyrocket, which will bring deforestation.

Sincerely,
Gregory [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3690 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 21:20:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the action C, which will bring the new life to the beautiful wild park. The climate changes require to adapt the new ways of maintenance of wild life in the Isle Royale Park. The wolves need to be reintroduce to the Isle Royale Park. Only this way we will keep the park healthy.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3691 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 21:30:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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PLEASE PROTECT ISLE ROYALE'S ECOSYSTEM!!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,

Linda [REDACTED]

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Received: May,13,2016 21:31:30
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Theresa [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3694 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 22:36:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Bring back wolves to the park, and then let nature take its place.

Correspondence ID: 3695 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,13,2016 22:55:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I agree with bringing in wolves and letting nature regulate themselves as long as the wolves do not get too populated. So I expect that you will insure that not happening.

Correspondence ID: 3696 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 00:22:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect the enviroment to keep ecology in balanmce

Correspondence ID: 3697 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 03:07:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

To do otherwise is NOT the Change that I voted for...twice!

Correspondence ID: 3698 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 03:08:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3699 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 04:31:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are absolutely vital for a healthy ecosystem, lose the Wolves and the ecosystem suffers greatly often to the point of being unable to be revived! Only a fool would rid the land of the Wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3700 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 08:19:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3701 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 08:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is our responsibility to help re-establish the Isle Royale wolf population. It was our mistreatment of the environment which has led to the disappearance of the wintertime ice-bridges, that inhibit wolves from crossing to the mainland, thus keeping a diverse genetic gene pool among their population. Thus it's our responsibility to correct the problem by importing more wolves onto the island.

Correspondence ID: 3702 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 08:47:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3703 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 12:17:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Patty [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3704 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 12:17:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am a regular backpacker on Isle Royale, and it's one of my favorite places in the world, a true wilderness. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Mark [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3705 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 12:24:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Correspondence ID: 3706 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 12:51:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3707 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 12:57:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns .

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3708 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 12:59:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns .

Sincerely,
[redacted]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3709 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 13:04:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3710 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 13:24:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I can not believe that negligent mismanagement of the area has been allowed to decrease the wolf population from 50 to 2 animals. How in the hell do you expect a species to survive. Too bad we are not talking about the human species rather than wolves or any animal. You must allow zoos to help replace the wolf population, you must allow any country, or any source to help repopulate the wolf species and to increase the bloodline so they do not interbreed causing a weaker breed of wolf. The predator of any area must survive to keep the prey from overpopulating!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This includes bears, coyotes, cougars, jaguars, lions, snakes, etc.

So try to get some intelligence about this matter or get out and let someone better do this job.

Correspondence ID: 3711 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 14:02:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3712 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 15:04:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Maintaining this beautiful and valuable natural resource for all is something I want to see happen for my children and their children.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3713 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 15:18:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Rick [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3714 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 15:55:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3715 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 19:16:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. We want to hear wolves when we return to magical Isle Royale!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Martha and Eric [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3716 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 19:23:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green, Alternative C!, please!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. Wolves are vital for ecosystem balance.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.

Thank you

Lydia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3717 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 21:35:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There needs to be a proper balance in the environment. Isle Royale Wolves need to be a part of the big picture. The numbers can never go down to zero.

Correspondence ID: 3718 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 21:55:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3719 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 22:56:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear:
Isle Royale National Park
Superintendent Phyllis Green
and The National Park Service

Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to escalate, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the National Park and nature's intended balance of ecosystems.

After gathering extensive public input last Summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The NPS agency is now asking for our input. Our input is as follows:

We actively support Option C, which requires the National Park Service to bring additional wolves to Isle Royal National Park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts, allied associations and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Thank you for reading our views,
and we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely
Richard [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3720 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,14,2016 23:20:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Anita [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3721 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 01:02:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3722 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 07:06:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Andrew ■■■■

Correspondence ID: 3723 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 08:26:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please consider adding additional wolves to Isle Royale.
Science shows this is the healthiest option.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3724 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 08:41:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3725 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 09:08:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3726 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 09:35:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt alternative C and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Stephen ██████████

Correspondence ID: 3727 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 10:41:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3728 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 10:48:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring new wolves to the Island to keep nature's balance related to the moose, etc.

Correspondence ID: 3729 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 10:55:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do feel that bringing new wolves to the island will help restore the natural balance.

Too many moose is going to kill the island.

People in the UP of Michigan don't want wolves, so why not capture some of them and relocate to the island. It would be a win win solution, without having to kill any of them.

The 2 lone wolves left will have some new genes to mate with, that's if they survive long enough for you to make a decision. Decision making at times is far too long drawn out.

We the people want more wolves on the island.

Diane ██████████

Correspondence ID: 3730 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 11:35:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After decades of study, we understand the crucial role that wolves and moose play in their mutual success.

If the wolves are allowed to die out, we know that the moose population will increase dramatically. The plant life will then be ravaged, which in turn will lead to food shortages and the subsequent plummeting of the moose population.

If the results are predictable, continuing the study through a non-interference policy serves no purpose.

Lack of genetic diversity among the wolves is directly attributable to manmade climate change and the lack of any winter ice bridge to the island year after year. The least we as a species owe to the isolated island moose, wolf and plant species on this very special island is to import wolves. We can provide the "bridge" that allows new wolves to come to the island as they always have, and renew their gene pool.

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Correspondence ID: 3731 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 12:17:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park. You need predators to keep a balanced ecosystem.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3732 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 12:36:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help the Isle Royale eco system to continue thrive by diversifying it's animal populations. Please restock the wolf pack to continue with the diversification.

Correspondence ID: 3733 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 12:45:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The ongoing persecution of wolves says a lot about human beings' level of spiritual and moral development. If you are in a position to stop the senseless killing of even a few wolves, I urge you to do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 3734 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 12:46:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3735 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 13:46:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To The National Park Service,

I am glad to have the opportunity to comment on the management plan for the Isle Royal National Park, as I am passionate about conservation of our lands.

With only two wolves left on Isle Royale, the future of the island's ecosystem is in jeopardy.

I support Alternative C - bringing in new wolves to the Island as needed to maintain their population. This will keep the moose population from expanding and destroying native vegetation and close the door to the public who want to see and save this beautiful, treasured Island and Park.

Thank you for keeping my comment in mind.

Correspondence ID: 3736 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 14:00:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the Isle Royale Wolves..

Correspondence ID: 3737 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,15,2016 14:07:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Correspondence ID: 3738 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 14:28:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. I believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 3739 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 14:52:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help increase the diversity of the Wolf pack.

Correspondence ID: 3740 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 14:58:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I wish people would stop killing/introducing more population/community.

Correspondence ID: 3741 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 15:55:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3742 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 15:58:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

Correspondence ID: 3743 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 16:02:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Sincerely,
Isabel [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3744 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 16:24:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island and changing its structure due to erosion, reducing the population of small animals dependent on plants, as well as affecting the health of the insect population. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

Correspondence ID: 3745 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 16:38:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Joan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3746 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 16:54:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Genevieve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3747 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 17:50:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to save our National Parks now.

Correspondence ID: 3748 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 17:54:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please look carefully at what makes a healthy ecosystem and make decisions to allow a healthy ecosystem to thrive. We face destruction on several fronts every where in this country. Once these forces are in motion it's so much harder to bring balance back. Wolves are part of the American landscape and serve a valuable purpose. Otherwise why did God create them?
Thank you for applying science and wisdom to your decision making process.
Therese [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3749 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 19:27:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C.

Let's bring wolves to the island as often as needed. I understand the other alternatives, or just doing an EIS first. I believe we need to help support the health of the entire island and moose population NOW. This involves wolves. I don't want to see culling of moose and the aversive actions that will be involved with this including bringing helicopters, four wheelers and more killing by us. We can help to prevent overgrazing and the collapse of the island by bringing in wolves as the apex predators here. They will have a positive effect on other species, vegetation, etc. This is a situation where humans can "interfere" by bringing in wolves and I believe this will be a positive thing for the island.

Correspondence ID: 3750 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 21:45:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. We are encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, we're very concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3751 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,15,2016 22:43:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A perfect location for the project to be established.

Correspondence ID: 3752 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 03:48:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: An important issue indeed!

Correspondence ID: 3753 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 05:38:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3754 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 05:40:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Beth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3755 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3756 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 08:45:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to voice my support for Alternative C, The NPS plan to bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision. I believe that this is the best course of action for the NPS.

Thank you,

William [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3757 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 09:06:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

The wolf/moose situation should be allowed to play itself out without human interference, because Isle Royale is largely designated wilderness, and the moose and wolves cannot be confined to those lands on the island(s) not designated as wilderness.

The management-goal definition of wilderness as "untrammled" means just that, recent interagency science protocols to the contrary. The protocols will not stand up in court because the legislative history of the 1964 Act is too clear on how wilderness, once designated, should be "managed."

Adolph Murie was prescient in the 1930s on the fact of Isle Royale being distinctive as a wilderness park. He and Olaus, as you know, were prominent players in the re-valuation of predator/prey relationships. The management decision at Isle Royale should be based on a clear reading of the National Wilderness Preservation System Act and not the wishful thinking of science theories.

As British writer Jeanette Winterson rightly notes, every fact is also an act of desire. What wilderness stewardship needs is a career path that honors a "watch and learn" approach to learning from wilderness. By the canons of legislative history, the word "untrammled" cannot be adjudged poetry. Human desire should not be projected onto wilderness. Such projection trammels wildness. Witness the Jeffersonian rationalist grid system projected onto the American West. Our generation's problems with wild lands - fire and predator/prey relations - result from the best science of the past.

Human knowing is temporal and provisional. As such, as William Bronk has written, "We live in the permanence of ignorance." That is why we need to learn from wilderness, not project our desires onto it. I encourage you to decide in favor of wilderness and wildness and not to tamper with the wolves and moose.

Best regards, Ed [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3758 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 09:49:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To preserve Isle Royale wolves, which I believe should be done, please go to Option C and bring in additional wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3759 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 09:50:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Steven [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3760 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 09:57:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We, my husband and I, support option C, to intervene in the population decline of wolves on Isle Royale. We have followed the issue closely for the last couple of years and were hopeful that a male wolf would have crossed the ice from Canada during the cold winter of 2013-2014. Sadly, that has not happened. We are normally not in favor of intervening in the natural order of things but I cannot help but believe that we have caused this in some way in the past and it is our duty to make it right. Also, the alternatives of "managing" the moose population and/or the environment of the island seem like opportunities to over-correct the problem with too much room for error. We are hoping that a little nudge in the right direction will have the desired outcome.
We feel that the NPS has done a commendable job of monitoring this situation and offering solutions for the public to decide on. Michigan's NPS is an example of how to include public opinion in decisions regarding wildlife management, especially wolves, that Arizona and New Mexico could learn from in their issues with the Mexican Grey Wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 3761 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 10:01:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Correspondence ID: 3762 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 10:19:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of Option C to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3763 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 10:19:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of Option C to bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3764 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 10:30:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help this environment to stabilize. For a case study, look at the benefits in Yellowstone from the introduction of wolves as a natural predator in the area. It helped keep the prey animals in check so they stopped deforestation and overgrazing, beavers came back and recreated wetlands.

Correspondence ID: 3765 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 10:55:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Having visited Isle Royale last year, I am familiar with the low wolf population. I fully support Option C to introduce more wolves into Isle Royale to bring the population more in balance with the other wild life.

Correspondence ID: 3766 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 11:09:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I could see many of these impacts as early as my visit in 2011 and the issue and destruction has only gotten worse. I therefore, support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Ben [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3767 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 11:22:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Jill [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3768 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 11:27:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: May 16, 2016

Isle Royale National Park
Attention: Superintendent Phyllis Green
ISRO Wolves
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Re: Wolf Management Plan/EIS, Revised Public Scoping

Dear Superintendent Green:

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), we thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Wolf Management Plan/EIS, Revised Public Scoping document.

We've reviewed the proposed alternatives in the revised scoping newsletter and support Alternative C as the preferred management alternative.

NPCA Recommendation: Adopt Alternative C

Alternative C: The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

We support Alternative C because it is closely aligned with our previous recommendations during the initial scoping phase and incorporates language necessary to carry out this management decision.

In our comments submitted on August 28, 2015, we recommended that NPS bring new wolves to the island as needed to reestablish the population and ecological function on the island. We provided extensive analysis in support of our position that relied on NPS laws and policies as well as sound science and research. We reaffirm our position and analysis as previously stated in support of Alternative C.

The following is a summary of our comments in support of reintroducing wolves to reestablish their population:

- Wolves are essential for maintaining the ecosystem health given they are the only apex predator on the island and a keystone species;
- The island is 99 percent designated wilderness, and NPS has acknowledged that wolves embody the essence of wilderness there, so action to protect wolves helps preserve the wilderness character of the park;
- In the absence of wolves, actions would be necessary to manage the moose population and/or undertake revegetation of balsam fir, which are both much more intrusive actions than wolf introduction and could undermine the wilderness designation;
- The park's stated purpose and significance statements, as well as the International Biosphere Reserve designation, specifically note the importance of providing the opportunity for scientific study and recognize the world-renowned Isle Royale wolf/moose study;
- Healthy ecosystems are more resilient to the effects of climate change;
- NPS management policies support the restoration of native species and the natural ecological functions in an ecosystem; and
- There is precedence for augmenting species on public lands.

We also support Alternative C because it specifically incorporates language from our previous comments and recommendation. Notably, Alternative C recognizes there may be a need to bring new wolves to the island more than once. The previous alternatives in the original scoping document only considered bringing new wolves as a one-time event meant to mimic natural migration. Given the uncertainty of a successful outcome, we suggested in our comments that this action not be limited to one time and instead be done "as needed to re-establish their population and ecological function on the island" (NPCA Comments, p. 2).

While "as needed" is without definition in Alternative C, we are aware that NPS has assembled a group of scientists and researchers who are well qualified to provide guidance on the frequency and the method of augmentation/reintroduction. We anticipate that the draft EIS will include these details for review. We recommend that this team provide guidance in a manner that will allow the park service to expedite the action of bringing new wolves to the park upon completion of the planning process.

In that regard, we support Alternative C because it specifically notes that the action would occur as soon as possible once a decision becomes finalized, recognizing the need to act quickly. We previously emphasized the urgency of the situation and the need to expedite the decision-making process (NPCA Comments, p. 8).

Finally, we support Alternative C as it notes that the wolf reintroduction would be undertaken pursuant to the best available science and professional judgment. This is an essential part of an effective management plan and should be language that is officially incorporated into the final decision.

Reject Alternatives A, B and D

We appreciate NPS narrowing the list of alternative management actions, but assert that the other alternatives listed in the scoping document should be rejected. Alternative A is the no action alternative, and for the aforementioned reasons and those previously submitted, we urge NPS to take action here and bring new wolves as needed.

Alternative B suggests bringing new wolves as a one-time event, but does not recognize the uncertainty in a positive outcome from a one-time introduction.

Finally, Alternative D is essentially taking no action and kicking the can down the road even further. NPS has been studying this issue for several years, has initiated a planning process to address the crisis facing these wolves, and should make a decision in the coming months that will result in action, not a list of thresholds and indicators for future action.

NPS should adopt Alternative C to restore wolves and maintain the ecosystem at this iconic national park. We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 3769 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 11:32:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly urge the NPS to bring more wolves ASAP to Isle Royale. Wolves are being hunted and killed in the Upper Peninsula. Relocate some of these wolves to the island. The natural environment of the island (as throughout the state) has already been altered by the presence of humans. I am tired of hearing about money being spent on study after study without any action being taken. Wolves were introduced successfully in Yellowstone. Do it again on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3770 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 11:52:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring the wolves back. Howwwwwllllll!!!!

Correspondence ID: 3771 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 13:32:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park, an amazingly unique jewel in the NPS system. I am

encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants, other wildlife in the park, and eventually the moose population itself.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and thank you for helping protect Isle Royale's fragile environment. I appreciate the effort involved in gathering extensive public input last summer and narrowing down the list of viable management options. I am convinced NPS option C will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

Sincerely,
James [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3772 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 13:50:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save them continue

Correspondence ID: 3773 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 14:15:33
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Martha [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3774 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 15:22:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Supply fresh bloodlines into the Isle Royale Wolves. The island and all it flora and fauna will be much better off.

Please!

Correspondence ID: 3775 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 16:01:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are critical to the ecosystem, and they deserve to live freely and without harm from outsiders. Please adopt Option C and bring wolves to Isle Royale. They are needed there and they need the space themselves. Please be the heroes we need right now!

Correspondence ID: 3776 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 16:27:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I urge you to introduce more wolves to Isle Royale so that the ecosystem can again be balanced with a healthy predator/prey relationship. The wolf re-introduction into Yellowstone National Park and the control of Elk was a compelling argument to maintain a viable population of wolves that will keep the moose population at a healthy and sustainable level which in turn affect the vegetation and other animals on the island.

The option to not introduce more wolves is not a viable option as the growing moose population will not be sustainable, and eventually crash due to overgrazing, then starvation.

Allowing hunting is a poor management tool with hunters killing the biggest and healthiest animals, whereas wolves take the less hardy animals. Additionally, the presence of human hunters, sport hunters or sharp-shooters, entirely changes the wildness and enjoyment of this very special island.

As a recent visitor (back packed the length), I sincerely hope that you will make the choice to re-introduce a viable wolf population so that people who value wilderness can return and enjoy this very special, beautiful and wild island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jody [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3777 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 16:53:46
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Thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3778 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 17:39:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please bring additional wolves to Isle Royal in order to restore the healthy balanced ego system on the island, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3779 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 18:01:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support re-introduction of wolves to the Island - and I think a one-time event is too short-sighted. Therefore, I would favor Alternative C.

I really don't think we can count on wolves introducing themselves to the Island anymore because the likelihood of conditions which would allow that to happen are getting more and more slim - esp. with the effects of climate change (fewer ice bridges) and increasing development of areas from which the wolves might cross over - should an ice bridge form.

Without wolves, the moose population will continue to explode. They will overbrowse - changing, perhaps forever, the ecology of the island, and when the food is gone, their numbers will crash. The Island will no longer be the magical wilderness it once was.

I realize a 'true wilderness' area is pretty much left untouched. But it seems that we as a species have already 'touched' the island with our introduction of canine parvovirus and our significant contributions toward climate change. To "let nature take its course" and let the wolves die out, the moose population skyrocket, and the island vegetation be forever altered (along with all the animals, insects, and birds that depend on that vegetation) seems to me like somewhat of a cop-out. One with tragic consequences. It doesn't take a rocket ecologist to know that a healthy environment NEEDS predators to maintain balance. The Island is losing the one predator that can effectively sustain that balance. Please do the right thing - and bring that predator back. Without the wolf - Isle Royale will most certainly lose its status as one of the jewels in the National Parks System.

Correspondence ID: 3780 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 18:34:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My Husband and I support option c as developed by the National Parks Association to reintroduce wolves in Isle Royal. Because wolves can be hunted elsewhere in the US and this is not an option on Isle Royal we believe it would be a safe place for them as well as enriching the environment. It probably would also increase visitors to come to the park in hopes of seeing the wolves and the more people that come the more support there should be for our National Parks,

Correspondence ID: 3781 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 18:53:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This document was brought up in an environment biology classroom discussion and after considering the following alternatives; C would seem to fit the best IF keeping animals and populations stable is the main concern. Letting nature take its course seems the most reasonable reason in my and many of my classmates opinions, however; considering Isle Royale is an island with harsher conditions eventually both populations of moose and wolves would dwindle causing changes in other populations than as well. The reason behind choosing C is acknowledging the fact that the food web on Isle Royale is rather small to begin with. The only animal that can prey on the moose is the wolf (keystone species of the island). Due to the decline of the wolf population there's nothing to regulate the rapid growth of the moose's causing a trophic cascade. Without the wolves the moose will over graze vegetation and eventually run into starvation, therefore their population falls as well. Bringing wolves over as a one time event will fix the population problem for a period of time but depending on weather and occurrence of the ice bridge in the winter there's no guarantee it will last (the other alternatives result in inevitable change in population). So, IF the main concern is keeping the species alive and their populations active than C would seem to qualify best.

Correspondence ID: 3782 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,16,2016 19:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please reintroduce wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 3783 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 19:33:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time we brought these wonderful animals back to the island. How about if we have problem wolves instead of shooting/trapping them we move them to Isle Royal!

Correspondence ID: 3784 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 19:44:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please address the Isle Royale wolf situation--protect both the area and the wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3785 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 19:54:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the wolf population should be augmented by bringing more wolves to the island, either for the twenty year period or at a minimum, for the 36 month period. Wolves have been a part of the system for 65 years and because of their presence, we have learned a great deal about the species. I feel this needs to continue. They also add a great deal to visitors' enjoyment and experience.

Correspondence ID: 3786 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 20:20:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population.

As a backpacker who has visited Isle Royale 6 times, I am a strong proponent of establishing a viable wolf population on the island. Ongoing support of the wolf pack(s) is important to both the park ecosystem and the wolves.

John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3787 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 20:21:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,
I believe that the best course of action would be to do nothing now, but monitor. The reason why I believe this is because we:
Avoid unnecessary changes to the environment of Isle Royale
Isle Royale is an island that is one of the ones in America that aren't affected by humans as much as the other islands. We can keep it this way by not doing much, and only adding or changing things as absolutely needed. We need to keep an island like this one, for as long as possible, for us to be proud of to have.
Avoid damaging the environment by interfering with nature's course
Of course, changing factors in an environment can be risky. There's a chance that it can throw off the cycle of life on that island, and there is a chance that it can put it back on its feet. Which is why we should only take this risk when it's necessary.
There is still a chance that wolves can naturally migrate to the island.
There is always a chance that wolves will naturally migrate to the island, and the thing that would be good about that would be that we wouldn't have to interfere with anything, and they would get there themselves. I'm sure that if they were able to do it before, they can do it now.
In conclusion, we need to choose option #4 because it is more safe, and less threatening to the environment that is unaffected by humans. This great island we call Isle Royale needs to be preserved for as long as possible.
Sincerely, Josiah [REDACTED]

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In conclusion, we need to choose option #4 because it is more safe, and less threatening to the environment that is unaffected by humans. This great island

we call Isle Royale needs to be preserved for as long as possible.
Sincerely, Josiah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3789 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 20:52:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for your work!

Correspondence ID: 3790 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,16,2016 21:27:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I love the idea of having more wolves on Isle Royale. I was there this last summer hiking across the island and enjoying the incredible beauty there. Many of us talked about how exciting it was to see the moose as they grazed near our trail, and seeing the wolf tracks on the island was just as thrilling. After talking to one of the forest rangers, we learned that, due to biodiversity, the moose won't survive without the wolves to control their population. If wolves can make a go of it without continuous human intervention, I think we should give them a shot.

Correspondence ID: 3791 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 05:57:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: bring thewolves

Correspondence ID: 3792 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 08:43:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: keep the wolfs

Correspondence ID: 3793 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 09:35:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our family stayed in the Apostle Islands a couple of summers ago and were fortunate to listen to a scientist who had studied the Islands' wolf and moose population. The wolves that are left are so inbred, they cannot recover. A new wolf population needs to be introduced to continue the historic balance between wolves and moose. Please choose Option C and introduce a new wolf population. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3794 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 09:38:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sorry, I typed in Apostle Islands when I meant Isle Royale National Park. We visited the national park and heard the naturalist speak. We are in favor of option C. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3795 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 13:22:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park, one of Michigan's greatest and most beautiful assets. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. I am extremely concerned that, without a robust compliment of wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Rick [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to help protect Isle Royale's fragile environment.

Correspondence ID: 3796 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 13:25:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Aaron [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3797 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 13:31:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 3798 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 14:05:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 3799 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 14:38:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

While in college, I spent a whole summer on Isle Royale working at the lodge. My best memories of that time are the time I spent hiking and watching the

wildlife. I'd like Isle Royale to continue as a viable ecosystem. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3800 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 17:10:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service Act authorizes parks to "conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Furthermore, several parks are designated under the national wilderness preservation system. The Wilderness Act identifies areas where management (or lack thereof) aims to preserve primitive landscapes primarily shaped by natural processes.

Wilderness National Parks serve several important social and ecological roles. They simultaneously act as a reserve for natural ecological processes whilst providing the public with opportunities to enjoy the manifestation of those processes without impairing their integrity. Meeting this goal is particularly challenging in Isle Royale National Park, where the best available science suggests that wolves will be extirpated within a very short period of time. What should we do?

There is no scientific or social consensus surrounding the definition of "ecosystem integrity" however, if asked, most people will describe something to do with community composition, ecological processes, and system stability. One could argue that, because immigration and extinction are natural processes, humans should not intervene on wolves' behalf. However one counter argument is that immigration and emigration have been negatively affected by humans via climate change (the ice bridge used by wolves has become less common in recent decades). Thus it is possible that we have impaired the integrity of the park and have an ethical obligation under the Act to intervene. This line of questioning is philosophically engaging but I am not convinced that it is useful. Some evidence suggests that moose were introduced to the island a century ago. Older evidence indicates that local Aboriginal Nations hunted woodland caribou on the island. Should we remove moose? Should we reintroduce caribou and permit a limited hunt? How far back do we go? The problem with basing management decisions on ecological states (e.g., community composition) is that states are inherently dynamic. Thus we must arbitrarily decide what ecological state we value.

Rather than focus on any single entity (i.e., wolves) let us focus for a moment on the entire community. Most scientific literature supports the understanding that apex predators such as wolves play a disproportionately important role on basic ecological function (Estes et al. 2011 Science 333: 301-306). Although moose populations within the park are influenced by bottom-up forces such as climate and forage (Vucetich and Peterson 2004 Proc. R. Soc. Lond. 271: 183-189), the best available science indicates that wolf predation is a key ecological process. Removing predation would almost certainly have major consequences for plant communities (primarily mediated via moose and beaver browsing). The resulting consequences for wildfire, disease, soil, water, and biodiversity are difficult to predict but there is evidence that community processes themselves could change dramatically as moose and beaver populations expand with no local predators. Assuming that we wish to maintain Isle Royale National Park as an example of a transitional boreal forest there is little choice but to intervene on behalf of apex predators.

It is also valuable to consider the social roles of wolves independent of their ecological role. Isle Royale National Park is a beacon for many people worldwide. The park inspires people that have never visited because it is one of the few locations east of the prairies where boreal predator-prey dynamics are untrammelled by industry or consumptive recreation (e.g., hunting). It evokes Henry Thoreau and Sigurd Olson in ways that few places can - providing educational, spiritual, and philosophical opportunities that transcend the need to maintain a pure management philosophy. Choosing to let an apex predator die out will impair "the enjoyment of future generations" and runs counter to the overarching purpose of our national park system.

There is no perfect management alternative in this situation. In an ideal world, we would not require resource management. Unfortunately this world is not ideal. As an ecologist, conservationist, and citizen I believe that Isle Royale National Park must intervene on behalf of apex predators. It is in the best interest of the ecosystem and of the public.

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Correspondence ID: 3801 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 17:20:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: You are forcing two or more species into non existence if you don't release some wolves on Isle Royale. Prey need predators and so does the landscape, the animals will keep reproducing and then when there is no foliage left they will die slow and painful deaths. Please restore this island with the predators it needs.

Correspondence ID: 3802 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,17,2016 17:27:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe the wolves should be introduced again at Isle Royale. The moose need a natural predator to keep the population healthy. We are loosing our moose in Eastern Minnesota and they are flourishing on the island. The habitat needs to be protected as well from the moose. We need to keep both species thriving and reintroducing the wolves seems to bwe the healthy way to do it. We were visitors many years ago and just the thought of the possibility of seeing a wolf was wonderful-though we did not. Keep the island wild and wonderful!

Correspondence ID: 3803 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 06:38:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I would like to express my support for bringing new wolves to Isle Royale to replace the ones that have been lost. It is important to consult wildlife biologists in order to reestablish the wolf packs to ensure a balance that will sustain the ecology of the island.

Sincerely,

David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3804 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 06:39:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I would like to express my support for bringing new wolves to Isle Royale to replace the ones that have been lost. It is important to consult wildlife biologists in order to reestablish the wolf packs to ensure a balance that will sustain the ecology of the island.

Sincerely,

David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3805 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 07:02:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves should be saved or brought in to all states where they are indigenous. They maintain the appropriate populations of prey species and influence the food web and energy dynamics of communities.

Correspondence ID: 3806 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 11:25:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation. There have been many studies on the carrying capacity and fecundity rates correlating with a balance of wolves and moose on the Isle.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3807 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 14:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3808 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 15:19:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The island was a self sustaining ecosystem. Wolves kept the moose numbers in balance. Moose ate vegetation which was a sustaining loop. It can remain in balance if humans stop meddling. The prey population rises and falls with the predator population behind - wolves are a vital to a healthy system. Leave it alone

Correspondence ID: 3809 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,18,2016 15:47:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

You may remember I have communicated with you in the past about this issue. I am hoping this time you will make the right decision for the island and the animals as quickly as possible. I had the privilege to visit the Island in August 2014. The wolf population had diminished greatly at that point. It is a rare and very special place on our planet.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I will continue to send messages as I have done in past to have wolves reintroduced to the island before it is too late for either wolves or moose and the island.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3810 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 16:41:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park, an amazing and unique, special, place in the NPS system. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants, other wildlife in the park, and eventually the moose population itself.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns and thank you for helping protect Isle Royale's fragile environment. I appreciate the effort involved in gathering extensive public input last summer and narrowing down the list of viable management options. I am convinced NPS option C will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

Sincerely,
josie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3811 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 16:44:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: More land for these beautiful animals is warranted in any of our National Parks that can provide enough land and food sources for them to thrive!

Correspondence ID: 3812 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,18,2016 19:15:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, a number too low to continue to support the species, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island. Wolves are such a vital piece of a healthy ecosystem and we cannot let the other animals suffer as a result of their disappearance.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3813 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,19,2016 02:18:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Matt [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3814 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,19,2016 07:56:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down its list of management options. The agency is now asking for public input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

I support Option C, which requires the NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, the National Parks Conservation Association believes this action will best balance the island's delicate environment, and I agree.

Correspondence ID: 3815 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,19,2016 14:26:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Sample Message/Comments

Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely, Sherry [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3816 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,19,2016 19:15:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
McKenna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3817 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,19,2016 20:10:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
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Correspondence ID: 3818 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,19,2016 23:49:48
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Correspondence ID: 3819 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 07:31:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir

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Thank you again for letting us express our concerns and comments

Sincerely

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Correspondence ID: 3820 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 07:50:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Show more respect to Marther Nature as well as all the living creatures she gives birth to. Mankind is not the only species. Every neing has his/her right to live in the world yet we hunans have every responsibility for the loss of other beautiful species along with endangered ones

Correspondence ID: 3821 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 08:08:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir; I feel that alternative C is the best way to go. Bringing the wolves in to re - establish the population has been done by Yellowstone and was a success. I respectfully ask that you support alternative C. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 3822 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 08:43:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the Wolves. They're such amazing creatures!

Correspondence ID: 3823 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 10:08:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP CRUELTY

Correspondence ID: 3824 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 10:27:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the wolves. They need land to roam as much away from people and on their previous home turf as possible. Isle Royale is the perfect place and diversity in their bloodlines needs to be enhanced.

Correspondence ID: 3825 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 11:33:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have backpacked on Isle Royale, and was extremely fortunate to view a couple of wolves (I came around a switchback on the Greenridge Trail and surprised them and myself). What a beautiful sight!
I am wholeheartedly supportive of reintroducing wolves onto Isle Royale. Obviously with only two left, there is not a sustainable population. The whole ecosystem on the island is healthier and more complete with a healthy wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 3826 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,20,2016 13:52:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
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Sincerely,
Alex [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3827 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,20,2016 23:08:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C "bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision." This option allows for maximum flexibility. Evidence suggests that the few wolves (only 2 at the present) will not be able to keep moose populations in check which will further degrade the island's vegetation. Ecosystems work best when there is a balance and wolves are needed to restore the balance. Absent wolf immigration, which no one can predict, there is no likelihood of having a wolf population without human action.

Correspondence ID: 3828 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,21,2016 05:53:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Option C.

It is up to us all to keep these things in balance. Two wolves left in this locale is not balance.

We need to protect the environment! Please review this so carefully. Human greed so easily overtakes such special places.

I emlore you to be a voice for these creatures and this place.

Deanna [REDACTED]

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Received: May,21,2016 09:17:50
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Received: May,21,2016 10:13:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe all animals need to be represented in their natural habitats.

Correspondence ID: 3831 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Sincerely,

Jillian [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3832 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,21,2016 13:59:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. There have been cases of positive results in yellow stone national park ecosystem, how introducing wolves helped making it a healthy ecosystem, it also showed river flow stability and change. I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 3833 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Sincerely,

Matt [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3834 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,21,2016 19:01:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After reviewing the plan options, I believe the NPS should implement option C and bring additional wolves to Isle Royale for the next 20 years as needed to stabilize the population.

I believe the wolves, while not native to the island, play a role in the maintenance of the moose population. Overpopulation of the moose will have a significant impact on the foliage and plant life impacting the ecology of the island. Having to relocate significant moose to prevent this as considered in a different plan alternative could be costly, much more costly than re-populating the the wolves.

I also believe we bear a responsibility for the decline in the wolf population after the impact of the parvo outbreak and more recently the mine shaft that ended the life of a wolf, along with the radio collared wolf that left the island and was subsequently shot. Since man can be directly attributed to the decline of the population, I believe we bear a responsibility to provide the opportunity for the population to recover.

Each time I visit the island, I am in awe of its natural beauty. As a tourist and camper, I take care to observe the rules and leave as little evidence of my travels as possible. I firmly believe that both the wolf and moose contribute to the continuation of the island's beauty.

I would hate to have this not be available to future visitors because of planning decisions tied entirely to a policy of non-interference and the fact that wolves are not native to the island.

I sincerely hope that my next island visit will occur with the knowledge that wolves are once more thriving in a place of awe inspiring nature.

Correspondence ID: 3835 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,21,2016 19:16:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There need to be more wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3836 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,21,2016 19:59:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see a healthy wolf population at Isle Royale and think that NPS should transfer wolves to this site. They should be part of the food chain to serve as a control factor.

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Sincerely,

Anthony [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3838 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,22,2016 07:04:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please help save them.

Correspondence ID: 3839 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,22,2016 09:07:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

While I live in a big city, I also know how important ecosystems and parks are to all of us.

Without additional wolves in Isle Royale, the ecosystem is not sustainable. Moose populations will increase to the point of not enough food for them or other animals.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. This seems to be the best solution for the park, its visitors and its future.

Thank you for choosing what is best for the park, its animal residents and human visitors.

Correspondence ID: 3840 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,22,2016 16:48:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: now is the time to reestablish a healthy wolf pack on the island.

Correspondence ID: 3841 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Neil [REDACTED]

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Received: May,23,2016 08:13:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: National Park Service Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park
- revised and narrowed scope -
Public Consultation, June 2016

Alternative A No intervention
Alternative B Introduce new wolves as a one-time event
Alternative C Maintain ongoing wolf population with ongoing introductions
Alternative D No immediate action: develop and implement trigger-threshold for the re/introduction of wolves as per B or C

Introducing myself

I am delighted and honoured to have this opportunity for my views to be recorded and considered. I am not a scientist, but my views are the result of long study and deep thought on Isle Royale and its place in the world. I first came across references to the IR Moose-Wolf Research Study as a teacher in 1989. Since 1995 I have visited and camped on the island many times, up to two weeks at a time, hiking alone or with a group, in rain and shine, sun and snow. I would visit more often if I could easily afford the added expense of travel costs from the UK. I try to keep in touch and up to date, and have read books on Isle Royale history and ecology, each Annual Report of the Moose/Wolf research, regular copies of the magazine 'International Wolf', books 'Of Wolves and Men' by Barry Lopez, 'The Wolves of Isle Royale' by David Mech, and 'A Broken Balance' by Rolf Peterson, a variety of on-line material including watching 2013s forum at Northland College, and cuttings regularly sent to me from friends in Minnesota and Boston. I hope my views can thus be considered fairly well informed for a lay-person.

Considering the Alternatives Now Offered

Alternative A

With only two wolves believed to remain on the island by the time of this consultation, and in any case these unlikely to be available for any natural or management-led 'genetic rescue option, for all practical purposes this Alternative has already been achieved (and if not by the time of this consultation, then in the very near future). It is perhaps, therefore, best considered in the light of this being the present situation, from which point we are considering the way forward: continue with A, or choose one of the other Alternatives.

Alternative B

Whilst this would result in a population of wolves being part of the island ecosystem at least in the immediate future, it would now be extremely unlikely to increase the longevity of the wolf gene pool which has long been recorded and studied on the island. It can only really be considered as a re-introduction, a new population, even if any period with no wolves at all was kept to an absolute minimum. There are many questions to be asked regarding how this would be done, to provide the greatest benefit to the island and allow the most useful continuance of its long-running and internationally-valued scientific study.

Alternative C

Firstly, it is not clear whether the ongoing management of a wolf population would be along the lines of 'continued genetic rescue (introducing further wolves over time, to supplement the new genetic pool on the island), or to follow an 'extinction-reintroduction pattern as currently the case. Each of these would have a significantly different impact. Secondly, the 'life of the plan (at the stated 20 years) is of course infinitesimal in terms of the cycles of the natural environment, and does not seem an appropriate limit to thinking and planning - would not a better aim be 'ongoing or 'for the foreseeable future? Also, frequently-repeated acts of intervention would certainly devalue, if not actively prevent, the ongoing science (which has hitherto benefitted from a fixed gene pool) and could quickly become more typical of zoo or wildlife-park management.

Alternative D

Any 'resource indicators and thresholds which might be developed and applied to the situation on the island would surely need to be sensible, practical, simple, and easily discernible. Perhaps the current situation, together with the many years of past scientific learning, both on the island and elsewhere, would suggest that any such indicators are already adequately shown, and indeed any valid threshold has already been crossed. Is that not why we are here today, needing to seek the best way forward?

NB

There is some noticeable over-lap between Alternatives B and C. Perhaps indeed they may be in many ways seen as different degrees of the same Alternative - a valuable view-point:

Considering Alternatives B and C together

If B, and eg. the re-introduced wolves left the island on an ice-bridge the next winter, the NPS would be faced with the decision process all over again. If B was the Alternative decided upon, would there be no revision? Would the 'one-off decision be upheld regardless? Or would a further re-introduction then need to be properly considered? making it more like Alternative C.

If C, with ongoing introductions of wolves to maintain a wolf presence, presumably within clearly specified parameters, once may prove to be sufficient - making it more like Alternative B.

B and C would thus appear as opposite ends of the same scale, from least intervention through to maximum/unlimited intervention. If a one-off reintroduction was sufficient to last the 20 years projected, or indeed longer, no further management would be necessary in that time; however, if it failed for whatever reason (whether quickly or after some longer period), what then?

Also, if the decision is made now for either B or C, then it would imply the acknowledgement of a definite value in having a population of wolves on the island; in either case it would thus require a major change of opinion (and further consultation/decision) to later reject that value and leave the island without wolves, at any point in the future.

If either Alternative B or C is decided upon, by implication valuing a wolf population on the island, perhaps we should consider how that value may be determined and measured. From what I understand, the presence of a constant pack of wolves on the island is valued in terms of:

1. Science

Its not just any science, nor even just any vegetation-moose-wolf science, its the continuation of the long-running current study that is of such importance. That the study on Isle Royale has been of tremendous value both nationally and internationally cannot be in doubt. It would be madness indeed if it could not be of benefit to Isle Royale itself at this crucial decision time. The length of data-collection for this research makes it entirely unique in the world, and thus of greater value than the sum of multiple shorter studies, for the depth of knowledge and understanding gained. Such depth of knowledge and understanding is surely needed today, and for the future of the planet as a whole; too late at some point in the future to realise the loss is a sorry mistake. Only on Isle Royale could such a study take place, for its findings to be applied to so many other predator/prey situations around the planet.

I can think of two additional reasons which can only increase the importance of this unique island 'laboratory' far into the future. First, might ongoing Isle Royale moose/wolf research not prove of high value and, at the same time, of low risk, for understanding how we can help other 'islanded' ecosystems cope and remain in sufficient natural balance for a sustained future? Throughout the world one of the biggest threats to biodiversity is the increasing incidence of 'islandisation', as human demands on the environment lead to the fragmentation of natural ecosystems and their subsequent collapse. Second, would there not be an important role for the island with its moose/wolf study, in the emerging scientific field of neuroconservation, the investigation of how natural environments could be essential for human well-being?

2. Wilderness

The attraction of the Park to most, if not all, visitors (including myself, and the people I have met there) is its wilderness status - that is its intrinsic value to us. The more man-managed is the Park, the less it can be seen as 'wilderness, and the less unique and attractive it will seem. To turn the island into just another wildlife park would be to devalue, or lose entirely, its uniqueness, its real worth. A crucial part of the setting of Isle Royale is its being a place where humans can truly experience living with and being a part of a complete and viable wilderness. Perhaps this is the greatest lesson the island can teach us, and the most important lesson we need to learn, for the widest benefit to the entire planet and to the human race:- humans too are part of nature, and must find a way to live within it, not assume we know best and should expect to be able to control it.

3. Public enjoyment

A great part of the publics enjoyment of the Park is its wilderness status, as mentioned above. Its visitors - notably, of which more are returning visitors than in any other US National Park, which should tell us something important - will not all be able to hike into the remoter areas or sleep far away from the hubs of more civilised support. But all can enjoy experiencing the benefits of life at a slower pace and with different priorities than they may know back home, all can witness the strength of a natural ecosystem that has full integrity, all can see the order and balance that life continuously moves toward. And everyone with whom I can ever recall sharing my time on the island enjoys (feels intrigued by, involved with, and enriched by) the moose-wolf study as it has developed over the years.

4. Education

The opportunities for education have been rich indeed over the past many years, and it would be a sad loss if these were to be diminished by changed management priorities. We have been able to observe the natural balance of a wilderness ecosystem, nature existing in a more complete, properly functioning and balanced way than we are generally privileged enough to witness; to sense our own involvement in science, no matter how small a part we play; to think of ourselves as part of the natural world and to meet personal challenges in the remote wilderness; to experience an ecosystem with every trophic level represented, and a top carnivore in control.

Uniquely on this island over the past 50 years, such rich educational experiences have been accessible to all who visit - to so many people from all walks of life, not just to a highly privileged few. Its through education, the sharing of such an experience, that people may begin to know the importance of wilderness, and by knowing its importance begin to care about, and act on behalf of, its future. On Isle Royale, we learn to see 'luxury in the smallest of benefits, to appreciate what we have, to not waste our planet, and to not take for-granted the ease with which we currently live our daily lives. Some come here expecting these experiences, many come specifically to repeat them, and some are drawn into them without realising. All are on a level playing-field: we walk the same trails, cross the same swamps, shelter under the same trees, drink from the same lakes and sleep on the same ground as the wolves - this teaches us much about ourselves, about how we too are 'natural', just one part of an environment upon which we have such a critical impact.

5. Prioritising ecological integrity

There are so few places on the planet where this is truly achievable, never mind happening: can we really afford to shift our focus? We need ecosystems that already have integrity (quality and completeness), as on Isle Royale. If this is as important an aim for Isle Royale, as much as for any other National Park, clearly the time-scale of any intervention is crucial. Already time has been lost through the process of consultation and weighing of all the odds before making a decision. Unfortunately, SO much time has been lost that the possibility of other, perhaps more beneficial or simpler or less expensive Alternatives to preserve the islands ecological integrity, has now been lost along the way.

Much of its ecological integrity comes from the uniquely-natural balance of the islands life, and the opportunity this offers to study and learn the processes of natures forces - between predator, prey and vegetation, rather than the more usual way through a false balance intimately managed and rigidly imposed by humans.

These 5 aspects would appear to be as closely interconnected and as critically interdependent as any of natures own systems: we lose the balance at OUR peril.

Taking all this into considered account, my choice is for

Alternative B

partly because it offers the best possibility for the quickest action, which has already been too-long coming, and also because it offers the best remaining opportunity for the scientific study on the island to continue, since there is now no possibility of a genetic rescue alternative (which was my choice in the

previous consultation round).

However, I would like to add the proviso that, if a one-off reintroduction should fail at any time (either quickly, or over a longer time period) that the ongoing scientific study of the moose and wolves on the island, with those scientists it involves, should form the basis for the further decision-making, perhaps moving some degree further along the 'scale towards Alternative C.

I believe that whatever action is taken, whichever Alternative is decided upon, the best outcome will result from considering what would offer the greatest benefit and cause least detriment to the continuance of the islands existing Moose/Wolf study. This science and its scientists, are clearly best-placed to lead the consideration of environmental consequences, and to fulfil the responsibility of the NPS to prioritise the ecological integrity of the island in its role as an area of wilderness.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to contribute my response.

Please will you carefully consider my views, as stated here, before coming to your decision on the future management of Isle Royale.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896
USA

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That is what I think what you guys should do, I hope you guys make a good choice.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3846 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,24,2016 07:41:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature needs a balance of animal population in any natural environment. In my opinion option "C" is the best workable option. Wolves play a very important part in balancing animal population - of one or the variety of animal species living in the natural environment, food supply- more animals of one species eating multiple plant variety will deplete food supplies for other animals sharing the same environment with the same plant diet, therefore causing starvation and desolation of that particular environment. That's when humans need to step in and save animals from starving. Having wolves in the environment takes care of prevention of natural food stocks and avoid human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 3847 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,24,2016 10:25:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: we need a strong stabile eco system for all creatures and surroundings to survive, the way nature intended.

Correspondence ID: 3848 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,24,2016 10:53:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE BRING MORE WOLVES TO IDLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK.

THE MOOSE AND THE WOLVES NEED EACH OTHER TO BALANCE THE ENVIRONMENT.

WE SUPPORT OPTION C.

WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO FOR WILDLIFE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Correspondence ID: 3849 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,24,2016 14:08:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: National Parks ought to be at least one place where the animals native to that area are able to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 3850 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,24,2016 15:58:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I and four of my children were privileged to enjoy the pristine beauty of Isle Royale in the summer of 2013 when we hiked across the Island on the Greenstone Ridge Trail. Preserving the beauty of that untouched wilderness should be the primary objective of the National Park Service.

A proper wolf/moose balance is necessary to ensure that the vegetation and forest cover on the island are not severely impacted by the foraging of an unchecked moose population. This ensures, in turn, the stability of the Island's ecosystem.

Currently, there are only two wolves on the island. They are old and severely inbred. It is almost a certainty that, without intervention, the wolf population will become extinct. Therefore, I believe it is necessary to introduce new wolves to the island. I prefer a one-time intervention (Alternative B), as that is most consistent with the National Park's policy of minimal intervention. Hopefully, a thoughtful intervention will be enough to perpetuate a wolf presence on the Island. Perhaps we will get some colder winters that create ice bridges which would allow additional wolves to migrate to the Island.

The argument against introducing wolves is that we should "let nature take its course". This argument, however, is specious: Perhaps the major reason that the wolf population faces extinction today is because of a human action from the early 1980s - a disease that the wolves caught from a pet dog brought to the Island by a visitor. To quote from the Moose-Wolf Study website:

The next two years were dramatic. Wolves plummeted from 50 to 14. Canine parvovirus, a disease inadvertently introduced by humans, was largely to blame for the decline . With only 14 wolves, extinction was a real concern.

Thus introducing wolves to the island would only be offsetting the deleterious effects of an earlier human action. I urge the National Park Service to take this responsible step as soon as possible, so that future visitors will be able to enjoy Isle Royale in the same way that our family did.

Correspondence ID: 3851 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,24,2016 19:22:57
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Correspondence: With no healthy wolf populations east of the Mississippi, The island should continue to support wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3852 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 10:28:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I chose alternative D which is to let nature take its path. Bring more wolves when the two wolves on Isle Royale die. I like alternative D because there will be a perfect amount of wolves, cause the might mate. If you chose alternative C there will be to many wolves, and the wolves will probably mate and make even more wolves. You shouldn't choose A either, because you don't want them to die and not put more wolves in Isle Royale. B is a bad idea also, because there will only be a little amount of wolves. That's how I feel about the wolves situation.

Correspondence ID: 3853 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 10:51:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Picked Alternative C because if the wolves keep dying we just need to keep bringing in wolves so the moose population goes down and the herbivores will have enough plants to eat. So after 20 years the wolves can survive longer and breed. Also, the reason why I didn't pick Alternative A is because you can't let the wolves die out because studying of Isle Royale will end. Alternative B is just bringing in wolves once which could also end studying. Alternative D is like what B is. That's why I didn't pick Alternative A,B,or D,And why I picked Alternative C.

Correspondence ID: 3854 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 10:55:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I think we should bring wolves and keep bringing them for the next 20 years so there won't be inbreeding.If there is inbreeding then the wolves will keep dying. There is no Isle Royale without the wolves. People won't come if there are no wolves. If they leave it alone the wolves will die. There won't be 2 wolves but there will be zero wolves. I want wolves on Isle Royale . I didn't choose the other choices because if they do the other choices, they will die and be gone forever.

Correspondence ID: 3855 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 11:06:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: On Isle Royale National Park the wolves had been deformed so, their bones were bad. I pick Alternative D because I want to wait and see what will happen to the wolves on Isle Royale and if something happens to the wolves on Isle Royale I will pick Alternative C because the moose are eating all of the plants. So, this is why we should introduce new wolves as needed for the next 20 yrs. I didn't pick the other ones because I don't want to leave the wolves alone on the Isle Royale so they can die. I don't want to introduce wolves for a one time deal. This is why we should bring some more wolves in to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3856 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 11:07:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I think that we should just leave the wolves alone and just add more more (if needed).So I choose alternative D because if the last two wolves die out then they should bring more wolves (if needed) I will not choose alternative A because if both wolves die out there would be no more wolves on Isle Royale. That's what I think about the wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3857 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 11:12:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think we should introduce more wolves for the next 20 years because if we wait too long the wolves will die out. Also we will need to take the moose population down because it is getting bigger and bigger. And if we wait too long, the moose population will grow, then there would be no plants left. So I think if we bring in new wolves every 20 years the wolfe population will go up.That is what I think we should do.

Correspondence ID: 3858 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 11:14:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I want to wait and see, then maybe introduce new wolves depending on what happens with moose and vegetation. The wolves on Isle Royale are decreasing and vegatation is going down because the population of moose is increasing. So, I want to introduce new wolves to Isle Royale so the wolves have a better chance of hunting moose. That is what I want to do.

Correspondence ID: 3859 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 12:06:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think we should bring wolves as needed over the next 20 years. I want to save the wolves. They are dying of inbreeding. If we bring fresh wolves to Isle Royale it could save future wolves and fix the low population of wolves. Wolves are an important species of animals. They should not die just because of us not bringing in fresh wolves. Also, only bringing fresh wolves once could probably not save them. We should not let nature take it's course because we need wolves on Isle Royale. Bringing in wolves from other places needs to happen. There are only two wolves in Isle Royale. There could soon be only one wolf. Now is the time to bring in fresh wolves. We need to bring in fresh wolves to Isle Royale as needed over the next 20 years.

Correspondence ID: 3860 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,25,2016 12:09:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Bring wolves as needed over the next 20 years- soon even though the whole point of Isle Royale is to let mother nature take its course; we are a part of mother nature. So let us bring in more wolves. If you don't, what is the whole point? If we leave Isle Royale alone the wolves would die and the moose would start eating everything. If we wait and see, it would be too late. If we bring some wolves and then stop, it's only a one time deal.

Correspondence ID: 3861 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,25,2016 12:12:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I want to bring wolves in over the next 20 years. We could bring 5 wolves in every 4 years for 20 years or more wolves every year for 20 years. The moose are eating all of the vegetation. That is affecting the wolves' way of life. Almost every winter, an ice bridge forms which some wolves try to cross. The fastest and closest way is to Canada. Some wolves don't make it to Canada or where they want to go and some do.

Isle Royale is the longest ever study in the world. People have studied Isle Royale for over 40 years. People think we should leave the island alone and let nature take its course. But there are only two wolves left.... We have to do something.

The wolves have been inbreeding, or mating with their relatives and siblings. So, when the females have their babies, the babies come out deformed or born with bad spines. Some wolves can die of that also.

Wolves at Isle Royal are dying out and we are their only hope. We need to help them.

Correspondence ID: 3862 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,25,2016 12:13:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think we should bring in wolves for the next 20 years. Because the wolves on Isle Royale will die out. No more wolves inbreeding. I do not like A because the wolves will die out. I do not like B because the whole thing will happen over again. I do not like D because they might pick B. The ice bridges are not forming because of Global Warming, so the other wolves can't get across. The moose are doubling every year. The estimate of moose is about 1,300 right now, and they are going to eat all of the vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 3863 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,25,2016 21:29:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must protect this planet and everything on it or we will fail to meet our moral obligations to the generations that follow. We are dependent upon the very land, creatures, and plants that we are destroying. We all need to conserve and protect what little we have left.

Correspondence ID: 3864 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,26,2016 07:02:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves
Submit Your Comments to Protect Isle Royale's Ecosystem!

(This link will direct you to the Park Service's Planning, Environment & Public Comment website.)

Take Action

Dear [REDACTED]

There were once as many as 50 wolves living at Isle Royale National Park. Now there are only two. For this ecosystem to continue to thrive, we need to bring new wolves to Isle Royale.

We need your help by May 16.

Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

NPCA supports Option C, which requires NPS to bring additional wolves to the park in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island. After many years of consulting scientific experts and reviewing trusted research, we believe this action will best balance the island's delicate environment.

Take Action: Tell Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service to adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Here's how to submit your comments to the Park Service.

Step 1: Go to <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=71605> and carefully follow the form instructions.

Step 2: Submit your comments by copying and pasting the sample message below into the "Comments" box on the web form. Remember to personalize your comments by adding observations or stories from your experiences at the park.

Step 3: Once you have completed all of the required fields on the form, click the gray "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Sample Message/Comments

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The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brittany [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3865 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,27,2016 08:03:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think we should go with plan c . Plan c is where you bring more wolves in as needed over the next 20 years.C is because if the wolves died out the spirt of the wolves will be gone. Do you really want that. WE should not go with plan A B or C because A is where you leave it alone the means DON'T TOUCH IT . Plan b is you bring wolves in 1 time . ITS A 1 TIME THING. Plan d is to wait and see if the moose eat everthing . If the moose eat everthing they will go with plan b or c . Plan c is best for Isle Royal wolves and moose. That is why need yo go with plan c.

Correspondence ID: 3866 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,27,2016 10:22:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The wolves and moose on Isle Royale should be alternative "A" we should leave them alone. I know that if we leave them alone we will be able to learn about our environment and what we are doing to it. In Dec. in 2010 to Jan. 2011 only two pups survived their first winter. There were 3-5 female wolves and on Isle Royale in 2012. There were also nine wolves in all at that time. In 2013 there eight wolves on the island. There were 975 moose and six moose were killed that year. In the year of 2014 there were nine wolves. In 2015 there were 1,250(est) moose! In Feb. 2016 there were only two wolves on the island which were one male and one female. They were father and daughter and brother and sister! I didn't choose alternative "B" or "C" because if we bring wolves on the island we will ruin the study. Also, if we choose alternative "B" or "C" and have it be a one time deal the wolves might die out and the exp. will be ruined. I picked alternative "A" because I think we will be able to learn more about Earth. Like, we are putting pollution in our atmosphere, and making it warmer which is why the ice bridges aren't forming. I hope you understand why I chose alternative "A".

Correspondence ID: 3867 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,27,2016 20:28:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves do not need to be introduced to Isle Royale. I prefer the Alternative A solution. Let wolves migrate there naturally. Then you can figure out how to control them. Look at Yellowstone and the problems they are having with stakeholders in the community and wolves infringement on the property of ranchers and population in the area. A problem would just be created where there was not one previously, do not introduce wolves into the park it will cause problems.

Correspondence ID: 3868 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,27,2016 21:33:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Craig [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3869 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: May,29,2016 21:28:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect nature!

Correspondence ID: 3870 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,30,2016 14:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Carlin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3871 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,31,2016 06:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The introduction of a new group of wolves will be helpful to both the wolves and the moose, expanding the wolf gene pool and maintaining a balance between the moose population and the wolves preventing the destruction of the habitat by the moose.

Correspondence ID: 3872 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,31,2016 10:27:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves and moose should be alternative "D," to wait and see what happens. If things get too over whelming and if moose start to eat the entire island, and if there are no more wolves left, we can transfer about twenty wolves to the island by boat for now. If moose are still over populated on Isle Royale, I think it would be a good choice if we send hunters to kill a little fraction of the moose on the island.

We should not choose alternative "A" because if we don't interfere and let nature take its course an ice bridge may never form again. The wolves on Isle Royale may be extinct, while the island is disappearing from the moose multiplying too fast and eating too much.

Correspondence ID: 3873 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,31,2016 21:27:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves for our generation and future generations

Correspondence ID: 3874 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,02,2016 20:33:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please introduce more wolves to Isle Royale to increase the genetic diversity of that population

Correspondence ID: 3875 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,03,2016 10:14:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves, the island's moose population will continue to skyrocket, consuming native plants and eventually running out of food, disrupting the natural stability of the island. It is critical to bring in new wolves to protect the national park.

After gathering extensive public input last summer, the National Park Service has narrowed down their list of management options. The agency is now asking for your input on which option will best manage the wolf and moose populations on the island.

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Correspondence ID: 3876 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,04,2016 11:55:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like and agree with you. The wolves need to come back, it is sad that they Isle Royale wolves are almost to extinct. Make the difference and change that from happening.

Correspondence ID: 3877 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,04,2016 14:11:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think the Park Service should reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. They will stabilize the moose population and prevent destructive overgrazing of the forest. Plus, the wolf / moose relationship is an iconic part of Isle Royale. I also don't think we should worry that human introduction is a serious intrusion on the wilderness aspect of the park. The reality is that North America and the rest of the world are already irretrievably changed by human civilization so restoring the top predator to the island should not be considered an unacceptable intrusion by human beings.

Correspondence ID: 3878 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,04,2016 19:30:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: to those who may not realize how very important it is to keep all wolves safe. you may not understand how all wolves are to maintaining a healthy earth. please get smart and keep wolves safe, we really need them where God put them to begin with.

Correspondence ID: 3879 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,05,2016 09:14:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I hope wolves will be reintroduced to Isle Royale Park so not only will the packs be saved from disappearing from the area but the moose population won't overrun the park and destroy the vegetation as well as their own populations' future.

Correspondence ID: 3880 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,06,2016 18:49:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Have followed the wolf/moose story for the past 20 years and Isle Royale has always been a place I wanted to visit because of the interaction between these two species. I was fortunate enough to visit the park last year and found it to be beautiful. While we did not see any moose or wolves (since there were only 3), I enjoyed visiting the moose/wolf study center and learning first hand what life was like for these two animals. The islands without the wolves and moose (together) would not be as appealing and I truly believe the overall landscape would dramatically change (due to overeating by the moose) and less appealing to visitors. You have a special thing going at this park. Introducing new wolves as needed (option C) is the right call. Remember, they did this at Yellowstone and it has finally brought the park's wildlife system back to where it is supposed to be.

Correspondence ID: 3881 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,06,2016 20:36:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 3882 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,07,2016 04:47:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Best regards,



Correspondence ID: 3883 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,07,2016 18:58:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Amy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3884 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,08,2016 12:57:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale is an amazing place that holds great natural beauty but also great insight into population dynamics. The declining wolf population and increasing moose population presents some thought provoking questions about management of natural resources. The big questions of 'do we need to manage our natural resources?' and 'what circumstances require us to manage our natural resources?' are not easily answered. The contributions of every biologist who took part in the wolf/moose study is worth while and I'm sure influences the decisions of the National Park Service. I feel that any of these choices the Park Service has offered weren't come to lightly. My comment is that Isle Royale has my unwavering support. To manage a piece of land is to love and respect it. How we love and respect our land is where this debate lies.

Correspondence ID: 3885 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,09,2016 07:37:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: National Park Service has been receiving comments for a long time, the majority of which favor reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale. So far, however, the Park Service has chosen to dither and effectively chosen the do-nothing option. I question why the Park Service chooses to receive comments and then disregard them without explanation. If there was a question of what would happen to the wolves and moose on Isle Royale without intervention, that is no longer an issue as that is what we are currently witnessing. It is far past time to either reintroduce wolves to the island or accept that it will continue to be overpopulated with moose.

Correspondence ID: 3886 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,11,2016 18:38:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of no action. Allow nature to take it's course. Wolves came to this island by natural means, and, by most part, have come to the brink of extirpation by natural means. An absence of wolves and a build up of moose may lead to a more tempting call for more wolves to cross a future ice bridge naturally. Interfering with natural process would be a violation of what the national park service stands for. The only justification that I can see to taking action is the fact that mankind allowed the parvovirus to decimate a large portion of the wolves years ago. However, if that were the call to action, I feel that action should have been taken years ago to replenish the existing population, but that action was not taken. Other than that, I do not agree with the rationalization that scientists use about gaining more knowledge or perpetuating an experiment, nor do I agree with the reasoning of humans impacting climate change, thus justifying intervention. I believe that is far-fetched. I also do not agree with the rationalization that the park needs wolves to be in equilibrium or to keep the island "enjoyable." Again, a synthetic means of doing that is a violation of what the NPS stands for, which is precious. I favor no intervention on the island itself to implant wolves. If anything, take further action to support wolf populations surrounding the park in Minnesota and Michigan, thus fostering the natural immigration of wolves back to the island.

Correspondence ID: 3887 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,15,2016 10:14:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves help to create environmental balance. It's a good and necessary thing.

Correspondence ID: 3888 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,15,2016 13:45:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The choice is between a complete ecosystem, with wolves maintaining the health of the moose and forest, and a wilderness (a place where people don't manage the wildlife.) I vote for a healthy ecosystem, managed by wolves. One really neat possibility, the genetic rescue of the Isle Royale wolves, was lost because of the slow process by which the NPS makes resource management decisions, at least in this case. Someone should look into this so that others can learn from the mistakes made at Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3889 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,16,2016 21:13:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It's the wolves that helps keep a healthy balance between animals, plants and general environment of the island. My opinion is that Alternative C would be the best option.

Correspondence ID: 3890 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,18,2016 12:50:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C: Wolves need to be introduced to Isle Royale now, and as often as needed to maintain a balanced population.

Correspondence ID: 3891 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,18,2016 15:26:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After spending 8 days in Isle Royale National Park, attending three public talks about the wolf and moose populations there, reading two books about the park and the wildlife, talking with friends, and reflecting on these experiences, I believe that Alternative C would be the best plan. At the heart of my recommendation is the conviction that wolves are an important part of what makes Isle Royale a wilderness. Indeed, without their presence, the sense of wildness is missing from this park.

Furthermore, based on my 20 years of living in Alaska, and another 15 out west, it is clear that wolves do not have it easy in most other places. Isle Royale is a place where they can be their wild selves without serious repercussions from humans.

Now that I am a resident of the Midwest, my spirit longs for wilderness experiences. Isle Royale National Park is one of the few places that nourishes my spirit. The wolf presence on the island is essential to that feeling. Since humans are partly to blame for the demise of the wolf on the island (through global warming, introduction of disease, and failure to cover mine pits), it is fitting that humans take action to repopulate the island with wolves.

As a former employee of the [REDACTED], I know that human action can help wild species to make a comeback, and this is a similar case where human action is necessary.

Finally, as a person with an indigenous genotype, I do not see myself as separate from wilderness, but a part of it, so to bring wolves to Isle Royale is consonant with my worldview.

Correspondence ID: 3892 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,18,2016 22:46:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Every effort needs to be made to keep up the population of wolves on the Isle. We are keepers of the animals on this planet and are doing more harm than good at this point. Please do what is necessary to prevent the demise of the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3893 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,20,2016 01:00:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support taking no action of any kind that will trammel the natural ecosystem processes of Isle Royale. The wolves should be left to come and go through natural migration even though they may die out. Untrammled is arguably the primary quality of wilderness character and a central tenet of federally designated wilderness.

I'm concerned about federal agencies particularly the National Park Services' trend in trying to preserve the natural quality of wilderness character at the expense of the untrammled quality. I'm aware of the "improved" ecosystem functioning due to a trophic cascade when wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone. However, there are two major differences between some place like Yellowstone and Isle Royale: 1) Yellowstone is not designated wilderness; 2) Yellowstone is not an island. It is well known that island biogeography can create some "oddities" compared to ecosystems that are more connected. Thus another argument is that leaving Isle Royale untrammled presents a unique scientific opportunity.

Please know I am not anti-wolf by any means. I oppose aerial wolf shooting, liberal limits on hunting and trapping wolves, etc (of which there is too much of in Alaska). I love wolves and wildness and wilderness, but there just needs to be some places in this country where we leave things be and see what happens. Those places are designated wilderness. Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 3894 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,20,2016 12:35:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves, do not cave to corrupt and powerful interests. Again, protect the wolves and give them 100% protection.

Correspondence ID: 3895 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,21,2016 06:26:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please put new wolves onto Isle Royale. This 50 year study should not be ended so terribly. The wolves keep the moose to a reasonable population and do not kill "for fun". If you don't have wolves here, then in a few years you will be faced with an over population of moose, who will then destroy the parts of the natural forests & trees, some of which will become extinct in their own right. The knowledge gained from these studies is invaluable. The Nps has intervened in other ways in "wilderness" so to add a few new wolves to the island is not a terrible intervention. It should have been done a few years ago when it was becoming obvious there was a genetic problem. An over population of moose creates so many more problems. Put new wolves onto Isle Royale!

Correspondence ID: 3896 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,21,2016 10:04:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C

Correspondence ID: 3897 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,21,2016 21:25:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please listen to the experts. In order for breeding more wolfs will be needed.

Correspondence ID: 3898 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,22,2016 16:33:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save these wolves. Let them live free.

Correspondence ID: 3899 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,25,2016 16:01:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green and the Park Service,

Please adopt Option C and bring new wolves to Isle Royale. Isle Royale National Park would be a very different place without wolves.

Kindly,

Maria [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3900 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,26,2016 23:05:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been following the incredibly sad story of the Isle Royale wolves. With the politicians justifying wolf hunting under many disguises, I do not understand why it is so difficult to decide whether to save wolves doomed to die regardless of which side of the water they are on. If there is an abundance of prey in the park, why would authorities who are responsible for our national parks let the park literally disintegrate. Please give serious consideration to capturing and moving a pack of wolves to restore the population on Isle Royale and improve the ecosystem there. If necessary, research what has happened in Yellowstone since reintroduction of wolves in 1995. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3901 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 11:01:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the management plan for Isle Royale National Park. I am encouraged to see that the Park Service has narrowed the scope of this plan to focus solely on the future of wolves at the park. With only two wolves left at Isle Royale, I'm concerned about the future of the island's ecosystem and the visitor experience. Without wolves, the moose population will continue to increase, eating until the food sources are gone. This will have disastrous impacts on native plants and other wildlife in the park.

I support Alternative C, bringing new wolves to the island as needed to maintain their population. Introducing new wolves to the island will help keep the moose population from rapidly expanding and minimize impacts to the native vegetation.

The National Park Service should adopt and implement this management option quickly to maintain ecological balance on the island.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
[your name here]

Correspondence ID: 3902 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 15:30:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is clear that the problem with the wolves on ISRO is the National Park Service. Your planning process is unable to deal with the rapidly changing problems caused by man's current influence on the planet. You allowed man-made events to affect the balance of nature on the island. You requested comments and waited and the wolves are now gone. Next we will see the over population of Moose and the decimation of the ecosystem.

Management plays games with the designations of wilderness and non-wilderness to a truly absurd degree. You can have a 200 hp motor here but step over this line and you can't have any wheels. This is wilderness but right over there is not. We can not introduce wolves to protect the balance of the park ecosystem but we can have firefighting crews and replace toilet paper in wilderness outhouses with a helicopter. Have you had Karl Rove do an upper management seminar on spin doctoring?

The Park Service has failed!

The Park service is unable to meet their responsibility to protect the resource. The problem is the process and it needs to be changed or given to another agency who can respond in the time-frames needed to prevent catastrophic destruction to the island.

The NPS is not qualified.

Correspondence ID: 3903 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 16:12:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see Plan C implemented. Wolves should be brought to the Island over the next 20 years. This would allow the population to be maintained and perhaps the population would become genetically viable again.

Too often we have destroyed ecosystems. This is an opportunity to restore an ecosystem. For years I have taught about "survival of the fittest", and similar concepts. I think in this case, I think we need to ignore some of these concepts and help both the wolves and moose survive on the Island.

Correspondence ID: 3904 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:12:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All wolves need to be protected.

Correspondence ID: 3905 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:14:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3906 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:14:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3907 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:15:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to respect the wilderness of Isle Royale and choose alternative A concerning the wolves, allowing wolves to come and go as they wish and not interfering with them.

Correspondence ID: 3908 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:16:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: must protect the wolves. they are part of the important vital ecosystem of nature.

Correspondence ID: 3909 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:17:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Humans are the worst on this planet.

Correspondence ID: 3910 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:17:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS:

Do nothing. Let them be and do what they will.

Thanks for letting me put in my two cents.



Correspondence ID: 3911 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:19:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3912 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:20:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3913 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:21:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 3914 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:21:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 3915 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:21:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A allows the natural wolf behavior that they have had for years.

Correspondence ID: 3916 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:22:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Please protect the wolves of the Isle.

Correspondence ID: 3917 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:23:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A, which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 3918 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:23:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think alternative A is best choice for the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3919 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:23:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We've destroyed the normal lives of so many species over the millennia; let's use at least this one opportunity to let the wolves live their lives as they need to.

Correspondence ID: 3920 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:23:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a unique haven for wolves, and should be nurtured.

Correspondence ID: 3921 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:24:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3922 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:25:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 3923 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:25:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3924 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:25:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let the poor wolves live a natural, undisturbed life.....when man puts his ugly hand into the works of Nature he always screws up everything.... let the animals be as God intended.....

Correspondence ID: 3925 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:25:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 3926 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:27:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3927 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:27:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: ☺ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

☺ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

☺ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3928 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:27:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3929 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:27:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not interfere with natural selection. Plan A will show how nature will address the problem. Study and see what lessons evolve even if they are not ones that show immediate promise.

Correspondence ID: 3930 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:27:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only correct way to proceed. Leave these wild animals to roam as they please.

Correspondence ID: 3931 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:28:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3932 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:28:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3933 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:28:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Plan A because it seems the most natural solution.

Correspondence ID: 3934 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:28:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel the National Park Service will perform an act of environmental justice by adopting Alternative Plan A, to wit: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Let us stop managing wildlife when the species' can best manage themselves. I am aware that humans must, at times, interfere in the natural processes of wildlife within defined ecosystems; I do not think this is one of those times.

Correspondence ID: 3935 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:29:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I agree with Wilderness Watch and strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Bringing new wolves to the island to eventually inbreed would not be healthy for the wolves, nor would it be natural.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3936 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:29:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 3937 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:29:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3938 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:30:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Let nature take its course!

Correspondence ID: 3939 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:30:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves from extinction?

Correspondence ID: 3940 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:30:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative D

Correspondence ID: 3941 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:30:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a Ph.D. ecologist and In support of the principals of wilderness, I support Alternative A, which honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency of their own accord, we can learn much by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population onto the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study and for the amusement of visitors.

Correspondence ID: 3942 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:31:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All our wild animals-wolves, places, lands Etc. deserve our respecting & protecting & to be here as much as we do & all serve a purpose & are a big part of there eco-system & we need to stop destroying & killing everything especially for human greed, selfishness, stupidity, & to make a profit before it's too late plus there's no excuse for any forms of animal abuse & cruelty & all needs to stop & very sadly extinction is forever thank you?!!!
Sincerely,
Wendi [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3943 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:32:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3944 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:32:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: .

I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3945 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:33:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please go with Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3946 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:33:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

With regard to the wolves on Isle Royale, I urge you to take the approach of no action, allowing wolves to come and go based on natural migration. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,

Carroll [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3947 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:33:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of time and we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3948 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:34:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3949 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:34:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A for Isle Royale to protect its Wilderness Status. It's very important for wolves.

Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 3950 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:34:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A for wolf management on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 3951 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:34:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am emailing you to ask for your strong support to uphold Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3952 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:35:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For the wolf situation on Isle Royale my comment is:
Alternative A: No action. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3953 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:35:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3954 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:35:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It seems to me to be by far the best to let things take their natural course, meaning Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 3955 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:35:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 3956 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:35:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When in doubt let nature rule itself. As much as I love the natural world and wolves who bring the trophic cascade; I am opposed to importing wolves onto Isle Royale. I have backpacked on Isle Royale and knowing wolves lived there in a proper order was exhilarating. Human intervention of wolf habitat on Isle Royale is a mistake. For one thing the Congress of the USA is about to pass yet another anti-wilderness bill for oil and gas production among other things. This bill at present also includes the delisting of wolves as endangered specifically in MI. (I believe Wisconsin was also included) How will the delisting of wolves along with their reintroduction to Isle Royale affect the park itself. That of course is a loaded question and I will not address all those facets here. I think it's best to leave Isle Royale to its own natural devices. Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 3957 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:35:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I would support alternative A
Alternative A honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Thank you.
Sincerely yours, Greg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3958 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:36:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I find it almost beyond belief that after all the studies that have been conducted, all the information that has been collected, and disseminated, we are still debating the value that wolves provide to the eco system! It's like this is all brand new information, and no one has heard this before! Wolves are good, and helpful, and necessary, and there is a plethora of information supporting that. Anything we can do to keep and/or reestablish wolf populations in our National Parks is of value. Please do what is right, scientifically supported, and sensible. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 3959 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think the wolves on Isle Royale should be left alone and not manipulated. They are relative newcomers and the moose population is a concern too. I watch Nature365 daily knowing that those wolves were allowed to be slaughtered. They were thriving. Wolves should not be hunted, but left alone.

Correspondence ID: 3960 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:37:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Ⓔ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Ⓔ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3961 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:37:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the

subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3962 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:38:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my position.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 3963 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:39:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In wildness is the preservation of the world. Wolves are meant to be wild. Out on the islands here at Channel Islands National Park, we've seen what speed the loss of wildness in canines will bring. And what rebound the canine population will perform if you let them back out into the wild. Your park is no exception.

Correspondence ID: 3964 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:39:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3965 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:39:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. I strongly urge letting the wolves decide if they want to be there or not.

Correspondence ID: 3966 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:40:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3967 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:41:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, keep the wild wild!

Correspondence ID: 3968 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:41:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please try and save the wolves on the island. If the problem is inbreeding, please transplant the new wolves to your island. They are beautiful animals and the Eco sytem need the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 3969 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:41:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option A.

Correspondence ID: 3970 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:41:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3971 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:42:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Take NO action- -this is wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 3972 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:42:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

With respect to wolves in the Isle Royal National Park, I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Thank you in advance for considering my comments on this issue.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 3973 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:43:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support alternative A. Protective the Wolves!

Correspondence ID: 3974 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:43:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3975 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:44:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3976 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:44:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We support Alternative A. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 3977 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:44:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave Isle Royale wild!

Correspondence ID: 3978 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:44:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am concerned about the welfare of Isle Royale, and its remaining wolves. I also remain deeply disturbed with the ongoing persecution of wolves in our country. It seems our government is becoming less concerned with protecting wildlife due to ongoing pressure from ranchers, hunters, Big Ag and Oil. This includes the few remaining wolves in Isle Royale. I have reviewed the National Park Service's four alternatives, and the only one that makes sense is Alternative A. We need to allow nature to keep more areas in wilderness "mode". We have already lost too much wilderness and wildlife to human greed and ignorance. Ecosystems and Mother Nature need to be in control of this area, not humans. We should study the effects of the region's loss of the wolves, if it happens, rather than relocating wolves from other territories.

Correspondence ID: 3979 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:45:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge choosing Alternate A

Correspondence ID: 3980 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:45:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Just let things happen naturally. It's better for wildlife and a less expensive for NPS. Alternative A is a "win-win" for all involved.

Correspondence ID: 3981 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:45:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I like the idea of Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

We can take care of creatures as they need it.

Sometimes the wil does need us to step

In and assist but not kill them!!

Thst is not "help".

So, that us my thought on this matter.

I adore animals, the wild and the preservation of both, as well as the Earth and the environment.

Correspondence ID: 3982 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:45:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the best. I love wolves and feel they should be encouraged to spread to as much of their historic range as possible. However, the Isle Royale wolves appear to be dying out naturally. As long as strong natural populations of Wolves are allowed and encouraged in the surrounding area, they will eventually recolonize the area if it is suitable habitat.

Correspondence ID: 3983 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:46:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature needs to be left alone - it was here first.

Correspondence ID: 3984 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:46:48

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. It is the only choice that is consistent with Isle Royale's Wilderness status. While wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time, we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there now. We can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what is now a natural predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3985 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:46:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service (NPS) is asking for public comments as it considers whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving. It is a challenging question, yet one with a clear answer.

Background

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population—the wolves' primary prey—could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammelled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

☞ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

☞ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

☞ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3986 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:47:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For once, in this specific situation, Let Nature Take Its Course.

Please respect that the wolves which are there migrated themselves.

There should be NO human interference in this natural process and NO ACTION should be taken to intrude in this population in any way.

As wolves have only inhabited Isle Royale for a tiny fraction of post-glacial time, it is not for Man (for whatever possible reason) to interfere in their lives on the Island. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. .

The Island is supposed to be a Wilderness Area and the fact that scientists have 'used' this unusual wolf population for studies should in NO WAY justify human 'meddling' in the wolf's existence in the unique context. There is no reason to add to their numbers for gawking tourists nor for well meaning scientists.

Please do NOT do anything.

Thank you for showing respect for nature however cruel it may seem there is no 'intention' of cruelty as there is for many human interactions often based on well meaning interference.
If someone wants to continue wolf populations this should be done in places where they have a longer 'history' of habitat but widespread slaughter in the name of saving livestock seems to be the norm. Don't make the Island a wolf ghetto for 'study' in the name of perpetuating wolf populations nor for the 'pleasure' of visitors to see wolves up close and personal.

Correspondence ID: 3987 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:47:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please choose Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

it's important work.

thank you

Correspondence ID: 3988 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:47:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
To Whom It Concerns:

â€ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your attention.



Correspondence ID: 3989 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:47:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I ask that you support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 3990 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:48:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alt A. Maintaining an artificial wildlife environment is antithetical to wilderness. Let nature roll the dice and decide whether wolves stay or leave.

Correspondence ID: 3991 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:48:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of Solution A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. I think we have to honor the wolves' way of living and not interfere.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3992 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:49:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honours and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

PLEASE LET THE WOLVES ALONE! Whenever we interfere with Mother Nature we always get it wrong. Please leave the wolves ALONE!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3993 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:49:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It seems that Alternative A is the best. Wolves will appear on the island and leave as times change. They can be observed in that process without overt "management" that is not a good model for the study in process.

Correspondence ID: 3994 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:50:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding the wolves, I strongly urge you to implement Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 3995 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:50:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All flora and fauna must be protected!

Correspondence ID: 3996 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:51:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do what is right for the wolves, save their habitat. Their lively hood is dependent on us as we are on them to keep the balance in nature.

Correspondence ID: 3997 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:51:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

As CARETAKERS of our world, it is the responsibility of those in power to protect our wildlife before man's Unending Greed and Indifference destroy us all.

Correspondence ID: 3998 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:51:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sirs,

I support:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the

Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Chris [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 3999 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:52:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for considering to keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves! Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,

Lauren [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4000 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:53:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having been born in raised in Michigan I continue to be concerned about the environmental health of the state. I feel that the best step would be to do nothing and allow the wolves to move to and from Isle Royale as the choose.

Correspondence ID: 4001 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:53:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please think of the wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 4002 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:53:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4003 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:54:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I would like to express my support for taking no action regarding the Isle Royale Wolf population. Certainly no action should be taken in regards to providing a tourist attraction. Unless there is some reason for the preservation of a specific species then interference is not warranted.

Correspondence ID: 4004 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:54:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a member of Wilderness Watch & I believe that wolves should be brought over to Isle Royale to help with the declining health due to the over population of moose & the depletion of vegetation that the moose depend on.

Correspondence ID: 4005 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 18:55:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do what is right for the animals and the Earth and NOT for politics and money. That is what is right and what should be done. The decision should be based on the longevity of the species and the planet. Please do not let people's political and economic positions dictate your decision. The wolves are part of an ecosystem that humans are part of - I think we forget that. Each time we drive a species to extinction, we are that much closer to killing ourselves. We must make decisions based on the longevity of the planet and people for the rest of time...

Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 4006 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do reintroduce more wolves to Isle Royale National Park. They are at a critical low in the park. This will greatly balance all the wildlife in the park. A national park should be thriving with wildlife, not hunters. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4007 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:55:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Concerning the introduction of mainland wolves to Isle Royale Wilderness, I favor not doing anything & letting the wolves leave or repopulate as they wish. Wilderness means nature unmanipulated. Wolves were not native.

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,
Barbara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4008 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:56:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Let's keep this place as wild as possible, and let the animals decide how to handle it. Please prohibit all forms of hunting, trapping and harassment of them. Our time is limited to get it right, and the interaction of humans has rarely helped the situation. Let's get it right this time please.

Correspondence ID: 4009 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:56:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am asking that you chose alternative A for the wolves of the Isle Royale Wilderness. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you,
Greg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4010 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:57:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative D.

Correspondence ID: 4011 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:57:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly urge you to adopt Alternative A and let Nature decide whether wolves belong on Isle Royale. The very fact that the breeding success of those wolves who crossed over the ice in the 1940s to colonize the island has been marred by inbreeding and inherited mutations would strongly suggest that any wolf colony there is not going to survive for long term. Wolves need huge ranges and opportunities to travel far distances to find mates of a different genetic background. It is cruel to trap wolves on the island, even as large an island as Isle Royale.

As a scientist, I sympathize with the researchers who wish to continue their studies on predator-prey relationships, but in truth, this colony is an artificial construct and the research may be flawed simply due to genetic drift and isolation. Studying cells in dishes and animals in cages is often done in laboratories, and in fact, that is how much of our progress in Genetics and the search for disease-causing mutations in humans has been made. But studying a wild animal who is NOT well-adapted to its habitat (as judged by its inability to survive and maintain its numbers) may reveal only artifact.

Please do not sacrifice any more wolves to this study. Support Alternative A and keep the island natural. If any wolves travel to reside there, fine, but do not bring them in on purpose, let Nature decide.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4012 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:57:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Pick Option A: no action. Quit wasting our money and leave wildlife alone.

Correspondence ID: 4013 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:58:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. I once worked on the Superior National Forest and I believe the best management strategy is to protect wild areas and their wildlife habitat. Species may come and go, but their ability to do so depends on large wild spaces.

Correspondence ID: 4014 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:58:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select Alternative A - No Action. As wolves are imperiled, de listed and murdered through out the country to serve the narrow interest of humans - weather the ranchers - hunters - extractive industries - etc. all are un scientific and largely based on myth. In this case no scientific study is warranted, should wolves choose they can come and go as they have. Wildlife is over "managed" and often just eliminated by government and largely in my view for the wrong reasons.
Again, Please select Alternative A and use the funding for more worthy goals.

Correspondence ID: 4015 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wildlife, the wolves and the environment everywhere!

Correspondence ID: 4016 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy

Correspondence ID: 4017 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 18:59:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not transplant any wolves. Do nothing, and let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 4018 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:00:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Humans have, for too long, and too actively, stuck their thumbs into the pie of natural selection. Whether by killing off species that humans fear, or by breeding species that humans want to prosper, the natural selection process has been ignored and interfered with. For now, leave the process alone- --let the wolves decide what they choose to do, and keep your hands off.

Correspondence ID: 4019 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4020 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: kkkkkkkk

Correspondence ID: 4021 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss

of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammelled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

PLEASE TAKE THE RIGHT, FAIR, JUST< HUMANE AND HEALTHY ACTION AND SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Ann and Frank [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4022 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have always wanted to see Isle Royale precisely because of its wilderness status. Please allow it to remain as fairly pristine as it is. Don't introduce mainland wolves or otherwise manipulate the delicate ecology. Thanks,
Mike [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4023 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan A. Let nature take its course .

Correspondence ID: 4024 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

I wish you the best of luck with this project.

Sincerely,
Joe [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4025 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:01:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative "A:" It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their resent presence on the island is more an anomaly than the norm in the island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4026 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:02:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are essential elements to the balance in and of nature. In the large ecologic chain on this planet, ALL links are a vital element to the survival of this planet, with one major exception: The human animal, the most dangerous and destructive animal on this Planet.

Correspondence ID: 4027 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:02:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4028 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:02:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect our wildlife and its environment at all costs and do it now!!

Correspondence ID: 4029 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:02:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4030 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:03:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I heartily support Alternative A

Thanks for your considerations.

Correspondence ID: 4031 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:04:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support letting the ecosystem determine its future by natural actions, rather than interference from humans. Whenever humans intervene in the natural order of things, nature's balance is destroyed and the results, from a scientific standpoint, are negated.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4032 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:04:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4033 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:04:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: National Park Service (U.S. Department of the Interior)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the habitation of Isle Royale's Wilderness status. As an environmentalist involved in maintaining our American Natural Wilderness, Supporting Alternative A is the only proposal that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status....allowing nature to take it's course.

Please note that Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial period. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. The current situation, in nature's way, has set the situation where we should let the environmental conditions create the ability to have wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. That manipulation would be artificial and continue man's intervention to produce artificial wildlife and an imbalanced environment. That would not solve the problem of the wolf population....solving nothing.

Accept Alternative A, collecting scientific data to determine the status that limited the number of wolves on Isle Royale's Wilderness, would best serve our public agency and the environment. Such research could possible assist in providing more information for our wilderness areas in other locations.

Thank You,

Correspondence ID: 4034 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:05:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.
Wolves are a relatively recent inhabitant of Isle Royale and should not be artificially manipulated.

Correspondence ID: 4035 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:05:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4036 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:06:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4037 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:06:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4038 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:06:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration. Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem and should be left alone.

Correspondence ID: 4039 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:07:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4040 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:07:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. No action should be taken to reintroduce wolves to this island habitat. If wolves migrate on their own, great but, the wolf population here has inbred and is dying off because no new wolves have naturally migrated here.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Thank you,
Michele [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4041 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:07:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4042 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:08:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would wholeheartedly support Alternative A for the wolves of Isle Royale . Alternative D is also acceptable, but only if conditions on the island clearly deteriorate in the absence of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4043 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:08:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support initiative A.

Correspondence ID: 4044 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:09:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe all life should be honored. so i think these wolves should be provided whatever protection needed so that they can live normal lives.

Correspondence ID: 4045 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:11:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Measure A.

Correspondence ID: 4046 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:11:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: (A)would be the best of all for the wolves, but so many are being trapped and killed it seems a shame to not relocate some of them to someplace safe (not necessarily Isle Royale) from the ravages of mans persistence to kill them.

Correspondence ID: 4047 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:11:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
We support Alternative A. Alternative A is the alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4048 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:12:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale Wolves
I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4049 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:13:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support A...let the wolves have freedom to chose where to live. Leave the natural order of nature to be it's self.

Correspondence ID: 4050 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:13:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These wolves are definitely worth saving.

Correspondence ID: 4051 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:13:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

*** I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

***Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

***Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4052 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:14:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Almost without exception, when man tries to "engineer" the natural world, the results are disastrous. Leave nature alone and let "natural selection" be the answer.

Correspondence ID: 4053 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:15:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A for wolves and Isle Royale. Let nature take its course.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4054 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:16:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Isle Royale wolves should be left alone. It is a wilderness so let natural selection take its toll. If the wolves die off then it is suppose to be that way. People should not intervene and change the natural selection that is happening. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4055 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:16:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and re-locating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Given the above realities, I urge you to support ALTERNATIVE A, which would allow wolves to freely move about based on natural migration patterns. Also, Alternative A is the ONLY one that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please do the right thing and support ALTERNATIVE A. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4056 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:17:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4057 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:17:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My first backpacking trip was on Isle Royale when I was 10- -I will turn 60 this year. That trip and subsequent trips into wilderness areas and national parks around the country shaped much of how I see the natural world, including time working as a ranger at the Olympic National Park. I have been a college professor now for over 25 years, and teach a course in environmental writing, in which we study how one would go about writing environmental impact statements, among other things. Thus, I was fascinated to learn of the Isle Royale Wolves EIS scoping process.

I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is an anomaly in the Island's long history. Ultimately, we should let the nature decide if wolves can still flourish there- -that would be the only true "wilderness" approach to managing the wolf population.

Even if the current wolf population dies out, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

The loss of wolves on Isle Royale is, perhaps, a consequence of global warming as there will likely be no ice strong enough for new wolves to naturally migrate to the Island. For people like me with memories of wolves there that is sad. Though I am also grieved by the dramatic retreat of glaciers in North Cascade National Park. It is best that we understand these changes for what they are, and not intervene to maintain a situation that is no longer viable in order to suit our own particular sensibilities or research interests.

Thank you for considering my input.

Correspondence ID: 4058 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:17:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stand tough! Do the right thing!

Correspondence ID: 4059 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:17:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not care to comment...

Correspondence ID: 4060 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:17:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not interfere with what nature can do better than any of us! Leave the wolves to migrate and breed naturally.

Thank you,

Virginia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4061 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:17:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.n A.

Correspondence ID: 4062 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:18:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option A which would not restock Isle Royale with a new wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 4063 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:18:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4064 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:19:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4065 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:20:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge wholeheartedly that you support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4066 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:20:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4067 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:20:58

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I do not support human-facilitated translocation of wolves. Honor Wilderness and your obligations under policy and law and let nature take its course. I support Alternative A for "no action".

Correspondence ID: 4068 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:21:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support proposal A. Let nature take its course. I have been to the island four times. I enjoy knowing that we have not interfered with, but monitored the 50 year predator/prey relationship.

I say just keep monitoring and not interfering with the number of wolves and moose. Let nature keep its course.

Thank you,

Robert [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4069 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:21:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4070 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:21:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: do the right thing

Correspondence ID: 4071 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:21:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Take no action. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4072 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:22:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a designated Wilderness Area, human intervention should be avoided. And, since the Isle Royale wolves were artificially put there, humans should learn from the experiment and move on, letting nature take over from this point.

Correspondence ID: 4073 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:22:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,

Gail [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4074 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:22:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please pick alternative A. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4075 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:22:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4076 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:23:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: For Isle Royale, I support:
Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration

Thank you for protecting wolf recovery and a healthy wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 4077 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:23:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support alternative C. Because of global warming and other human influences the wolf population in the island can not sustain itself without human intervention.

Dean

Correspondence ID: 4078 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:23:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A- letting the wold polulation on Isle Royale rise or fall as the WOLVES decide.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4079 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:24:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4080 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:24:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4081 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:24:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4082 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:25:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4083 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:26:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4084 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:27:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Since this is a "Wilderness" area; it should be studied, but left alone to evolve as nature intended.

Correspondence ID: 4085 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:28:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4086 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:29:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A. Makes the most scientific sense.

Correspondence ID: 4087 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:29:57

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After reading the information, Alternative A makes the most sense. It allows nature to take its course.

I applaud the NPS for all your good work. You are appreciated!

Correspondence ID: 4088 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:31:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, which is the only alternative in keeping with Isle Royale's wilderness designation. A wilderness designation means leaving "decisions" to natural processes and the wolves themselves.

Correspondence ID: 4089 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:31:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4090 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:31:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: we must protect our wildlife and open spaces and our national park

Correspondence ID: 4091 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:32:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave wolves alone and don't introduce any more to the island. Allow nature to act independently without human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 4092 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:33:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Wilderness Society's argument that Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4093 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:33:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers, I advocate allowing the NPS to translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a balanced wolf - moose population on the Island.

Correspondence ID: 4094 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 19:34:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the wilderness character of Isle Royale while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4095 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:34:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A plan for the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4096 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:36:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom it may concern,

Please consider alternative A, because it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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Correspondence ID: 4097 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:36:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A and respectfully request that you also support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4098 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to voice my support for alternative A no action, in regards to the Isle Royale wolves

Correspondence ID: 4099 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:37:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please go with Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4100 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:37:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. (A feat unlikely to be repeated in a warmed future.) The island's wolves have been the subject of a long-running study of predator-prey relations, but inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two (!), many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study- -and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's population of moose, the wolves' primary prey, could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore the fact that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots. Therefore, of all the four alternative plans the NPS is considering, I strongly urge you to follow Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4101 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:38:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. I would like to be on record in agreeing with Wilderness Watch in supporting Alternative A for these very reasons...

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time, attention and service!

Kathy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4102 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:38:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, do not mess with the wolves. Allow them to live and roam freely.

Correspondence ID: 4103 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:38:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A
This is a wilderness area and should not be manipulated.

Correspondence ID: 4104 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:39:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE A and HERE IS WHY:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4105 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:40:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think Alternative A would be best. Let nature take it's course. You can learn more by doing nothing and see how nature takes care of it's own.

Correspondence ID: 4106 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:40:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With the wolf population now only two, many have called for the capture of wolves from the mainland and translocating them to Isle Royale. However, this logic is flawed because the wolves are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. I believe proponents of exiling the wolves to the island are pushing for it to serve their own self-interests, including to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desire to see and hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royales moose population-the wolves primary prey-could explode if wolves aren't relocated from the mainland to boost the population, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species. Furthermore, proponents of translocating wolves to Isle Royale, ignore the fact that 98% o the island is designated a wilderness, and by law must remain unmanipulated with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

I believe that with all of this that Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's wilderness status. In wilderness, nature calls the shots. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Islands very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Finally, even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, their is much more we can learn by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a natural predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4107 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:40:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Of the available options put forward regarding the future of the wolf population on this island, I strongly support Option A. Since this is a designated wilderness area, the less we manipulate the wildlife population, the better. Since wolves have already been introduced to that area and the

population has declined, the wolves should be left to determine their own fate and not be further manipulated by humans. Study of an area with an artificial population does not result in meaningful results.

Correspondence ID: 4108 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:41:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save this land and its wolves

Correspondence ID: 4109 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:41:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4110 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:42:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, because it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4111 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:42:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4112 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:43:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves as they are part and parcel of the dominant food chain in the great wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4113 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:43:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let nature take its course by allowing wolf & moose populations to fluctuate due to natural causes.

Correspondence ID: 4114 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:43:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4115 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:44:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP KILLING WILDLIFE

Correspondence ID: 4116 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:44:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4117 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:44:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4118 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:46:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

"Aren't humans amazing? They kill wildlife - birds, deer, all kinds of cats, coyotes, beavers, groundhogs, mice and foxes by the million in order to protect their domestic animals and their feed. Then they kill domestic animals by the billion and eat them. This in turn kills people by the million, because eating all those animals leads to degenerative - and fatal - health conditions like heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and cancer. So then humans spend billions of dollars torturing and killing millions more animals to look for cures for these diseases. Elsewhere, millions of other human beings are being killed by hunger and malnutrition because food they could eat is being used to fatten domestic animals. Meanwhile, few people recognize the absurdity of humans, who kill so easily and violently, and once a year send out cards praying for "Peace on Earth."~ David Coates

Correspondence ID: 4119 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:46:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4120 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:46:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A for Isle Royale Wolf Management Although wolves may have migrated there originally, their natural decline over the years shows that this may not be the best environment for them. To transplant new wolves there for the sole purpose of the ongoing study defeats the purpose of the study because they are no longer there as part of a natural migration. To be true to the study, the natural process should play out. Introducing new wolves may, over time, produce the same results with the wolves dying off as a part of natural selection. It is in the wolves best interest to let the study come to a natural end.

Correspondence ID: 4121 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:47:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With respect to Isle Royale, I would like to see the service employ Alternative A, no intervention. Let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 4122 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:48:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have to protect and help the wolves survival.

Correspondence ID: 4123 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:48:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4124 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:48:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As I read the background of this action, I started wondering if this would be beneficial to wolves, humans, the world at large? I envisioned this place, which was not really explained in much detail, with only a small picture showing a lovely lake scene. As the story went on I finally got the picture that the reason the wolves were on an island was because they had migrated there back in the day when the ice was thick enough for them to walk on.

In the years since they arrived, they have been watched by another predator, man, for many years. Much information has been added to our collection of knowledge. It has been a worthy project as revealed in the short article.

My question was forming, "why do they need to move the wolves?" Why not just let nature take it's course? Man monkeys too much with other beings as it is, no matter if it's deemed to be the "humane" thing to do.

I vote to let well enough alone. Wolves are special beings and deserve to make their own choices. If the food runs out, they will go looking for more. If they are so inbred that they can't move on for food, then perhaps they are at the end of their line. Families of all kinds do die out. It's nature and I don't think God wants us to micro-manage creation. Let the wolves do their thing and the scientists can plan other projects as they wrap up this one.

Respectfully,

Rosa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4125 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:49:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4126 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:50:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4127 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:51:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4128 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:51:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would support alternative A as this is the most natural course of action. Wolves migrated here quite recently and forcing the issue is a bad idea.
Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 4129 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:52:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4130 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:52:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our understanding is tht the National Park Service is considering four alternatives. The one we would support is Alternative A, meaning no action and thus wolves would come and go based on natural migration as they have been in the natural state of the wilderness.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for reading our comment.

Correspondence ID: 4131 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:52:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4132 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:52:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please select Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Do the right thing and allow Nature to take its course by being as unobtrusive as possible while monitoring to insure ignorant, dumb, arrogant, and irresponsible "humans" DO NOT INTERFERE WITH and/or KILL THE WOLVES THAT ARE THERE.

Correspondence ID: 4133 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:53:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4134 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:53:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Gratefully,

Julie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4135 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:54:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4136 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:55:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As it is a wilderness area it seems as though allowing wolves to freely repopulate Isle Royal on their own, at their own pace, is the proper decision.

Thank you for your consideration!

Correspondence ID: 4137 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:56:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4138 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:56:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4139 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:56:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A = Freedom for wolves, please.

Thank you.

With best wishes and kind regards
I remain faithfully yours

Malgo

Correspondence ID: 4140 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:57:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative 1. We have to stop interfering with nature. We are creating havoc on this planet.

Correspondence ID: 4141 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:58:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves, as native wildlife, must be protected at all times and be given every chance to endure. The National Parks are essential for their success as a wild species.

Correspondence ID: 4142 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 19:59:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: SAVE THE WOLVES

Correspondence ID: 4143 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A to preserve the wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4144 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:00:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider plan C. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4145 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:00:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4146 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:00:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I write to express my support for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4147 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:01:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave Isle Royal alone. Let wolves come and go as they like. Stop meddling!

Correspondence ID: 4148 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:01:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that Wilderness should be left up to Mother Nature with no "management" interventions. Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4149 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:01:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4150 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:01:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The situation on Isle Royal, specifically the dying off of the wolf population, is one that nature alone should address. It is a protected wilderness area to which wolves have migrated occasionally, and they have also migrated away from it. The fact that inbreeding of an isolated population like this one will cause extinction over the long term would seem to indicate that translocating a wolf population from elsewhere would be 1) a waste of

time, and 2) the waste of a number of generations of wolves. If, as I believe, wolves are becoming an endangered species, I certainly don't want to lose any chances for genetic diversity to benefit existing populations by sending them to Isle Royal, which is likely to doom them to a foreshortened future (in that location).

Correspondence ID: 4151 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:02:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I don't think there is any other action than Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been, to my mind, an very unnatural predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4152 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:02:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative D: let Nature take her course thru management

Correspondence ID: 4153 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:03:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option A for the wolves of Isle Royale. Let nature take its course and do nothing artificial to support the wolf or moose population on the island. This corresponds with the island's wilderness designation.

Correspondence ID: 4154 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:03:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A in reference to the Isle Royale wolves. We need to stop interfering with nature.

Correspondence ID: 4155 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:04:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4156 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:04:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support plan A, parks should be as close to natural as possible.

Correspondence ID: 4157 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:05:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4158 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:05:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a retired land and wildlife manager. There is no such thing as an ecosystem in which man has not interfered...for good...for bad. There are judgment calls required by all who accept the mantle of managing our public lands. The NPS is no different. The scale, type and need for interference may vary, but it cannot be ignored. Restore wolves to Isle Royale. The NPS can do no less, it risks abdication of its responsibility to the citizens of the US under its lawful mandate.

Correspondence ID: 4159 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:05:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: let nature take it's course.

Correspondence ID: 4160 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:05:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our wildlife and our environment.

Correspondence ID: 4161 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:06:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A on Isle Royale Park. The lake freezes every now and then and they will probably get back.

This does not mean I am attempting to eliminate wolves in other areas. I think State and Federal agencies are being too harsh on them in general. It is just that Isle Royale may not be the best place for them.

Correspondence ID: 4162 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:06:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4163 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:07:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been following this website for some years. And the 30 year study. This is a tough decision for everyone involved. Their are pros and cons to both sides. Side with the scientists, a consensus from all of them. Best of luck.

Correspondence ID: 4164 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:08:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is imperative that we keep Isle Royale wild; we must protect the natural world. I strongly support alternative A which is to allow the wolves to come & go as they please. They are such magnificent creatures & deserve our respect & support.

Correspondence ID: 4165 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:09:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In regards to translocation wolves into Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness, I recommend Plan A - - Do Nothing. Let the wolves decide if they want to migrate.

Frankly, I am appalled that the Park Service would stage wolves on the island for its Hollywood affects.

Correspondence ID: 4166 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:09:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A of the possible choices that NPS is contemplating is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there and let them migrate there naturally if they like.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Let's keep the Isle Royale wilderness wild and let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Correspondence ID: 4167 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:09:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4168 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:09:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In making your decision, please protect both the Park and the wolves. All species are precious, including predators.

Correspondence ID: 4169 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:12:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having read the attached letter to your agency I believe option one is the best. I do not believe in manipulating other creatures to serve a selfish need. Thank you, Gordon.

Correspondence ID: 4170 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 20:13:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4171 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 20:13:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose option A and let nature take its course. If wolves are to roam Isle Royale it should be up to the powers that be and not humans.

Correspondence ID: 4172 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 20:14:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Correspondence ID: 4173 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 20:14:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4174 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Regarding the wolf population on the Isle Royale, I urge you to adopt Alternative A, as it is the only option that honors and upholds Isle's wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4175 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Please leave the wolves alone. They are a vital part of Nature & the circle of life. They are on the brink of extinction again.

Correspondence ID: 4176 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4177 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: - -Alternative A/I for Isle Royale Wolves (wolves should come and go naturally)

Correspondence ID: 4178 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:18:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4179 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:20:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4180 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:21:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4181 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:21:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:21:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for allowing public comment. As a supporter of wildlife protection, including those living in our National Parks, I urge you to choose:

Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4183 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:21:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4184 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:24:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that no action should be taken to artificially replace the wolf population of Isle Royale, as it is a wilderness area which by its very definition means "hands off".

Correspondence ID: 4185 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:24:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect our beautiful, natural land.

Correspondence ID: 4186 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:24:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:25:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4188 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:25:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that no action need be taken to supplement the wolf population of Isle Royale, except actions to maintain the health of the existing population. Otherwise, natural forces should dictate their presence without transplanting new animals.

Correspondence ID: 4189 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:25:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the wolves should be allowed to come and go as they please, as Isle Royale is not really their habitat. They should not be brought in to keep a predator/prey study going since they aren't a native species there anyway. The wolves are dying out there for a reason, so bringing in more will have the same affect down the line. And the argument that they need to be there to keep the moose population under control doesn't hold water since the moose are declining due to climate change. Manipulating wolves for human purposes is inhumane and is about as anti-science as you can get.

Therefore, I support Alternative A as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4190 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:26:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of the four plans being considered in re: wolves and Isle Royale I support alternative A. Since humans were not the initial problem, let the animals figure it out or die trying. It is the natural order. Thank you for taking my comment.

Correspondence ID: 4191 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:26:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
I am a big fan of wolves and therefore generally support the spread of wolves to any location where they can thrive if left alone. Isle Royale does not fit that description. The wolves are dying out naturally. Therefore I support Alternative A. This is also the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4192 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:27:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4193 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:28:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a concerned U.S. citizen and taxpayer I appreciate your considering my comments!

I strongly urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4194 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:29:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is best to let the wolves decide for themselves where they would like to be. In breeding would occur if they are left there with no way off if they chose to leave.

Correspondence ID: 4195 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:30:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves are very important to each eco system and should be protected.

Correspondence ID: 4196 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:31:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in regard to the possible relocating of wolves to Isle Royale. Of the options being considered my opinion would be to go with Option A, take no action.
Let the inherent intelligence of nature be guardian of the wilderness. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:33:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A-no action, leave the wolves alone and allow natural processes to continue. The wolves have only been on Isle Royal for a short period of time. Let them be.

Correspondence ID: 4198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:35:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

It is absolutely critical that we preserve what is left of our natural habitat in as close to a pristine state as possible and that is why I Support Alternative A for the Royal Isle Royale Wilderness. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss

of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

We owe it to our posterity to preserve this critical and unique wildlife habitat and I strongly support this preservation using Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:35:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4200 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:36:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:37:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is wilderness. Leave it alone. If wolves are able to inhabit this place, they will if we leave them alone. Alternative A is the best.

Correspondence ID: 4202 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:38:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please put Alternative A into practice. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4203 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:38:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the 4 alternatives for managing wolf populations on Isle Royale in Lake Superior, please choose Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. In the unique case of Isle Royale, nature seems to deselect wolves as a viable long-term species on the island due its isolation and resultant limited gene pool. Accidental repopulation may recur by wolves migrating across the ice in winter, and should be allowed to thrive as well as it can, but without human engineering.

Correspondence ID: 4204 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:39:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support choice A; I feel nature should take its natural course without human interference.

Correspondence ID: 4205 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:39:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:39:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Aternative A. Please select this option for the future of the wolves and the wilderness in the park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4207 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:40:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I don't want to hear about more wolf killings; they got there themselves, leave them alone.

Correspondence ID: 4208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:40:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:40:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect wolves on Isle Royale. Keep the natural balance of this natural wonderland. Thank you, the [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:40:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:40:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing today to please help save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4212 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:43:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a grandmother and one who hopes to see our precious natural wildlife preserved not only for my grandson, but for all future generations, I wish to state that I Support Alternative A.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for taking my comment.

"Until we have the courage to recognize cruelty for what it is- -whether its victim is human or animal- -we cannot expect things to be much better in this world... We cannot have peace among men whose hearts delight in killing any living creature. By every act that glorifies or even tolerates such moronic delight in killing we set back the progress of humanity."

-- Rachel Carson

Correspondence ID: 4213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:44:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

It's true that wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:45:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I have read the four (4) alternatives proposed by the NPS regarding the wolf population of Isle Royale. I believe that alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. Let nature take its course and let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

I support the NPS but wildlife should not be manipulated for the benefit of human beings wanting to hear the wolves howling in the wild. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:45:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please go with Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:46:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Isle Royale is a wilderness and should not be tampered with by man.

Correspondence ID: 4217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:46:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:47:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Stop the madness!!

Correspondence ID: 4219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:47:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and protect the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:48:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I choose for Option A - letting wolves decide if they want to move to the island without human interference. Or not. But it is important that human agencies not damage the environment on Isle Royale - but protect it so it can stay as wild as possible. Thanks, Gail [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:48:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A - the most natural one.

Correspondence ID: 4222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:49:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Alternative A seems to be the alternative that is most acceptable for Isle Royale. Wolves should be able to come and go on their own without human interference. This is what keeps wilderness wild. It will still be interesting to study the ecosystem changes whether the wolves are there or not. Since this island was populated with wolves fairly recently, the ecosystem will likely adapt back. Human manipulation, while well-intended, violates the nature of the wilderness designation of Isle Royale.

Thank you,

MaryRose [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:49:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A:

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:50:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:50:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A (i.e. no action).

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. While I support healthy wolf populations generally, since Isle Royale is mostly wilderness it should be free from human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 4226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:51:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time.

Ronda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:51:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These wolves and the environment need your assistance. Give them what they need to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 4228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:52:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:55:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:55:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hey Good Folks

We all cut our teeth on Mech's Wolves of Isle Royale and learned a lot. But in a historical time frame of any depth, the immigration and breeding wolves for decades on a relatively small island, was the result of unusual circumstances. The presence of wolves was a gift to the public and the moose population for many decades.

As long as natural factors have been the primary cause of the decline of the wolf population on Isle Royale the NPS should stand by, hankies in hand and reluctance to let go understandable, and let nature play out without intervention of any kind whatsoever.

The fact that the vast majority of the island landscape is designated as Wilderness makes the appropriate action abundantly clear and inexpensive. Stewardship not manipulation upon manipulation.

NO ACTION. Waste no more valuable agency resources and public time in analyzing an issue that has only one legal and common sense conclusion.

Please make the NO ACTION alternative the NPS and environmentally preferred alternative that it clearly already was.

Sincerely

Steve [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:56:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave this beautiful backpacking area alone. You politicians muck up things and screw around with wildlife conservation you know nothing about but are influenced by corporate payoffs. Shame on all of you! Look to science and the data. Every time the government interferes and kills off some wildlife the taxpayers end up footing the bill to reintroduce wolves back to the area. I remember this from the Reagan administration and how they poisoned the wolves to the point where it devastating the balance of nature. And this was the wealthy ranchers and mining corporations that bought out the politicians and the President to do this devastating environmental disaster. Don't make the same mistake in Isle Royale it is too important of a place.

Correspondence ID: 4232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:58:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

In the case of the Isle Royale's wolves I believe that the Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. There is much to be learned by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially adding another wolf population on Isle Royal.

Please implement Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status

Thank You,
Bonnie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 20:59:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please preserve this wilderness and the wolves that call it home. Wildlife areas and green space is disappearing rapidly around the world, threatening many plant and animal species. Humans won't escape unscathed if we allow this environmental and wildlife degradation to continue. Please do your part to protect this area.

Correspondence ID: 4234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:00:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A to protect the Isle Royale and its wolves. It is time we humans learn to live in peace with nature, instead of always interfering and making things worse. We need to honor the wilderness preserve the character of Isle Royale, and let the wolves love naturally and select their own habitat.

Thank you for allowing my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:02:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly recommend Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. There is no need for human interference.

Correspondence ID: 4236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:02:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:02:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves in the park!

Correspondence ID: 4238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:03:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hi,

I'm for leaving the wolves on isle royal decide their fate as its a wilderness. So, I endorse plan A.

Regards

Kristin [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:04:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: @ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

@ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:05:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves. Take them to their homeland. Repopulate the planet again.

Correspondence ID: 4241 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:05:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE SUPPORT Alternative A; the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4242 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:06:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is essential we protect the habitat of wolves and other wildlife as there are so few places left where they can thrive. This being said the wolves need to be free to come and go on to the island wilderness and keep the wilderness area free of people or "studies" of wolves. I fully agree with option A that lets the wolves roam naturally and keeps the island the wilderness area as it was intended, free of human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 4243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:06:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4244 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:06:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:07:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4246 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:08:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:08:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.....

Correspondence ID: 4248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:09:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I fully support Alternative A. It is the best possible strategy in keeping with the designation of wilderness. It seems the more good-intentioned humans try to rearrange or "better" the best laid plans of mother nature, the more the environment seems to suffer or diminish. The natural balance of flora and fauna is just that- a balance. Tipping the balance never gives a good result. Take a step back and let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 4249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:09:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that the NPA should do nothing and let nature take its course with regards to Isle Royal wilderness. There should be no reintroduction of wolves by humans at this time. If the wolves decide to come back and repopulate naturally, so be it but not with the help of humans.

Correspondence ID: 4250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:14:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option b restoring wolves one time. Due to the lake not freezing consistently Wolves don't have the option to relocate naturally. I think that it would be great to give them another chance. More wolf populations, especially in protected areas is important for long term survival and education.

Correspondence ID: 4251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:15:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:15:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:15:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves. Put them back on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:16:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A where wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:18:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the island is more an anomaly than the norm in the island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Wolves everywhere face much enmity and need wilderness homes where they won't be persecuted and killed.

Correspondence ID: 4256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:20:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wilderness status gives the area the best protection and provides the most benefits for humans, especially our future generations who won't know what wilderness is if we don't stop paving everything over.

Correspondence ID: 4257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:21:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:22:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: RE: Isle Royale Wolves

I support strongly Alternative A, the only alternative only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is an anomaly in the Island's long history, but the wolves should be allowed to remain.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, much can be learned by studying ecological responses to the loss of wolves, rather than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Laura [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:23:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I AGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS FROM WILDERNESS WATCH. THANK YOU.

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:23:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

I ask you to consider Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. It's the only alternative that truly upholds isle Royale's wilderness status, and provides the wolves a natural choice on whether to utilize the island as a habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:25:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I support Alternative A as the most viable option in this situation.

Correspondence ID: 4263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:26:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:27:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4265 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:29:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:30:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There is only one choice, please pick A: Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time, we trust that you will make the right choice for nature and the wildlife by going with the only Alternative: A!

Correspondence ID: 4267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:30:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP THANKS...

Correspondence ID: 4268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:30:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider the following:

*Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

*Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

*Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 4269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:32:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I respectfully urge you to select Alternative A, which would maintain the island's Wilderness character, in which the animals living (or passing through) the wilderness make their own decisions to stay or go. Even if we knew and understood all the factors influencing the animals' health and behavior, the ethical decision should be to allow whatever natural processes are at work to continue without intervention. Only if contagious disease was affecting the wildlife communities would we be justified in taking steps to contain/protect the wild creatures.

Correspondence ID: 4270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:32:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We favor Option A.

Correspondence ID: 4271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:34:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the only reasonable and sane path for wolves and this wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 4272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:38:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:39:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We, all of us, must protect the wolf population everywhere. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:42:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:42:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'M writing to tell you that wolves must be allowed to remain on Isle Royale...which means I support Alternative a. THIS IS THE only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

PLEASE LEAVE THESE MAGNIFICENT CREATURES TO THEIR ISLAND.

Correspondence ID: 4276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:45:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I say leave the wolves alone. I believe they should come and go based on natural migration. That makes sense to me.

Correspondence ID: 4277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:45:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop killing animals already, protect wolves, not rich ranchers, they seem to be doing just fine.

Correspondence ID: 4278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:48:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C for Isle Royal. The island needs wolves to maintain a healthy ecosystem. The wolves have been dying , in part, because of global warming caused by humans. We need to support a healthy wolf population in order to control the large animals on the island. If left unchecked, these large mammals will destroy the flora of the area.

Sincerely,

Johanna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:48:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:48:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A for Isle Royale National Park that the Park Service is proposing.

Correspondence ID: 4281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:49:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm writing to show my support for Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Transplanting wolves to the island would be an artificial manipulation of the natural ecosystem, and should not be allowed. As I understand it the wolf population is not declining due to human forces, but because of natural ecosystem processes, and therefore we have no mandate or right to go in and tweak the system just to continue predator-prey studies or ensure that tourists can hear wolves howl. Please let the system regulate itself without heavy-handed human management.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:53:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I saw the moose in Denali National Park campground only last week.

Let's hear it for the wolves, if they want to also come.
They are equal status with the moose.

Correspondence ID: 4283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:55:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for alternative A. Keep everything wild and natural

Correspondence ID: 4284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:55:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Translocating wolves to Isle Royale is a bad idea, as it interferes with nature's natural process. Forcing wildlife to live anywhere other than in their current natural environment is to rip them from their homes, turning them into wildlife refugees. Whenever mankind messes with nature the result is typically catastrophic.
Leave wild wolf populations as is and let nature run its course. Creating an unnatural environment would most certainly backfire. Mankind interferes with wildlife far too often, and it is always a bad idea.

Correspondence ID: 4285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:55:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support mesure A
Let Nature decide?

Correspondence ID: 4286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:55:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Park Service should select Alternative A; No Action. Any other alternative would be artificially manipulating the natural process. This is a wilderness, after all.

Correspondence ID: 4287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:57:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect and islands.

Correspondence ID: 4288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 21:59:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All Wolves need protection and should never be culled or allowed for hunting.
Thank You

Correspondence ID: 4289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:00:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Madam/Sir:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you in advance!

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 4290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:00:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I kindly urge you to support Alternative A: allow wolves to continue their natural migration patterns. Please do not translocate them.

Correspondence ID: 4291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:01:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I encourage support of Alternative A for the wolves if Isle Royale.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:01:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Preservation of wilderness should be the guiding principle. Human interest in seeing or hearing wolves, or in trying to preserve the "balance of nature," are purely secondary and should not govern decision making.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4293 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:03:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern, I support Alternative A.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Let Nature do its thing, whatever that may be.

Thank you. Walter ■■■■

Correspondence ID: 4294 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:05:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:05:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:05:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a frequent visitor to Isle Royale National Park, I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only option that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:07:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. The other alternatives would amount to an intervention into natural processes, turning Isle Royale into a managed wildlife preserve rather than a truly natural area.

Artificially relocating wolves to the island would represent a manipulation in order to preserve what is a relatively uncommon status, since wolves are relatively recent newcomers to the island.

Finally, active, interventionist management of the wolf population would compromise the value of continued scientific study of population dynamics on the island.

Correspondence ID: 4298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:13:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We strongly support Alternate A. Honor Isle Royale's Wilderness status and allow wolves to migrate, or not, to the area.

Correspondence ID: 4299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:13:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support Alternative A

It's the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:13:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:13:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Wilderness should remain wild without intervention of humans. We only upset the natural balance and progression of nature. Leave wilderness wild!

Correspondence ID: 4302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:14:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hi,

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves should come and go through natural migration. After all 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

Thank You for allowing me to comment.

Greg [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:16:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For most of my life, my hobbies have centered around observing Nature - - be it taking trail-rides in the High Sierras or visiting coastlines to see & experience different ecosystems and gain knowledge of their varying flora & fauna. Since childhood, I have been a bird-watcher & amateur botanist.

My sister & brother-in-law lived & worked for over 20 years in Canada, & we all shared a love for Nature & studying it outdoors. I was privileged to visit a number of Canada's national preserves both in Ontario and on Canada's West Coast. When I think of the alarming rate at which Earth's living creatures & plant life are disappearing, I hope very much that every country's (including Canada's) national & regional parks will always be protected by their federal & state agencies, so that their citizens may always be able to experience the beauties awaiting them in government-protected natural areas.

Correspondence ID: 4304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:18:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the land, save the wolves, and save wildlife for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 4305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:21:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!
Let wolves come and go based on natural migration!

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:23:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do the right thang

Correspondence ID: 4307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:24:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A with No action, where wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:25:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It has come to my attention that the current wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are

likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

Please support your Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

than you for your consideration~

most sincerely,

Melissa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:28:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:34:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:35:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status and wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post glacial time and their presence on the island is more of an anomaly than the norm in the island's very long history, so why not let the wolves decide if they want to live on the island. And even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residence there, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting a new wolf population on the island to continue what has basically been a "natural" predator-prey study. These are my reasons for Alternative A. Thanks

Correspondence ID: 4312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:37:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:37:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that proposal A is the best, allowing wolves to pass into and out of the ecosystem of their own accord.

Correspondence ID: 4315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:39:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe let nature take its course. Therefore, alternative A seems to be the best choice in deciding what to do. Wilderness has its own way of doing what is correct. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:40:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am sixty-two years old and have gone to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan most of my life. I love everything about this sacred place, including the Isle Royale. I am urging the National Park Service to support and enforce Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 4317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:40:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let nature decide.

Correspondence ID: 4318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:42:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and protect the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4319 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:43:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I select alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:44:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:46:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please decide on using Alternative A as this is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for the consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 22:47:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:48:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have read and considered the four alternatives. I believe that Alternative A is the best one. It is the alternative that best follows the rhythms of nature. Please implement Alternative A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:48:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the logical idea.

Correspondence ID: 4325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:50:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I recommend Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4326 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:51:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please use your ability & say to help make a positive & fulfilling difference and change in this issue & so many more!
Nicole Antonelli

Correspondence ID: 4327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:52:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Do nothing. Don't interfere with the natural process.
Thanks for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:52:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Unless the National Park Service has discovered why the Isle Royal wolves are dying, it is premature to expend the funds and effort to relocate more wolves there, not to mention that the health of the relocated wolves might be compromised. It is my understanding that the original wolves found their way to Isle Royal on their own, so it would make sense to let the wolves themselves decide where they want to live.

Correspondence ID: 4329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:57:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:59:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

If the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration. Please decide to do nothing. Alternative A would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4331 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 22:59:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A because it would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Alternative A must be chosen

Correspondence ID: 4332 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: People have devastated wolf populations and it is up to us to find ways to now save them in various geographic areas. We must recognize their vital importance in the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 4333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:01:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to submit that because Isle Royale is essentially a wilderness, Alternative A is the appropriate action, or in this case, inaction.

Thank you,
Julie

Correspondence ID: 4334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:01:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wilderness Watch and I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4335 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:04:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A - no action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4336 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:06:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:06:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4338 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:09:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 4339 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,28,2016 23:11:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I choose Alternative A. History tells you that there is a reason to the wolves why they don't stay. Why keep repeating this for the sake of tourists. (Poaching comes to mind also. Concentrate on the packs that are being wiped out by hunters needing to kill for their garage brag rights. Especially since this island is not a natural habitat for Wolves.

Plus it looks as if the natural cycle is in action. They leave, period.
Please do not repeat this process over and over. That's brutal and abusive.

Seems to be that the answer is there if you really care about wolves.
Thank you v

Correspondence ID: 4340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:11:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose A.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:11:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a proponent of true Wilderness management and wolf recovery, I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4342 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:13:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think you should do A. This is being true to nature and not interfering with natural selection. As a native Michigander I would like Isle Royale to be left alone.

Correspondence ID: 4343 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:14:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:15:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A, which would protect the wolves and their habitat. Please preserve this beautiful place for future generations!
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:15:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support A

Correspondence ID: 4346 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:16:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4347 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:16:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is an anomaly more than the norm in the Island's very long history, but regardless, we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residence, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4348 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:18:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to please support Alternative A. It's best to let nature take it's own course.

Correspondence ID: 4349 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:23:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do everything you can to protect wolves in every way!!

Correspondence ID: 4350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:23:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A in other words take no action. Let the wolves decide to come or go.

Correspondence ID: 4351 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:24:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No natural resources .. WE are DEAD.

Correspondence ID: 4352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:24:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am +0 in favor of option 'A'. Take NO Action.
Do no harm ~ The history of the Wolf on this island should lead you to a Common Sense solution... Leave IT alone.

Correspondence ID: 4353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:24:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding wolves on Isle Royale, I support taking NO ACTION. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration. This is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:25:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the Wilderness Watch in its position to let nature take its course regarding wild wolves on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:27:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I don't believe there is any benefit to interfering and feel strongly that honoring the protected status and maintaining a policy of letting natural cycles and

fluxes to prevail is the most beneficial action that can be taken
Preserve the environment by leaving it alone, Nature can best manage itself.

Correspondence ID: 4356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:27:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:27:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: Wolves should come and go as they are now.

Correspondence ID: 4358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:28:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: there is an error in my comment as ripped off by your website! i said 100 percent in favor 'A' and your website says "i'm 0 in favor..." of ~ i can see how you get things so twisted ~ who writes your software?

Correspondence ID: 4359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:28:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want to voice my opinion in support of alternative A. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:28:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the "Alternative A" plan for the Isle Royale Wilderness in Michigan.

Correspondence ID: 4361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:29:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am glad to recommend your preferred alternative. I am glad you are doing this. I spent a week on Isle Royale in 1952 studying wildlife management with five other graduate students under Dr. [REDACTED]. There were no wolves there at that time although I have since read that there were. We did not see or hear them or see any sign of them. We did not see moose either, but saw signs of them and studied their habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:30:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:32:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:
Please Support Alternative A.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:32:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:32:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:33:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:34:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I write as an environmental scientist in training, as well as a trained environmental ethicist.

Regarding the question of wolf transplant to Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior, I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves 'decide' if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

I know that this is by no means a clear area of environmental management - - it is a tough choice. But given that Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and that it's not clear whether the artificial intervention of a transplant would be successful, 'A' seems the best choice.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 4368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:36:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider Alternative A. Preserve Isle Royale and its ecology.

Correspondence ID: 4369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:37:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are vital as natural predators to keep the environment stable and they need our protection as the stewards of this planet.

Correspondence ID: 4370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:39:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am for:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:42:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:44:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:46:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If this Park would be a suitable habitat for wolves, then transplanting them there would be better than leaving them to be hunted and killed.

Correspondence ID: 4374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:47:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:47:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A, the no-action alternative, would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:48:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have read a brief list of the options for what to do about the declined population of wolves on the island and the desire to augment population for the current study. Clearly the remaining wolves should not have their population artificially augmented. Only wild free roaming wolves that can reach the island without human intervention should be allowed to naturally migrate to the island. This should could as well be a study on the decline of a species and the associated causes. Both wolves and moose I assume are being studied, and if moose populations rebound, that certainly may cause a future rise in wolves migrating to the island in winter. Or at least make it so any wolves coming to the island have an abundant supply of prey. That is a question that needs to be answered. Or if wolves cannot reach the island as easily as once before due to shorter winters and warmer temperatures, possible climate change conditions, that should be observed and studied. The current study being run can still be conducted with decreasing and increasing wolf populations. The study needs to correlate for the extremes, even if that level drops to zero for a time. It then allows your study to see what happens to moose population at that point, and see if other factors affect moose population besides the number of large predators. If you need to study larger populations then do so in open territory or on larger island habitat elsewhere. Nuff said.

Correspondence ID: 4377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:49:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The course to follow should be to "do nothing". Consider this an opportunity the study the effects of immigration and emigration of species in the the laboratory of a limited ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 4378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:49:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, letting nature decide if wolves re-colonize the island, rather than artificially maintaining the population.

Correspondence ID: 4379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:50:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:53:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having spent 4 years in Michigan but never gone to Isle Royal, I would think by this time that Humans would have learned to not mess with Mother Nature. It seems, with all due good intentions, that every time humans mess with Mother Nature it turns out bad. Why do humans think that we can control all aspects of nature. I could site thousands of ways man has messed up on this planet, and is currently looking for ways to leave this planet BECAUSE WE HAVE MESSED IT UP. Leave the wolfs to fend for themselves and if they want to live on Isle Royal they will, if they don't so be it. Don't force Mother Nature into something that she has already shown won't really work. If it an't broke leave it alone. I think option A is the best bet. Let the wolfs decide for themselves where they want to be and when.

Correspondence ID: 4381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:53:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing with regard to whether the NPS should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving. I believe that Alternative A (allowing wolves to come and go based on natural migration)is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:54:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:55:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:56:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,28,2016 23:58:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe NO ACTION should be taken regarding the Isle Royale wolves. Let nature take its course without intervention. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:00:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A as the best of the options. The wolves deserve a high level of respect, especially in relation to their migration according to them and nature.

Thus, Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:02:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please preserve the natural balance of the wilderness. Protect our planets wolves and forests.

Correspondence ID: 4388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:03:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: nature is not ours for the taking for human's self-interests.

Correspondence ID: 4389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:03:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support option 'A' to allow nature to control this special wild place in perpetuity, free from mans interference, and as pristine as the mainland once was, but is no longer. Isle Royale has been a great study site for predator-prey relationships for many years now, enough years that it really does not have any further purpose other than to secure funding for more endless studies. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 4390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:03:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:05:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: nature has its own order and not ours for the taking for human self-serving interests and greed.

Correspondence ID: 4392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:05:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect out natural resources. Wolves are critical to the balance of wild ecosystems.

Correspondence ID: 4393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:06:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the environment before it's too late!

Correspondence ID: 4394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:12:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:13:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royal Wilderness Population

I strongly support NPS' alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:13:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:14:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Just to let you know I'm originally from MI & I'm a strong supporter of wolves. I feel that no wolves should be put on Isle Royale. The wolves would have no way to leave the island until winter time when the lake freezes over. That would just be the continuation of the inbreeding that's occurring now, that just isn't right for the animals.

Correspondence ID: 4398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:14:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A on Isle Royale Wolves EIS. I am a recent retiree from the U.S Forest Service with 30 years service on the Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Correspondence ID: 4399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:15:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:18:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The parks are for the people of the USA and the natural residents of the park, not for private corporations and their personal gains.

Correspondence ID: 4401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:19:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Therefore, I:

â€ Support Alternative A because it honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status;

â€ Understand that wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's history, but in any event, we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there; and,

â€ Conclude that even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency on Isle royale, we can learn much more by studying the island's ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island. That would only continue the furtherance of a "natural" predator-prey study that humans want to conduct, but will not benefit the ecology of the island.

Correspondence ID: 4402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:19:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Aternative a

Correspondence ID: 4403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:19:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No Action would be my preference for this wilderness area!

Correspondence ID: 4404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:19:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support measure A for the Isle Royale wolves. I believe this is a situation where natural conditions can work for the best solution . Thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 4405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:20:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
US Senate:

Senate: Just Say No to Wilderness and Wildlife Destroying Energy Bill!

Clean energy its important, but also maintaining wild lands and it animals it is also important the future of both existence.

June 29, 2016

Wildlife scientist know better and they should stand to keep wild animals weather wolves oand others to keep their future existence moving through decates to come.

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With sincere respect,Support the true Alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status and other lands and islands where the Wild life exist, For decades..

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Please , Stand for the sake of the protection of lands ,ocean, forests and Wild animals.

Today the interest for Protecting them is more important; It was and it is very significant to do so , becoming more responsible and less destructive. Both benefit humans lands , ocean and animal.

The Parks where these wild (Wolves) animals reside honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.The Future of all wildlife animals and lands keep that special status of the past and the respect for the same in the future.

Destroying Parks and lands is destroying the Beauty , of Nature's best interest to the places that where created by it to give way to all the animals that that land or area was designated naturally by time , Nature and for decades to come. Forests, wild lands and Parks should be kept for the sake of the Climate, clean air and because they where Gift of heaven to the people ,animals and best interest to all living things .

Wolves are part of the ecology and they serve more than what the eyes meet.They kill or eat the rats and other animals that hurt the land , the animals and the people.Like snakes If wolves would not exist in those areas there would have been no chance to end the population of rats snakes and other destructive and dangerous animals..

I am against the destruction of animals and lands , Which both do work for all.In their own way. Benefiting the air , and the animals doing the job they were born to do.In their own habitats lands.

The future of the Lands ,Parks and Wild life animals are important to the future existence of both.Never destroy a Forest , land and animals that the future will missed in different ways strongly .Because Nature created those lands and the animals there with a Purpose.. And they should be protected not wipe out of this world existence. It is a wrong act against nature; and heaven, beneficial intentions.

Everything was created with a purpose, Giving the back to it is an error.That will be seen near or later in the future.As we have seen today with the Climate and the destruction of lands and forests.I support the Consideration of Environmental Consequences. Because Nature takes its course. And animals are park of nature.They live and die in their own Natures time and conditions.

Sincerely,

Maria [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:20:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: tremendous support for wildlife as without her we can also not be alive.

Correspondence ID: 4407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:22:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of the four possible actions regarding the declining wolf population on Isle Royale, I believe that no action is the appropriate course since Isle Royale is a wilderness area. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration just as it has always been. The object of designating any area as a wilderness area is to cater to the natural occurrence of events rather than cater to tourist's desires.

Correspondence ID: 4408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:24:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In a nutshell, wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is truly more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Do realize that even if the current wolf population dies out, and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:27:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support:

Alternative C: NPS will translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a viable wolf population on the Island. This obviously must be done taking into account the numbers and health of the prey species.

Correspondence ID: 4410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:27:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Supporting option A

Correspondence ID: 4411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:31:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support Alternative A as the best means of truly protecting Isle Royale's Wilderness status. All species, including wolves, must be allowed to colonize where they choose for true wildness to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 4412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:31:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow option A. We have interfered and "tinkered" with Wolves too much and it appears they know best what works for them.

Sincerely,

Molly [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:34:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:34:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:36:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take no specific action on wolves - allow them to migrate as they have before.

Correspondence ID: 4416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:38:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take action to protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!
Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population onto the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

NPS, considering whether you should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving... It is a challenging question, yet one with a clear answer.

Background

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots. Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:40:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.



Correspondence ID: 4418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:41:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree with position A

Correspondence ID: 4419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:42:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C

Correspondence ID: 4420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:43:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Support Alternative! Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Ice formation allowed wolves to make the connection from the greater land mass of Canada or MN USA.

The only true upset is the trend to warmer temperatures that hinders long term ice formation between land masses. Hence allowing for wolves to freely move on/off Isle Royale. Study that affect w/o transporting wolves "for human pleasure". The wolf is intelligent but not over bearing. Why is the human "so defining" of what wanted??

NO to Alternatives B, C & D. They are not the natural order of why wolves are on Isle Royale.

Again, I SUPPORT Support Alternative A because it is the ONLY alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:46:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: alternative a

Correspondence ID: 4422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:49:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4423 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:49:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I very much favor alternative A in the isle royal wolves eis

Correspondence ID: 4424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:50:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:50:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to provide support for Alternative A.

The following quote from Wilderness Watch states the practicality of Alternative A in a very common sense manner to me, so I reference this quote to support Alternative A:

" Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study."

Thank you for your time and consideration in my comments on this matter..

Cordially,

Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:51:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:55:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Aloha,

science shows that a healthy wolf population is good for the ecosystem in which they were born and formerly flourished.

please put the fears of ranchers and others who don't understand how all humanity depends upon intact ecosystems for our quality of life, economic well-being, and health.

as the wolf goes, so do humans.

thank you and sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:56:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4429 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:02:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Why don't we all realize that the earth and all its inhabitants have the right to live peacefully together without one species being more greedy than the other. We as humans are the greediest. We selfishly destroy all the precious wildlife like the beautiful and intelligent wolf and cut down and destroy all of nature for our own selfish reasons. We need to respect all the beautiful animals and the places where they live. I wish everyone would grow a heart and really listen to it and try to put yourself in something else's place. Let's not destroy all the wonders of nature, let's live in awe of it and enjoy it â ¤¸.

Correspondence ID: 4430 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:02:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Keeping wildlife safe and roaming free in their natural habitat is key to environmental balance and stability.

Correspondence ID: 4431 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:04:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take Action to Protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the Freedom of Wolves!

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4432 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:09:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4433 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:16:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4434 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:16:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4435 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:23:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
I tired of people wanting to shoot our wildlife. Thank you for listening.

Correspondence ID: 4436 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:24:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4437 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:24:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: i support option a.

Correspondence ID: 4438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:25:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe alternative A is the best response to the wolf question.

To allow nature to work is best in any wilderness area. The wolves arrived naturally and will expire naturally unless others arrive across the ice. It seems this has happened before and will again if the times are right. It may be that the natural instincts of the wolves tell them the time is not right, and

we should not force the issue.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:26:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect what is the most valuable and fragile to all of us in this world we live in:

- Nature, wildlife, water, the lungs of our Earth: the rain forests

Just use your common sense - and listen to your heart and what really makes you happy: clean air, fresh water, and the joy of watching a healthy wildlife where ever we travel

Good luck! :o)

Correspondence ID: 4440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:28:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of the four options being considered in regard to the Isle Royal wolf population, I believe that no intervention is appropriate since it is a wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 4441 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:28:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: i choose option A.

Correspondence ID: 4442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:33:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:36:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Each time we interfere with nature we destroy something that can never be replaced.when wolves are killed off,then something else thrives because their natural enemy is gone,
Wild animals and plants keep a balance in the wild interfere with that at your peril

Correspondence ID: 4444 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:36:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All animals need to be saved!

Correspondence ID: 4445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:36:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:36:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: National Park Service:

Alternative A, no action, is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please allow wolves to come and go based on natural migration. Thank you for your attention to my very serious concerns.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 4447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:39:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Although there are arguments to be made on all sides, I would urge the National Park Service to implement Alternative A, as it is the only alternative that actually honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you,

Dave

Correspondence ID: 4448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:43:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:44:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that adheres to the Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves are relatively newcomers to Isle Royale, so let them decide if they want to stay or leave the island.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:45:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please go with choice number one: do nothing but allow Nature to take her course.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 4451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:49:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4452 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:50:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WOLVES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WILD & HAVE TO BE PROTECTED, I AM HORRIFIED AT THE KILLING OF WOLVES IN OUR COUNTRY THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE IN THE WILD, THEY HAVE BEEN HERE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS LIVING FREE UNTILL THE WHITE MAN CAME & DECIDED TO KILL EVERY ONE OF THEM, THE INDIANS LIVED WITH THEM & RESPECTED THEM BUT WHITE MEN WANT THEM GONE SO THEY KILL, KILL, KILL, THIS HAS TO STOP, PLEASE STOP THE KILLING NOW.

Correspondence ID: 4453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 01:51:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

My suggestion is that you proceed with Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Please think of our ecosystem and protect wolves.

Thank you,

Ramona [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 01:53:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:00:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:02:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sawhill said: In the end, we be defined not by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy.

A true and fitting analysis of humans and our inclination to destroy so often and so ruthlessly- -the environment and all that entails. It needs to stop. The wolves were there before us and have as much or more right to retain their rung in this Eco system. Hard as it might seem when money is the god- - but at this point we need to Do the Right Thing.

Correspondence ID: 4457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:04:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We would recommend Plan A. The island is designated wilderness, and cannot support enough wolves to prevent inbreeding. Thank you for reading our comments.

Correspondence ID: 4458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:13:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a strong advocate for environmental protection for all animals, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:14:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:15:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:18:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Thank you for allowing me to express my concern... Ellis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:19:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to allow NATURE to guide your decisions in any relationship to the care and protection of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:20:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

As a second choice only if A is not adopted : Alternative D.

Correspondence ID: 4464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:21:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I recently discovered that the National Park Service (NPS) is asking for public comments to consider whether or not to transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

You have offered three possible scenarios; I am writing you to show my support for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Diana [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:23:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:24:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the one to be accepted. Let the wolves decide for themselves, without human interruption.

Correspondence ID: 4467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:25:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing as a strong advocate for protection of endangered animals because, Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:30:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help save wolves
Do not limit their activities/ migration
Let them live !

Correspondence ID: 4469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:31:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A

Correspondence ID: 4470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:31:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:33:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Nature and animals MUST be protected by all of us!!!

Correspondence ID: 4472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:35:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support following Alternative A option. Allow the wolve to migrate naturally.
Please let Nature tale it's course.

Correspondence ID: 4473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:37:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The proposed option of translocating wolves from the mainland to the island ignores the facts behind the decline in the island's wolf population: inbreeding, the inevitable result of a tiny population and geographic isolation. Interference with natural migration patterns would only sacrifice future generations of wolves to deformity & other sad consequences of inbreeding. Please leave the wolf population alone.

Correspondence ID: 4474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:39:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Madams and Sirs,

Please do not take any action!Itis the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,

Josephine

Correspondence ID: 4475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:40:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep Isle Royal as a wilderness (plan A) and allow wolves to come and go as they wish, rather than maintaining an artificial field for study.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4476 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:41:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the wolves to decide where they choose to be.

Correspondence ID: 4477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:49:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A that there be no action by the National Park Service. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor alternative A !!

Correspondence ID: 4479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:51:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am commenting on the Isle Royale Wolf Management proposal.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 02:57:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative A!!!

Correspondence ID: 4481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:01:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:02:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4483 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:04:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:05:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I used to live in Ann Arbor, Mi and have visited Isle Royale and seen the vegetation experiments on moose feeding on vegetation. I support Option A to continue this long term experiment.

Correspondence ID: 4485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:06:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:07:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There are four alternatives proposed for wolves on the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving. After reading the background information and the four proposals, Alternative A seems to be the best solution. The best thing to do is nothing. Let Nature take its course. Sometimes, human intervention is helpful, but not in this case.

Correspondence ID: 4487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:07:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing regarding the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior. I support Alternative A, which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:07:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4489 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:08:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please enact Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration, as wolf policy for Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4490 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:09:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to put forward my support of Alternative A in the discussion regarding the Wolves of Isle Royale.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4491 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:10:39

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must protect our resources and the animals who inhabit them. Give these wolves the ability to live and thrive and contribute to the ecosystem as they have throughout history. Constant interference tips the balance of nature negatively and increases the detriment to nature's delicate balance.

Correspondence ID: 4492 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:12:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that if wolves leave or die off, the population should not artificially be replaced. If we have already tried to translocate the wolves, we should not continue to do so.

Correspondence ID: 4493 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 03:15:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a no interference policy. The wolves will come or go as they choose. Their survival is not ours to determine. The decline in moose will precipitate their own numbers declining or leaving. Let Nature take it's course.

Correspondence ID: 4494 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:17:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must be better stewards of God's creation.

Correspondence ID: 4495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:20:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. (Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration).
Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:22:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C. Bring wolves back to the park.

Correspondence ID: 4497 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:23:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative "A". Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4498 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:26:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to the Royale's Wilderness status. Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering this.

Correspondence ID: 4499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:31:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: National parks and the wild life within must be protected for our survival.

Correspondence ID: 4500 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:31:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Help!

Correspondence ID: 4501 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:31:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do not transplant the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4502 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:35:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4503 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:35:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let wolves roam free.

Correspondence ID: 4504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:38:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Normally I would say let nature take it's course. However since man steadfastly interferes we need to compensate by actively helping the wolf population as needed. I vote for option #3

Correspondence ID: 4505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:40:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect all of our wild life. We are going to destroy the beautiful creatures put here on earth, so we can enjoy them for all ages to come. They are protected to some measure. But if let people kill off, or hurt any living thing we are putting them in more harm.

Correspondence ID: 4506 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:42:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please vote no to all legislation that harms animals and wilderness including this bill-thank you

Correspondence ID: 4507 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:44:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:44:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wilderness and the wolves. Do not allow any wolf hunting.

Correspondence ID: 4509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:44:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Choice "A" is the right one...Let the wolves decide to come or leave the island..

Correspondence ID: 4510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:45:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

THANK YOU.

Correspondence ID: 4511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:49:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good afternoon,

I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

This alternative respects the natural cycle of Nature.

Don't forget that the Isle Royale is designated Wilderness.

Kind regards

Correspondence ID: 4512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:50:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:53:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our planet is being destroyed at a fast and furious pace.

Anyone who is not seeing that might want to think about what you are going to say to your children.
We don't have children and I worry about our future. Traveling one can see the destruction and feel it in the change of our weather

Correspondence ID: 4514 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:53:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that holds true to Isle Royale and its wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.
We live in a time when science is expanding to understand the needs of all sentient beings whom we share the world with. Please honor that by recognizing that Alternative A is the right choice.

Correspondence ID: 4515 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:56:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Its time we leave the animals alone. This is their world also. We do not own every single place in the world. We must learn to share our planet with all species.
Are we really so greedy as to remove animals from their home all over the world and displace them ?
If we are we are a trult sad species indeed, and undeserving of God's love... :(

Correspondence ID: 4516 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:57:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4517 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:57:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear-

Please choose alternative A and let nature take it's course without further intervention from humans. We need to learn to coexist with the rest of the animal kingdom without further diminishing their populations as a result of our actions.

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 4518 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:58:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir / Madam,
I would like to request from the National Park Service to include the following points:

- 1) Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Alternative A is about taken No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
- 2) Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
- 3) Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I hope you consider the above and I thank you in advance.

Regards,



Correspondence ID: 4519 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:59:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is not a suitable place for wolves to thrive; as proven by the history. Do not condemn any more wolves to that fate.

Correspondence ID: 4520 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:59:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select option "A" - it is the least costly option, and it most truly reflects how a wilderness should be allowed to function and thrive.

Thank You!

Correspondence ID: 4521 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 03:59:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As Isle Royale is a wilderness area I feel that no action should be taken. Let the wolves come and go as they wish. Deliberately bringing wolves in so that they can suffer the same fate as the ones who arrived on their own doesn't seem to make any sense. Give the place a chance and see if more wolves will move in.

Correspondence ID: 4522 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:00:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Although wolves have not always been part of the Isle Royale ecosystem, they have been present for more than 65 years, and have played a key role in the ecosystem, affecting the moose population and other species during that time. The average wolf population on the island over the past 65 years has been about 22, but there have been as many as 50 wolves on the island and as few as three. Over the past five years the population has declined steeply.

Correspondence ID: 4523 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:01:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A. We need to preserve our wilderness.

Thank you.

- David ████

Correspondence ID: 4524 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:01:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for the A solution

Correspondence ID: 4525 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:02:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4526 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:06:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4527 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:06:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the autonomy of wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4528 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:07:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4529 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:08:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a balancing aspect of the Natural world.In most cases their presence would greatly help.Say YES to the Wolves being a bigger presence.

Correspondence ID: 4530 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:09:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to support Alternative A, which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Correspondence ID: 4531 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:10:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature take its course.
Having only two wolves on the island shows that it does not support a thriving pack.

Correspondence ID: 4532 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:12:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

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Correspondence ID: 4533 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:14:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4534 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:15:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the wolves to follow their natural movements. So much wildlife has been decimated due to human activities and policies. There is room for all. We need to become more and more humane in our dealings with animals in order for us to be a truly advanced society.

Correspondence ID: 4535 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:16:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Just say NO!

Correspondence ID: 4536 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:17:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to let nature decide whether wolves want to be on the island or not, and not artificially introduce them there.

Correspondence ID: 4537 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:18:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4538 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:21:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Plan A

Correspondence ID: 4539 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:22:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

God bless us all in Jesus!

Correspondence ID: 4540 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:23:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4541 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:23:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4542 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:24:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE PROTECT our wilderness for future generations!

Correspondence ID: 4543 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:24:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Plan A

Correspondence ID: 4544 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:25:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please reconsider the energy bill which would cause harm to the wilderness and wildlife. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4545 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:29:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4546 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:31:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4547 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:31:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your efforts.

Correspondence ID: 4548 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:31:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop the killing and abuse motivated by greed!

Correspondence ID: 4549 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:32:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: WE ARE GUILTY OF DECIMATING MORE SPECIES IN THE SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME, WE CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE LOSSES.

Correspondence ID: 4550 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:33:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4551 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:34:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In my opinion, Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4552 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:34:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves!!

Correspondence ID: 4553 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:37:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect our National Parks and its inhabitants.

Correspondence ID: 4554 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:40:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: help the wolves

Correspondence ID: 4555 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:42:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative B makes the most sense at the current time.

It should be coupled with the complete removal of all domestic dogs from the island or absolute control of Parvo Virus. Parvo Virus has contaminated the ongoing study so results are not totally valid.

A one time adjustment and removal of outside contaminating factors seems the best way to restore some validity to the study and restore the system that had naturally evolved. Wolves on the island may be a recent natural phenomenon, but it was natural, Parvo was not natural and needs to be eliminated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 4556 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:43:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that this area should be left to its own resources. That is the way of nature. There is no danger of prey overtaking this island as there were no wolves prior to approx. 1940 and the current populations of moose are declining. I agree that we do need to keep a careful eye on the populations of animals on the island, but we need take no action at this time. If the wolves die out on this island, the consequences will be little. If we were to try to manage the population of wolves on this island, it will become a great burden to our rangers and more training will have to occur with the costs related. There is no need for our interference at this time. Please choose to allow nature to take its course for the health of this island. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4557 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:46:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service asked for public comments as it considers whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving. The answer is clear, support Alternative A; No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4558 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:49:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect the Wilderness status of Isle Royale. We need to preserve all the park areas we have left. I'm not a member of anything.

Correspondence ID: 4559 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:49:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A, the no-action alternative, would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4560 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:50:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE let the wolves live freely and secure! they are wonderful animals that we need to help live freely! THANK YOU!!

Correspondence ID: 4561 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:50:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I wish to submit my support of Alternative A that no action be taken at all. The wolves would be allowed to freely come and go based on their natural migration habits and patterns.

â€ Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4562 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 04:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider the big picture and the role that wolves play in maintaining the riparian areas through deer and elk management, the runoff which affects salmon, the removal of weak and diseased from the herds. Man cannot assume the role of the wolf in in the ecosystem. Please let them coexist in their natural order.

Correspondence ID: 4563 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:51:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the protection of wolves in Wildernesses across the country We should be protecting them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. I believe that in the wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A (Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status), the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4564 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:52:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4565 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:53:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Animals are sentient beings! Let them live their lives in peace.

Correspondence ID: 4566 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:54:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save environment.

Correspondence ID: 4567 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:55:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4568 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:55:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: since Isle Royale is a wilderness area, let nature due her thing - Alternative A is the way to go

Correspondence ID: 4569 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:56:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4570 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:57:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Do something right for a change, instead of what lobbyists and corporations want you to do.

Correspondence ID: 4571 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:58:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A: no action, wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4572 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:58:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4573 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:59:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please be aware that our parks are integral to our health and wellbeing as well as our national identity and humanity. As Henry David Thoreau said, " In wildness is the preservation of civilization."
They are not for sale for mere cash, we can and should prioritize public institutions for the preservation of our democracy!

Correspondence ID: 4574 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:59:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please honor and uphold Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Let the wolves choose to live on Isle Royale or move on.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for a small fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4575 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:59:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A (No Action) Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4576 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 04:59:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4577 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:01:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Relocate!!!

Correspondence ID: 4578 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:02:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4579 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:02:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4580 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:03:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A please.

Correspondence ID: 4581 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:03:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative Plan A.

Correspondence ID: 4582 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:04:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help them

Correspondence ID: 4583 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:04:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: .

Correspondence ID: 4584 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:05:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4585 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:07:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Never torture or kill any animal!

Correspondence ID: 4586 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:09:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild Please support Alternative "A" in your consideration of how the wolf population is managed.

Correspondence ID: 4587 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:09:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4588 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:10:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our lands must be appreciated and safeguarded for future generations

Correspondence ID: 4589 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:11:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4590 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:12:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4591 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:12:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Good Day to All,

I believe that Action A would be the best course to proceed with. Allowing the natural movements of any eco-system insures that it will adjust according to nature, and not a human induced solution to allowing one or more species to thrive or not. We have seen time and time again, that when we step in to adjust or modify the natural flow of nature it only exasperates the issue along with consequences that we never intended.

I thank you for reading my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4592 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:12:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please support Alternative A which is: no action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4593 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:13:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Best vregads,



Correspondence ID: 4594 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:14:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support regarding transplanting wolves to Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior
Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4595 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:15:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4596 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:16:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolf population self regulate- no action is required

Correspondence ID: 4597 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:18:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4598 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:20:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello, please support support Alternative A.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4599 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:20:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the wolves in their home. It is well documented that wolves are very beneficial to their environments, and to the other species with whom they interact.

Correspondence ID: 4600 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:21:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect our environment and wildlife before it's too late.

Correspondence ID: 4601 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:21:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the wolves to make their own decision.

Correspondence ID: 4602 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:21:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: if this means that the wolf population will thrive in the area then yes. but if the wolfs are dying and leaving there must be a problem, i personally think then there is something else that must be done to see why they are leaving or/ dying

Correspondence ID: 4603 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:21:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A to support both the wolves and the habitat. We should not interfere with the natural migration of an animal population just because tourists "want to see and hear wolves". If the wolves are migrating off of the island, there must be a reason for that and they should be left alone to live their lives in peace.

Correspondence ID: 4604 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:22:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.
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Correspondence ID: 4605 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:22:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4606 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:23:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4607 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:24:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Stop all torture and killing of all wild lands and wildlife now!

Correspondence ID: 4608 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:24:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please keep this area open to wolves so that they can keep the ecosystem balanced.

Correspondence ID: 4609 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:24:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let nature do what nature has to...but while this is happening do NOT approve any development as wolves and other wildlife will end up on the island again over time. To be wild is to be unencumbered by anything except the laws of nature. We as the only species that is constantly trying to destroy nature (even unintentionally) have to stop and do something we rarely do, QUESTION why are we proposing or doing something that is disruptive to nature?

If scientists want to study some wolves then stop the slaughter of wolves by stopping trigger happy ranchers/farmers/"survivalists", this would allow wolves to be more plentiful and therefore more wolves to study.

It isn't "rocket science", we just have to be able to think and employ methods (or stop ourselves from employing methods) without "THOSE ANIMALS ARE VICIOUS", "EASY", "MAKE A DOLLAR", etc. running around our minds.

You always miss something that was always there, BUT once it's gone forever, it's too late.

Correspondence ID: 4610 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:25:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4611 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:25:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4612 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:25:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for putting the lives of innocent animals first.

Correspondence ID: 4613 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:26:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Please do the right/humane thing for the animals this Wilderness area!

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 4614 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:26:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to support that the NPS adopt Alternative A, as is befitting a wildernessThank you.

Correspondence ID: 4615 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:26:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A-for natural migration of Isle Royale Wolves, is the way I think it should go for the wolves.

Thank-you,
Ann ■■■■

Correspondence ID: 4616 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:27:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative "A", the only alternative that honors the Wilderness status of Isle Royale. We have no right to manipulate this land for our own prejudices. It is now obvious that Isle Royale is too small to sustain wild wolves forever. Let nature take its course. Last time, wolves were attracted to the scent of dead moose. Let the wolves decide and don't let global warming get in the way of this decision. Stop the manipulation of nature for our own whims and desires. Nature is more resilient and wiser than us.

Correspondence ID: 4617 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:27:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider alternative A, do nothing, to allow natural processes to run their course with respect to the wolf population of Isle Royal. Only this alternative is truly consistent with the island's Wilderness designation.

Correspondence ID: 4618 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:28:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Please Support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,
Kelly [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4619 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:28:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves deserve a place to live without threat of being killed.

Correspondence ID: 4620 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:28:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge your agency to adopt Plan A regarding the wolf population on isle Royale. If the wolves repopulate the island, let it happen naturally with the wolves moving in on their own. It just doesn't justify the cost to translocate wolves, and with climate warming who knows what will happen to the moose population? Thank you for considering my views. Sincerely, Marcie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4621 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:28:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am for Alternative A, not to interfere.

Correspondence ID: 4622 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:30:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: keep isle royale in good condition.

Correspondence ID: 4623 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:30:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4624 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:31:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940's by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left.

The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations, but inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and trans-locating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there.

The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Please vote Alternative A. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 4625 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event the wolves should decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go.

Correspondence ID: 4626 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:33:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Preserve our national treasures

Correspondence ID: 4627 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:35:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that you should do nothing. Let the wolves and nature make the decision.

Correspondence ID: 4628 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:36:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, and I respectfully request that you support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 4629 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:36:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative D, in which NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4630 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:37:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature prevail

Correspondence ID: 4631 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 05:37:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save Isle Royal Park!!

Correspondence ID: 4632 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:39:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4633 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:40:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take option A and allow wolves to repopulate or not. Since Isle Royale is designated a wilderness area, option A is the only option that allows the wilderness to remain so. Do not transport more wolves to the island.

Correspondence ID: 4634 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:40:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A - take no action

Correspondence ID: 4635 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:40:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support no action. Let nature and biology take its course. They are not native to that area and are pretty isolated. If wolves want to live there, let them, if they don't, then they don't. Man shouldn't disrupt other packs to try to transplant other wolves there.

Correspondence ID: 4636 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:41:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank You,
David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4637 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:41:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Considering that we, in the United States, have been fighting air pollution and ground pollution since the 1950's, and then taken on the tasks of cleaning the waterways since the 1960's; it seems to me to be taking a step backwards to allow any mining or drilling for oil on public lands. We do know that these industries causes pollution and no matter how careful an industry is, accidents do happen.

I therefore request that any application for use of public land be denied.

Correspondence ID: 4638 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:42:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I grew up with Isle Royale just off my home state's northern coast. The lure of the place has always been strong for me, but tampering with nature is a great deal of the problem with the world today and, as in every designated wilderness, unacceptable.

In considering Isle Royale's future, I urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Correspondence ID: 4639 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:43:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A.
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Correspondence ID: 4640 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:44:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A since this one will preserve and protect Isle Royal more fully!

Correspondence ID: 4641 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:44:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please vote for alternative A - Taking no action that would disrupt the wolf population in this natural habitat.

Correspondence ID: 4642 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:44:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A.

Correspondence ID: 4643 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:46:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park System:

I am writing to urge you to choose Alternative A, - the ONLY alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please, leave the wolves on Isle Royale alone.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4644 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:47:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider letting nature take its course. This does not appear to be a problem requiring a human fix. Let the wolves decide to stay or not on their own.
Thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 4645 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:47:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider my comments:

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4646 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:47:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves need protection now. There is no good reason why they are continual targets. They mate for life, co-raise their young, and try to avoid conflict. They are better citizens than most humans! Their habitat is being destroyed and taken over by people and ranchers, who are the real enemies of our health and planet. We need to look at this long term and decide to try to turn our Earth back to the beautiful place it once was before corporate farming/ranching.

Correspondence ID: 4647 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:48:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do the right thing to protect nature, humanity, and the environment.

Correspondence ID: 4648 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:49:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect wolves

Correspondence ID: 4649 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:50:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4650 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:50:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A which is the option basically of letting nature take its' course! Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4651 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:52:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As we are learning the hard way, a sound ecological system is a complicated network of many parts. Predators are an intragal part of that system. Therefore it is extremely important that the hunting of these animals at the top of the food chain is totally forbidden.

Correspondence ID: 4652 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:53:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think helping the wolves to repopulate is really important but if possible we should do it as naturally as possible. I like Option D.

Correspondence ID: 4653 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:53:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern;

I support Alternative A: "No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration" of the Isle Royale Wilderness plan for Wolves. This is the natural way to maintain the environment.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Roxanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4654 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:54:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Animals are not just cute additions to the scenery - they provide a balance by providing necessary services for all life (including people) to survive properly.

Correspondence ID: 4655 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:54:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As the number of moose has plummeted and taking into account the complicated nature of how wolves' packs develop, and the law insisting on no intervention on that island, it seems to me to contradict nature and the law by planting wolves on the island. Since their numbers have also diminished, it would be nice to know that they as other wildlife will not have an on and off the endangered list over the coming years.

Finally, if wolves are moved on to that island, will there be an open season declared on them in the future by lunatics hell-bent on killing...for "trophies", etc.?

It is frustrating to know that every time people fiddle around with wildlife that their good intentions often backfire.

Correspondence ID: 4656 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:55:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: FOR A CHANGE PLEASE DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE WOLVES....NOT MAKE THEM SUFFER
MAN DESTROYS AND KILLS...NOT WOLVES
THROUGH MY MANY YEARS ON THIS EARTH I HAVE SEEN THE CHANGES IN THE ANIMAL POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT
AND THE DEVASTATION MOSTLY CAUSED BY MAN
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING BESIDES MONEY THAT YOU (THE LAWMAKERS AND DECISION MAKERS) CARE ABOUT !!!!

Correspondence ID: 4657 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:55:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the Isle Royale Wolves safe on the Isle. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4658 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:55:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree that natural preserves should be managed with as little intervention as possible. It does not seem reasonable to me to move wolves, especially if they are threatening the moose population with extinction. Let nature decide and only take action when absolutely necessary.

Correspondence ID: 4659 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:56:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take no action. Leave things as they are.

Correspondence ID: 4660 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:56:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I opt for Alternative A. Let wolves be wolves, where they are! Human engineering of their environment should be off-limits. Natural processes should determine whether predators stay or go.

Correspondence ID: 4661 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:56:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keeping wolves on Isle Royale artificially is disingenuous, especially considering its designation as a wilderness area. Nature should be allowed to take its course. I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4662 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:56:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save our National Parks et Forests!

Correspondence ID: 4663 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:57:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My opinion is that you leave Isle Royale to nature. The Park Service does nothing. I believe that to your 'option A'. Isle Royale is a designated Wilderness zone, correct? Which technically means by law, it can't be corrected by humans. If nature hasn't put wolves in the island yet in big enough numbers to support an 'exploding' moose population, it will in time. Mother Earth has been getting it right for half a billion years, I think she'll figure this out.
As a Michigan resident, I'd prefer the state leave their damn hands off of all things nature. Hunting wolves is a mistake. And having moose on the island would be an awesome sight.

The Park Service should do nothing about the wolf population.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4664 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:57:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4665 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:57:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let Isle Royale stay a protected wilderness, and let the wolves decide if they want to come and go. I vote for Alternative A.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4666 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:57:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support Alternative A, which preserves the Royal Isle area as a habitat in which wolves can thrive.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4667 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 05:59:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A. is the best answer. I don't believe that wolves should be used for tourism on an island that has not been successful with other wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4668 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:00:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Wilderness Watch and Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4669 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:00:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please enact Alternative A where wolves can come and go with their natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4670 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:00:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4671 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:00:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In considering whether you should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving. Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4672 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:01:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: There's a programme on British Television at the moment I believe it might be on Spike at 9pm on a Tuesday. It's called Zoltan the Wolf man. It's about a Hungarian man who has about 100 animals and he keeps and trains packs of wolves, a few bears and other animals. He loves these animals and he trains some of them up to be in the movies. What he has done with these wolves is amazing. It will change a lot of people's minds about wolves to see this program.

He carried these wolves around like carrying dogs and they let him. He gets in small cages with a pack and he has become pack leader. Even wolves he has never met before he has the ability to understand them and is immediately accepted as pack leader.

It's one of the best programmes on the TV at the moment I would ask anyone to watch it as you will see these wolves are every loyal to him and he is kind to all of his animals.

Correspondence ID: 4673 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:01:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In order to keep Isle Royale a Wilderness I support the following:

☞ Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

☞ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

☞ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

☞ 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. Let nature take its course with no interference from man.

Alternative A is the only way to maintain Wilderness status and artificially boosting the population of wolves does not help their current situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4674 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:02:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save this area !!!

Correspondence ID: 4675 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:04:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4676 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:04:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4677 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:04:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative B

Correspondence ID: 4678 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:04:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option 1 let the wolves decide on their own if they want to recolonize the island.

Correspondence ID: 4679 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:04:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4680 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:06:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4681 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:06:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Dear Sirs,

please do that:

- Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4682 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:06:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Help the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4683 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:07:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose option A

Correspondence ID: 4684 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:08:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4685 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:09:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4686 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:09:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4687 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:10:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness and wildlife needs protection. The world would be at a great loss without them.

Correspondence ID: 4688 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:10:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4689 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:10:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option A. Wilderness is wilderness so let wilderness do the choosing

Correspondence ID: 4690 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:10:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are part of nature. They control the moose and deer population.

Correspondence ID: 4691 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:11:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. As this island is a designated wilderness area it is to be left untouched. The wolves are abandoning it for reasons of their own. The proper course of action would be to avoid meddling and honor their innate wisdom by allowing Nature to take its own course.

Correspondence ID: 4692 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:11:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4693 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:11:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

How is it that we as a species have not learned from the many thousands of experiments we've tried in this area that when it comes to maintaining wilderness and ecosystem balance there is only one positive action human beings can take: stay out!!

Correspondence ID: 4694 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:12:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is my first choice, followed by D.

Correspondence ID: 4695 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:12:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only option that makes any sense with regard to the wolf population at Isle Royale. Attempting to MANAGE the wilderness is a huge mistake, as has been demonstrated so many times in the past. Leave the "wilderness" untrammled, and let nature takes its due course.

Attempting to TRANSPLANT wolves there will only result in the population again becoming inbred and is a cruel and unnecessary course of action. Wilderness should never be MANAGED!

Correspondence ID: 4696 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:12:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In full support of Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4697 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:13:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: MAKE ANIMALS A PRIORITY AND SAVE THEM AT ALL COSTS!

Correspondence ID: 4698 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:14:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Nature, not man, should decide the appropriate wildlife balance in this upper mid-west region. Do nothing now.

Correspondence ID: 4699 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:14:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4700 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:14:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A, no action in wilderness to establish a wolf population. Let nature take a natural course, if or when conditions support a dispersal of wolves into the IR NP.
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments, Sincerely [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4701 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:14:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please DONT reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale; leave nature to itself. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4702 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:14:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ALTERNATIVE A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4703 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:14:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 4704 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:15:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves, their numbers are declining.

Correspondence ID: 4705 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:15:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

⌘ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

⌘ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4706 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:15:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Self Explanatory.

Correspondence ID: 4707 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:15:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I respectfully request that you seriously consider the following :

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4708 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:17:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the alternative to take no action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4709 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:17:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think nature should decide whether or not wolves inhabit Isle Royale. On my island of Vashon (in the Pacific Northwest), once in a while a bear will swim over. He will be spotted, and usually swim off after a few weeks or months. Lately, we have an increasing population of coyotes. There is a certain ebb and flow of wildlife here. Our deer population fluctuates year to year. There is not much interference from the humans. There is a hunting season, but relatively few deer are shot as opposed to those killed by cars. What I am saying in too many words, is that I feel that importing wolves to study nature, is not studying nature. It is managing nature, which is not the goal here, is it? The wolves will come on their own, or not. That is studying nature. From what I understand, they are not endemic to the island; only being there for a relatively short period of time. And then, once there, they are slowly dying out. That sounds like the normal ebb and flow of species in particular areas.
I think you should enact your Plan A. Do nothing.

Correspondence ID: 4710 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:17:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

⌘ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

⌘ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 4711 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:17:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4712 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:17:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4713 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:19:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop killing everything

Correspondence ID: 4714 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:19:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There is no legitimate (peer reviewed) scientific justification for killing wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4715 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:22:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A. This is the only option that is truly humane and and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4716 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:22:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do support : Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4717 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:23:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support allowing wolves to choose whether they will live on Isle Royale i.e. no NPS, human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 4718 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:23:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After reviewing some of the research on the issue of moving more wolves to Isle Royal National Park, I hope the National Park Service will not choose this option. It has been shown that wolves do not thrive on this island and inbreeding caused many issues, including their not surviving. I am very much for helping wolves and nature but in this situation it has been demonstrated that is does not help.

Thank you for hearing my comment. Sheryl [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4719 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:23:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4720 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:23:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4721 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:23:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Quite simply, Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. The other alternatives proposed do not honor this status and are doomed to fail for the same reasons the current wolf population has declined.

Correspondence ID: 4722 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:23:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4723 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:24:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4724 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:24:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe, since the inbreeding of wolves is a very likely possibility again, that Alternative A is the best answer. Wolves are wonderful animals and natural predators; however, if the migration to Isle Royale was unsuccessful to begin with, how likely would it be unsuccessful again.

Correspondence ID: 4725 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:24:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4726 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:26:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect precious and irreplaceable natural resources.

Correspondence ID: 4727 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:26:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. No action. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4728 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:28:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would strongly suggest leaving nature alone. It has done a marvelous job without and often in spite of man's interference for millennia. Our best course is very often to stay the hell out of the way.

Correspondence ID: 4729 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:29:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Plan A is the best course. Keep the area a true 'wilderness' and let nature itself manage the area.

Correspondence ID: 4730 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:29:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4731 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:29:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4732 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:29:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4733 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:30:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4734 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:31:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 4735 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:31:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support for plan A. The need for a healthy wolf population - multiple groups to insure a strong gene pool. Let the wolves migrate as they will.

Correspondence ID: 4736 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:31:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Over and Over again history has proved how wolves keep the wild life in balance. Look at what happened when all the Wolves were wipe out of the Yellow Stone National Park, over population of all Elk and Buffalo, to a point that over population caused damage to the land and dead from not enough food. When is our Governing Offices going to get the message, WE NEED WOLVES, THEY ARE PRESENT BECAUSE THEY HELP OUR WILD LIFE STAY IN BALANCE.

Correspondence ID: 4737 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:32:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option A to let wolves naturally select whether they populate the island or not.

Correspondence ID: 4738 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:32:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I understand that you are considering the wolf population at Isle Royale NP. I would opt for doing nothing.

If the natural habitat and forces of nature do not support wolves, they should not be re-introduced.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4739 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:32:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

The current state of the world is changing very quickly. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island may be more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there in these uncertain times.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, much more can be learned by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for requesting comments and including the above in your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4740 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:32:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve but this doesn't the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

I am concerned about the trauma impact to the wolf in leaving its natural habitat into an environment that may not be conducive to its thriving.

The only exception would be if the wolves were in need of a safe refuge, but this doesn't appear to be the case.

Thank you for all that you do.

Correspondence ID: 4741 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:33:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not try to repopulate the wolves on this island. They are too isolated, with the result of inbreeding & loss of their numbers. In this case let nature take its natural course.

Correspondence ID: 4742 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:36:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4743 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:36:27

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4744 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:36:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I along with Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4745 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:36:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for permitting me to comment on the proposals regarding the Wolf population.

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots. It seems that too often, when humans get in the way and try to "control" a natural process, then nature is harmed.

I believe that natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 4746 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:36:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: help national parks service do their job to protect.

Correspondence ID: 4747 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4748 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:37:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a wilderness area, should be left alone.

Correspondence ID: 4749 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:38:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No -----that area will be underwater soon. Leave the Wolves alone and stop killing them.

Correspondence ID: 4750 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:38:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4751 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:38:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves Forever

In all respects the Wolf deserves his place because of his link with humanity through out known history both written and spoken. The wolf was in fact man in the Northeast's hunting partner as both human and wolf assisted each other in surviving the conditions of life and the quest for food to live.

Any habitat that maintains this great animal totem where sightings or their howls may be experienced would surely benefit the soul of man, which through his impacts on nature has changed the face of nature to the point where real nature is perhaps no more and gods remaining gifts totally depend upon mankind as the steward of the earth.

The wolf by its presence and life would define "wilderness" itself. Like for example in New Jersey Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area despite all its negative impacts; eagles and bears bring a sense of instance time travel to a "wilderness" sense tangible or intangible; how much more so in the Michigan Landscapes..

Back in 1999 in the Alligator National Forest of North Carolina i had a wolf experience with the red wolf calling it in and was answered back on a thick

humid August night hearing it answer was quite a deal especially for the others in company. Like a forgotten Citizens of this land let them be recognized and given their place; continue the good work in the Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4752 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:39:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Be it lack of food, disease, an invasion species, or pollution, only AFTER you have thoroughly studied why wolves of Isle Royal took a nose dive, and why some wolves are simply leaving, should you then, yes, re-establish the population using immigrant wolves. Wolves as a whole are not so far off the endangered species list that they can't leap right back on overnight. Taking wolves from another area where they are threatened and using them to repopulate Isle Royal is better than letting "sportsmen" hunt them for trophies.

Correspondence ID: 4753 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:39:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I encourage NO ACTION, Options A. Let nature take its course. Nature was here long before us and seemed to do fine. Two trite, but true lines come to mind: don't mess with nature...and every action has a reaction. Those are our quotes, human quotes, let's not forget them in this question of nature.

Correspondence ID: 4754 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the "no action" alternative in the case of the Wolves of Isle Royale wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4755 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:39:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wild animals were once 99% o the natural world and now due to human overpopulation, wild animals make up less than 1%. ree roaming wild animals keep nature in balance instinctually. Humans destroy and create mono cultures that will be our demise. Protect the natural world and it will protect the future of human beings.

Correspondence ID: 4756 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:39:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It has come to my attention that the National Park Service is considering the possibility of capturing wolves and relocating them to Isle Royale for the purpose of extending a study focused on the relationship of wolves to moose.

Whereas wolves, and moose before them, are recent migrants to the island, it stands to reason that the decline of both species including the demise of the wolf population leaves the study much to analyze. Introducing a foreign population of wolves will not teach us anything about natural relationships.

It is my understanding that Isle Royale National Park is a designated wilderness area. Preservation of wilderness relies on our willingness to allow nature to take its course unimpeded.

Given these facts, it seems the only logical course is alternative A. Respect natural process.

Please implement Alternative A as listed in the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard ████████

Correspondence ID: 4757 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:40:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I will be visiting Isle Royele in August and it would be my ultimate privilege and pleasure to see the wolves, but I believe we should let nature take its course and not interfere with the decline of the wolves. They were not there originally and we do not need to continue to "manage" them by reintroducing them to the island. I know the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park was instrumental in resurrecting ecological equilibrium, but this is a different situation and I believe it would be best to let them die naturally and then not replace them. There is wisdom in nature and not interfering is the best approach.

Correspondence ID: 4758 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:40:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness area must remain wild and include as much biodiversity as is natural. The world relies on these places for so many things.

Correspondence ID: 4759 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:40:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A. Wolves are an integral part of a delicate ecosystem and human interference only damages the balance.

Correspondence ID: 4760 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:41:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No Action.

Correspondence ID: 4761 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:42:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you

Tacey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4762 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:43:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4763 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:43:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4764 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:44:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. This is the only choice that fully supports Isle Royale's status as a wilderness area.

Wolves have only been part of the Isle Royale ecosystem for forty years, and should be considered an anomaly. The wolves initially chose to live on Isle Royale; let any future choice about wolves living on Isle Royale belong to the wolves.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your attention.

Correspondence ID: 4765 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:44:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This earth needs the wolves as vital link in the food chain. It is the LEAST we can do for our planet.
Elizabeth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4766 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:44:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves

Correspondence ID: 4767 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:44:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royal is a designated wilderness. As such there should be no human action taken to alter the natural order of the island. The changing climate will cause additional stress without adding more wolves. I am old enough to remember when the Wolverine state actually had Wolverines. We at one time had to chase deer out of the yard to hang up our washing to dry. I saw the last bear in our neighborhood in the early '40s. Civilization is is oversold. A birch tree on our lakefront property was killed when a Detroit tourist cut off a strip of bark for a souvenir. My first school was the [REDACTED] township one room schoolhouse.

Correspondence ID: 4768 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:45:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves from the mainland should not be introduced onto Isle Royal. They were not there until the 1940s and are not necessary now.

Correspondence ID: 4769 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:46:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Since the wolves arrived on the island probably during a time when food was scarce in their normal hunting grounds (during the winter), it seems the correct thing to allow them to die off on this island. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status, and honors the wolves natural course of their evolution on this island. Wolves should determine their own time on the island. I think you should let them die off, and stay out of nature's way!

Correspondence ID: 4770 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:46:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a former MN resident with ties in the area I urge you to select Alternative A, No Action for the Isle Royale Wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4771 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:47:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am a professional biologist with a long career invested in conservation. I favor Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4772 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:47:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4773 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:47:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.
Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 4774 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:47:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our wildlife & wild spaces has been in peril for years, please save them

Correspondence ID: 4775 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:47:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take no action on Isle Royale - transplanting wolves in the 1940's was done with good intentions but too much interference for scientific study does a disservice to animals and humans alike.

thank you,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4776 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:48:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please enact alternate A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4777 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:49:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale is an amazing natural place. Let the wolves live! We are taking up so much of our wildlife's natural habitat. This one is a gem!!! I am supporting Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4778 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:50:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4779 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We all need to be very environmentally aware and save every bit we can.

Correspondence ID: 4780 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:51:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please seriously consider Alternative A for the protection and safety of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4781 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:51:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support alternative A - No action ~ wolves would come and go based on natural migration! Live and let live!

Correspondence ID: 4782 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:51:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

It is my belief that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4783 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 06:52:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4784 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:52:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4785 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:53:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I recommend supporting Alternative A. " Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study."

Correspondence ID: 4786 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:54:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4787 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:55:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4788 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:55:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We do not have much by way of historical example to indicate that humans are really very capable of managing earth resources and natural phenomena. Any plan developed by humans is apt to be short-sighted, inefficient and cause long-term harm. Let nature take her course with the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4789 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:56:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an integral part of the environment - please work to keep them here.

Correspondence ID: 4790 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:57:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness is just that. Manipulating anything in it would no longer make it a wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4791 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:57:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we support alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4792 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:57:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4793 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:57:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves and all wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4794 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:57:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: # Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4795 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:58:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I recommend Alternative A. Don't bring in any more wolves to artificially maintain a wolf population on Isle Royal. Let the wolves come and go by themselves without interference. Let THEM decide if they want to live there or not, and for how long.

Good wishes, Peter

Correspondence ID: 4796 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:58:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Please consider transplanting wolves to the 133,000 acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness Lake Superior to replace the depleted population of wolves there.

Correspondence ID: 4797 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:58:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action. Stop playing with nature.

Correspondence ID: 4798 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:58:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4799 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Studies have shown that a healthy wolf population helps the entire ecosystem. They kill the sick and dying. They keep herds healthy and all animals improve. The forest also benefits from overpopulation of deer or moose and elk that feed on trees or eat bark during the winter. Wolves are a vital link in the food chain. They are beautiful creatures that will benefit this area for years to come. I don't see why you wouldn't want that future for this beautiful wilderness area. What a legacy to leave our children and the ones to follow

Correspondence ID: 4800 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please send your comments by July 6. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4801 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4802 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Now more than ever we need to protect our lands and the wildlife for our future. We have been destroying our planet at an alarming rate. We need to stop destroying everything!!!! Government has allowed our air to be compromised and our forest to be cut down. If Government can allow it they should be able to stop it as well.

Correspondence ID: 4803 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Growing up in Michigan (Alpena), I was able to visit Isle Royal more than once. This beautiful wilderness, in my opinion, needs to remain free of human intervention. If wolves choose to migrate here that would be wonderful but forcing them to live here would be a sad mistake.

As wolf populations dwindle in our country from ranchers and government killing, there are still areas out west to study those wolves that are left. Uprooting packs for transport to the Island is wrong. Haven't humans done enough to kill off so many species already?

Please leave wolves alone to do what they wish to do. To make their own decision where to live and breed.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4804 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option A. Do nothing and let nature take care of the remaining wolves. If they die out it is better than introducing more wolves who would suffer the same fate.

Correspondence ID: 4805 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do the right thing.

Correspondence ID: 4806 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to encourage you to take effective measures to protect and nurture the wolf population in the Isle Royale Wilderness. Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

I ask you to Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4807 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 06:59:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Maintain wildlife to the fullest.

Correspondence ID: 4808 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:00:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves,, Please !!!

Correspondence ID: 4809 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:00:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4810 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:00:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale wilderness & the freedom of the wolves

Correspondence ID: 4811 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:00:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the balance of life, which most definitely includes the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4812 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:01:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4813 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:01:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I fully support alternative A, and would not support any other alternatives.

Correspondence ID: 4814 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:01:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4815 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Please consider this action of letting nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 4816 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness is so important for too many reasons to say here. Please do all you can to protect wild places and the animals and humans that depend on them.

Correspondence ID: 4817 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm

in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4818 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not take us back in time!! Keep all votes pertaining to Wildernesses transparent and protect what we can never recover!
It is your civic duty to protect the planet that sustains us.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 4819 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding transplanting wolves to Isle Royale National Park, I think there should be no transplanting. I think wolves should be allowed to come and go based simply on their own natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4820 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4821 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan A. Let the wolves decide if they want to stay or not. Let nature take it's course.

Correspondence ID: 4822 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:02:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe the only solution is one that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

I understand that wolves have only inhabited Isle Royale for a number of decades which constitutes a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

With reference to studies that are being conducted, even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I hope you will take these comments as a serious concern from a citizen who is dedicated to all environmental and animal welfare issues, and who has taken the time to inform herself of the situation at hand and arrived at what seems to be the best and most objective conclusion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4823 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:03:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Animals should be allowed free natural movements their home areas

Correspondence ID: 4824 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:03:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: keep it wild

Correspondence ID: 4825 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:03:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature take its course...

Correspondence ID: 4826 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:03:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4827 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:03:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear sirs

I would be in favor of the 5th and final option (D) to the Isle Royale Wolf population problem because I think it would be the more balanced approach to the needs of the area and would preserve a balance of Predator and prey

Correspondence ID: 4828 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:04:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support alternative A. Please support wilderness and wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4829 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:04:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4830 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:04:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Recommend Option A.

Correspondence ID: 4831 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:04:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Plan "A" would appear to uphold the official and true meaning of Isle Royale Wilderness Area best. While predator-prey studies can be useful....don't believe this "island" area is the place for it....particularly since wolves have only recently been there. I suspect with nature taking her course....over the coming decades, with climate change factors, they will eventually vanish from Isle Royale. Should the moose population become problematic....at that time NPS can deal with several options currently available.



Correspondence ID: 4832 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:04:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4833 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:05:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To the National Park Service:

As someone who feels strongly about preserving areas free of human intervention in wildlife populations, I urge you to choose Alternative A in the debate about transplanting wolf populations to Isle Royale. I agree with others who believe that this the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status- and the future of wolves both on the mainland and the island.

Wolves decide to live on Isle Royale, and only wolves, or natural selection, should determine if they continue to do so.

Human manipulation of wildlife populations (other than to protect habitat and minimize human predation) is misguided, particularly when the goal is to cater to human, rather than wolf, interests.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 4834 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:05:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 4835 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:05:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We can do better!

Correspondence ID: 4836 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:05:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not feel I am very well-informed, but I am inclined to side with the suggestions of Wilderness Watch, which believes it is best to leave the situation alone and to allow nature to take its natural course: that is, to not import new wolves to the island. Thank you. Sylvia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4837 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:06:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4838 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:06:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I strongly Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

thank you

Correspondence ID: 4839 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:06:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let the wolves live as they are. Let nature decide their fate.

Correspondence ID: 4840 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:08:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island. One issue for me is how and which wolves would be relocate? Is the plan an entire pack or selected sub adults from many different packs for more genetic diversity and not to destroy any pack structure by taking a breeding lead adult male or female from any pack.

Correspondence ID: 4841 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:10:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A Come & Go in their territory

Correspondence ID: 4842 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:11:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please be a voice for animals that need the land to live on and they do feel pain and feel scared they cannot speak we need to be there voice for them please help them thank you

Correspondence ID: 4843 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:11:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a lover of wilderness and wildlife, I am asking you to consider supporting Alternative A upholding Isle Royale's Wilderness status. I believe that wolves should be allowed to live and predate naturally anywhere they are able. Nature and the wolves themselves should be the only "things" to allow or deny their presence anywhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4844 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:11:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: IT's time NOW to save the wilderness, animal habitats, wildlife. It's time NOW to stop development of wild areas. It's time NOW to keep humans OUT of wildlife habitats. Federal dollars, tax dollars, should be spent to maintain national parks and drilling and other human activity should be totally halted in all wild areas. LET THE ANIMALS LIVE AND LEAVE THEM ALONE.

Correspondence ID: 4845 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:12:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option a is what should be done. let nature be nature

Correspondence ID: 4846 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:13:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4847 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:14:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4848 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:14:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale Wilderness and wolves.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4849 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:14:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to comment on the Isle Royale plan to capture wolves and relocate them to the island. I think that is not sound science. If they were meant to be and thrive they would. Remember they are not indigenous to the island. You are messing with nature.

Correspondence ID: 4850 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:15:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4851 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:15:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect these animals. This is a disgrace.

Correspondence ID: 4852 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:16:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4853 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:16:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support:

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Correspondence ID: 4854 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:16:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternate A with regard to the Isle Royale wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4855 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:17:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A as the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4856 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:17:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A; no action, wolves can come and go on their own. I think this is best for their long term benefit as well as their prey. Thank you for considering my view.

Correspondence ID: 4857 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:18:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited the island for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence is more an anomaly than the norm in the island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if they decide to leave permanently, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island.

Correspondence ID: 4858 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:18:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Regarding the protection of Isle Royale Wilderness in Lake Superior and the freedom of wolves to migrate freely, I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Thank you for adopting policies that protect our wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 4859 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:18:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness is essential for all!

Correspondence ID: 4860 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:18:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep up the Good work and information.

Correspondence ID: 4861 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:19:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Correspondence ID: 4862 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:19:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to voice my support for Alternative A in the NPS plan for the Isle Royale Wolves Wilderness site.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I believe the benefits of allowing nature to take its course outweighs those of introducing more wolves to the area, which will serve mostly as a tourist attraction and most likely lead to having to make a decision like this again down the line as the same events play out.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 4863 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:20:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4864 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:20:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4865 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:20:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4866 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:20:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4867 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:21:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. No translocation of wolves is necessary or desirable.

Correspondence ID: 4868 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:22:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not transplant wolves to the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior. 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. Let wolves come and go based on natural migration. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4869 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:22:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to Support Alternative A, as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any Event, we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4870 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:22:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option A regarding the wolfe population on Isle Royale. Let naure take its course with NO intervention from humans. According to the Wilderness Act, that is the way Wilderness areas are supposed to be managed.

Correspondence ID: 4871 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:23:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect wolves in the wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4872 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:23:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I urge support for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of its post-glacial history. Their recent presence on the Island is an anomaly more than it is the norm in the Island's very long history. It would be much more natural to let them arrive again on the island by chance.

If the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves. Artificially introducing another wolf population on the island to continue the current predator-prey research would make this a manipulated man-made mesocosm study. It's likely the introduced wolves would meet the same fate as the previous isolated wolves. The wolf population should not be manipulated for the sake of tourism or to continue the predator-prey research. I support Alternative A.

Respectfully,
Julia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4873 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:23:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop the insanity and do what is right for our environment to survive.

Correspondence ID: 4874 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:23:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: of course wolves should be reintroduced back into any environment they have been removed from .. all you need to see is the video on how putting wolves back into yellowstone has made the ENTIRE park healthier in every way , even the river .

Correspondence ID: 4875 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:24:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A for Isle Royale. Let nature take it's course.

Correspondence ID: 4876 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:24:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ALL animals need our protection!!

Correspondence ID: 4877 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:25:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4878 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:25:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take action on this item

Correspondence ID: 4879 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:25:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support no action - wolves should come and go based on their natural migration. This upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4880 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:25:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4881 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:27:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re: Isle Royale Wolves

I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4882 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:27:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's do all we can to protect our environment and animals. It's the smart thing to do in order for this world to survive.

Correspondence ID: 4883 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:27:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I support Alternative A for Isle Royale Wilderness. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4884 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:27:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Yes, please transfer the wolves to Isle Royal National Park.

Correspondence ID: 4885 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:27:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A as it is the most consistent with the idea of wilderness. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4886 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:27:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: All animals need protection except:

Homo sapiens, rat, rabbit.

Thanks

Correspondence ID: 4887 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:28:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4888 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:28:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Correspondence ID: 4889 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:28:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4890 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:29:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Allow wolves freedom to roam wilderness area or not.

Correspondence ID: 4891 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:30:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,

I am a Michigan resident, and supporter of our wild environments. I plan on visiting Isle Royale some day. I think wolf populations on Isle Royale, should be left to nature, with no intervention by humans. This is how wolves got there in the first place, and this is how they should get there again, if they can.

I ask you to follow:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 4892 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:31:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Please take no action when it comes to wolves on Isle Royale National Park . Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank You,

Correspondence ID: 4893 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:31:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4894 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:31:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save these animals

Correspondence ID: 4895 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:31:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 4896 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:32:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A, when people try to alter the course of nature bad things happen. I can understand if man was responsible for the Wolf population declining, undoing what man has done. Nature takes care of it own, Man does not belong to nature and does not understand nature. This is why man keeps trying to alter nature, generally for his own selfish purposes, usually with disastrous out comes.

The problem with us humans is that most of us do not see our own short comings, we don't see that what we do is take from nature and return garbage. Their is a constant attack on nature from people who just like to kill anything they see, people that kill for enjoyment called hunting and to make sure everyone knows their is nothing wrong with killing animals for fun, they somehow manage to call it a sport, as if it were Baseball, football, or Hockey.

Man is hard wired to control and change everything, the Wilderness and wildlife are being destroyed every day by Hunters, the cattle industry, Fossil Fuel Industry, Ranchers, Developers, factory farms, and homeowners. The USFWS kills off millions of Wildlife and peoples pets, because they take bribes from the cattle Industry and others who have an unfounded fear of predators killing their cattle. So if people want to help wildlife put pressure on the government to stop killing off our Wildlife and put more animals with declining populations on the endangered species list.

Correspondence ID: 4897 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:32:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: save the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4898 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:32:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My family originally came from northern Minnesota, and my father worked with the CCC in the 1930's inside what is now the Boundary Waters Wilderness. I support Alternative A, in order to protect and maintain Isle Royale as wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 4899 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:32:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that the National Park Service should allow the wolf population on Isle Royal to succumb to nature. It is difficult to let the wolves die off. However, their fate on Isle Royal is stunted at best. Even if the NPS transplants new wolves, they will eventually become inbred and weak. Perhaps wolves will once again migrate, but humans should back off and let nature take its course. Scientists will be able to study other animal populations- -particularly moose- -without wolves as their top predator. This could provide valuable information for species recovery plans and provide strong support for sustaining wolf populations in other areas. I love wolves and it is difficult to allow them to disappear from anywhere, but perhaps they will one day migrate back to Isle Royal. If they do, it should be on their terms, rather than due to human desires.

Correspondence ID: 4900 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:33:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ALTERNATIVE A- -PLEASE!

Correspondence ID: 4901 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:33:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support only Alternative A for this beautiful and pristine wildemess. All natural wildlife should be allowed to remain. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4902 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:33:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan A seems like the most natural solution to the wolf populations on Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 4903 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:33:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4904 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:34:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support "Alternative A" for Isle Royal National Park.

Correspondence ID: 4905 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:34:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternate A: allowing wolves to move freely in a natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4906 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:34:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Wolves should be reintroduced to their natural and historical habitats, not to ones that are recent and perhaps accidental. Let nature take its course and have wolves decide if they want to repopulate the area.

Correspondence ID: 4907 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:35:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PROTECT ALL WOLVES. THEY ARE VITAL TO A HEALTHY WILD, A HEALTHY EARTH AND BALANCE IN NATURE.

Correspondence ID: 4908 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:35:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A and keep the wilderness wild. The wolves and other wildlife need a place to coexist and be safe!!

Correspondence ID: 4909 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:35:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save this beautiful wild area.

Correspondence ID: 4910 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:36:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These necessary animals were once (because of being slaughtered)near extinction. Once the balance of the environment became cockeyed, wolves were brought back to live as they were meant to live. Now ranchers greedy corporations want then dead. They were meant to be where they are!

Correspondence ID: 4911 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:36:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A because it maintains the wilderness status of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4912 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:36:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. I strongly support Alternative A,the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

I urge the NPS to adopt the no action alternative.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4913 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:36:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4914 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:37:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a National Park enthusiast, supporter ([REDACTED]), and even more, a lover of wildlife and freedom to all, option A is the ONLY answer for the Isle Royale Wolves.

I'm sure the NPS feels the same admits pressure that could seem as helpful to repopulate, but if the wolves chose to migrate there and it sure sounds like they made a mistake in doing so. Mainland wolves should not be stolen from their natural habitat for any human experiment like this on at Isle Royale even when it seems helpful in this situation.

All my best and thanks for protecting our National Parks and greatest treasures.

Correspondence ID: 4915 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:37:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I encourage you to select alternative A and leave the wilderness as wilderness. As I understand it, wolves only have occupied this area since the 1940s, so there is a relatively brief history there.

Correspondence ID: 4916 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:38:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Option A. Don't try to manage the wilderness and those who live in it.

Correspondence ID: 4917 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:38:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4918 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:39:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4919 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:39:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4920 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:39:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 4921 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:40:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, as the best alternative for the wolves on Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 4922 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:40:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4923 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:40:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A which would be no action. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4924 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:41:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4925 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:41:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: NPS,,sometimes no action is the right one,,,I vote for option A, to let the Isle return to what it was before the wolves arrived,,,,natural selection will eventually win out and the isle will be able to return to it's original space in nature....

Correspondence ID: 4926 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:41:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4927 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:42:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been aware of Isle Royale since attending Purdue University in the late 70's. And even had the opportunity to visit this remote area. One of the researchers of the wolf/ moose dynamic was a professor there at the time and has a wold park outside Lafayette, IN.

I support Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Still giving the researchers things to research. What happens when predators are gone from an ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 4928 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:42:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4929 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:42:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4930 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:42:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let nature take its course. If anything relocate the remaining wolves to a new area.

Correspondence ID: 4931 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:42:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The only responsible action is NO ACTION - choose alternative A

Correspondence ID: 4932 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:42:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Just writing to support the wolves

Correspondence ID: 4933 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:43:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Im all for wol f protection anywhere they are.

Correspondence ID: 4934 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:43:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A. Leave the wolves of Isle Royal alone and let Nature sort it out.

Correspondence ID: 4935 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:43:15

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4936 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:43:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I grew up and went to school (through post grad at Michigan) in the Great Lakes State and I can tell you I was thrilled, and awed by the first wolf I saw. Granted, it was in an educational setting, but the wolf's handler gave an excellent presentation on the role of the wolf in certain ecosystems as well as on wolf habitat.

When I visited Isle Royale I did not see or hear any wolves. It was altogether a rather sparsely visited area, as far as I could tell though that was some time ago. I keep wondering why there should be any objection to wolf populations on Isle Royale. Wolves could be a boon to both the U.S. as well as Canada. I should think even hunters would welcome the strong moose population that could come from a predator culling out the sick or weak.

More to the point, with climate change affecting all wildlife, this could be one of the last and best places to maintain and strengthen this predator's existence in the overall ecosystem. It's clear that man is most destructive when it comes to wolf habitat, and if that was the only stressor (a top predator seeking another kind of predator) the wolf might have a chance. But when one throws climate change into the mix that other predator (wolf, bear whatever) will be on the losing end. Though I live in NY now, I still return "home" to Michigan frequently. Empirical observation shows me the tremendous changes that have resulted along shorelines as a result of man and climate change. It rests with biologists and scientists to stand up for and to those who are ignorant of wolves' importance to Michigan.

Correspondence ID: 4937 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:44:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect our wolves!!!

Correspondence ID: 4938 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:44:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to share my view in support of taking no action with the wolves of Isle Royale. The Isle Wilderness is, and by law must remain, "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

I fully support what I believe you call Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Correspondence ID: 4939 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:44:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS

Background

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Recommendation

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you

Ted [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 4940 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:44:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please leave things like they are!!! Please do not do anything !!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 4941 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:45:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4942 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:45:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A.

Let nature do its thing.

Correspondence ID: 4943 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:46:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like alternative plan B best, thank you!

Correspondence ID: 4944 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:46:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop the destruction of the environment. Keep the corporate thugs away from the national parks!

Correspondence ID: 4945 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:46:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A as the only sensible and scientifically valid plan.-Garry S. Taroli.

Correspondence ID: 4946 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:46:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan A

Correspondence ID: 4947 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:47:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I prefer the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4948 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:47:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: All wolves need protection no matter where they are.

Correspondence ID: 4949 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:47:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please select the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4950 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:48:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support what is referred to as Alternative A for Isle Royale, which will keep its Wilderness status intact.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4951 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:48:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

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The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4952 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:48:49

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must save our parks and open spaces for future generations!

Correspondence ID: 4953 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:48:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4954 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:49:06

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please bring other wolfs, and once in a while, bring new one, for the mixt with blood of the one there stay strong

Correspondence ID: 4955 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:49:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4956 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 07:49:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support wolf translocation as often as needed to maintain a viable wolf population on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4957 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please use Alternate A as the plan. Manipulating environmental aspects to suite human's needs leads to the disastrous results that we see now with the decimation of the pack due to inbreeding.

Correspondence ID: 4958 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider Alternative A and let nature takes its course. Humans should never interfere with their natural progress. Hopefully they will survive and thrive, but if they don't it was meant to be.

Correspondence ID: 4959 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vehemently support Alternative A because Alternative A is the only alternative which honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status, which is the whole point.

Correspondence ID: 4960 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 4961 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A please. Let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 4962 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: a plan should be put in place to protect the wolves. they are not pieces of furniture to be moved about on a whim. think this thru.

Correspondence ID: 4963 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4964 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:50:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let the wolves decide.

Correspondence ID: 4965 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:51:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The data from Yellowstone has shown how influential predators are to the health of an entire bio-region.

For this reason, I believe reintroduction of wolves into the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior would benefit those regions as well.

Wolves' aid in restoring forest-stands is critical in a time when we need more trees to help off set carbon outputs.

Thank you,
dee

Correspondence ID: 4966 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:51:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have been around (Isle Royale)longer than I have and I'm 71. Give 'em a break and leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 4967 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:52:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please send your comments by July 6. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 4968 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:52:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 4969 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:53:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Your job is to protect, and we know you keep that as your guiding principle.
Please do it again!

Correspondence ID: 4970 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:53:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4971 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:53:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: all life is precious

Correspondence ID: 4972 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:53:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a necessary part of the ecosystem for the health of all.

Correspondence ID: 4973 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:53:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4974 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:54:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 4975 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:54:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4976 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:54:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support Alternative A, NOT capturing wolves on the mainland and transporting them to Isle Royale.

Wolves are capable of transporting themselves and the declining wolf population is not human caused, so there is no need for human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 4977 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:54:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 4978 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:55:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let the nature thrive on its own. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 4979 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:56:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In regards to the Protecting the Isle Royale Wilderness and the Freedom of Wolves, I support Alternative A and encourage you to do the same.

â€ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4980 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:56:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protecting the wild is more important than a few species. It is the survival of ALL life, including ours. Nature can only rebalance if the materials are there!

Correspondence ID: 4981 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:56:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4982 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:57:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4983 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:57:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4989 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:58:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please HELP!

Correspondence ID: 4990 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:59:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4991 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:59:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 4992 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:59:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 4993 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:59:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please HELP!

Correspondence ID: 4994 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 07:59:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I encourage you to follow a program supporting wolves

Correspondence ID: 4995 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:00:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 4996 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:02:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alt A; let natural processes prevail

Correspondence ID: 4997 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:03:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 4998 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:04:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

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Correspondence ID: 4999 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:04:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5000 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:05:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I prefer option 4, second choice option 1 for wolves on Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 5001 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:05:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a former resident of Minnesota, I am aware of this area. I am also a strong supported of protecting animals.

any and all efforts need to be made.

Correspondence ID: 5002 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:05:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing today to comment on the reintroduction of wolves to Isle Royale. Of course you should add some more wolves to the ones who are left. It is a good plan, and I hope you will think first of the wolves and the environment when considering your decision. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5003 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:06:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5004 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:07:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration

Correspondence ID: 5005 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:07:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Plan A, leave the wolves to nature, stop with human interference.

Correspondence ID: 5006 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:07:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Take no action. Let the wolves come and go as they naturally would. Leave them alone. I support plan A

Correspondence ID: 5007 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:08:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5008 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:09:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5009 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:09:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It's the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5010 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:10:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. I believe Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5011 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:11:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Thank you for considering my comments about the Isle Royale Wolves EIS. I support Alternative A: No Action. If wolves temporarily walked across a rancher's land and somebody watched them and took pictures, when they left would a project be initiated to forcibly repopulate them there? No. It's an extreme example, but a good thought experiment to clarify the logical issues here.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

The only alternative that makes sense is Alternative A: No Action. It also saves scarce resources for other productive work by your important agency.

thank you for your consideration,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5012 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:11:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: no action . wolves would come and go based on onatural migration

Correspondence ID: 5013 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:11:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5014 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:12:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. I grew up in Michigan and spent summers in the UP. Please let this situation be decided by nature. Thanks, Alice [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5015 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:12:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave them alone please. Let them come and go as nature intended

Correspondence ID: 5016 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:13:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I respectfully request that the National Park Service allow the existing Isla Royale wolves be allowed to live out their natural lives on the island, and that no wolves be relocated to that location. It is not the natural habitat for wolves, and neither NPS nor anyone else should attempt to maintain a wolf population on Isle Royale.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5017 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:13:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: What you need to do is build bridges over roadways so animals can migrate and reach each other to reproduce themselves. Let the animals do what comes naturally.

Correspondence ID: 5018 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:13:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: NO interference by humans. Let natural migration occur. Humans have only messed up wildlife when they interfere!

Correspondence ID: 5019 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:13:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please implement Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks!

Correspondence ID: 5020 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:13:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it does concern:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5021 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:13:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

AI support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5022 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:14:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative A which conforms to the wilderness designation of Isle Royale. No intervention should be undertaken.

Correspondence ID: 5023 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:14:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please oppose an anti-wildlife bill, we need the wildlife for generations.

Correspondence ID: 5024 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:14:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A regarding Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness. This option would allow wolves to come and go based on natural migration while preserving Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5025 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:15:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wolves and all wildlife

Correspondence ID: 5026 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:16:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: RE: Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves. I strongly support Alternative A: No action.

Correspondence ID: 5027 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:16:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let natural evolution of the system decide if the wolves should be there or not.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Humans should understand they should not micro-manage all ecosystems. It is sometimes best to let them evolve naturally.

Correspondence ID: 5028 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:16:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not bring in additional wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5029 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:16:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: â€ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5030 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:17:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5031 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:18:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5032 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:18:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The simple priority is that wildlife (wolves) were here first (for a reason only nature understands). It is our duty to protect them and their home... and for us to be their voices when they are threatened. Coexist!

Correspondence ID: 5033 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:18:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.
The no-action alternative which will honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5034 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:18:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A: No action. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

I understand the concern about the possibility of a moose population explosion, but such an explosion would likely encourage wolves to return to Isle Royale naturally. Observation of such a return or non-return would support studies of predator-prey relations, as well as other natural ecological mechanisms that are intended to stay unimpeded by managers in Wilderness Areas such as that encompassing almost all of Isle Royale.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5035 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:19:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please speak for those who have no voice! Protect this most valuable resource.

Correspondence ID: 5036 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:19:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the environment!

Correspondence ID: 5037 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:20:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Wilderness Watch's position which is in support of

Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5038 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:21:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the

Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5039 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:21:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5040 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:21:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of alternative A, letting nature run its course. Having wolves on Isle Royale has been an interesting event, but perhaps only an anomaly in the history of the island. Current law should be followed and we should not manipulate island wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 5041 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:22:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5042 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:22:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. Leave things alone !

Correspondence ID: 5043 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:22:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5044 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:22:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5045 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A. Let wolves migrate as they please. No forced transfer.

Correspondence ID: 5046 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative A. It honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. It's time we stop fiddling around with Isle Royale.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the American people.

Correspondence ID: 5047 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5048 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are a very important part of our ecosystem. They have every right to live the lives they were meant to and be protected so that they can.

Please protect them and our precious parks.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5049 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5050 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In regards to transplanting wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving, I support Alternative A: No action. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5051 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:23:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks,
Donna [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5052 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:24:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The job of the National Park Service is to preserve and protect the natural environment.

Correspondence ID: 5053 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:25:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Take no action Leave them alone

Correspondence ID: 5054 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:26:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect our precious wild areas and the flora and fauna they support, which in turn support the quality and sustainability of our own lives. Place RV Parks in areas already in suburban or urban areas, close to services.

Correspondence ID: 5055 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:26:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A: No action. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5056 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:26:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5057 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:27:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves should come and go as they please

Correspondence ID: 5058 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:27:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5059 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:28:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5060 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:28:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5061 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:29:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Don't you's think we've DESTROYED ENUFF !!!

Correspondence ID: 5062 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:30:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5063 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:30:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do more to protect the Wilderness of Isle Royale and others around the country, please consider doing everything possible to protect it!
THANK YOU!

Correspondence ID: 5064 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:30:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It's best for the park.

Correspondence ID: 5065 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:31:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep Isle Royale wild for the wolves and wilderness!

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue

Correspondence ID: 5066 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:31:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Yes, I think that the wolf population should be preserved by bringing new wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5067 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:31:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A, and let wolves decide whether or not they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Correspondence ID: 5068 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:32:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: AS A REPRESENTITVE FOR THE PLANET IT'S THE DUTY OF THE CITIZENS THAT WIDERNESS PLACES BE PROTECTED FROM BIG INDUSTRY (OIL,COAL)

Correspondence ID: 5069 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:32:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

Correspondence ID: 5070 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:32:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take no action. Preserve the wilderness status of Isle Royal. We must stop interfering so minutely in the status of the wild world. If the wolves don't make it on the isle and it is not because they are hunted then so be it. This is not a case of saving a species that is being destroyed by habitat reduction but a case of letting nature take it's course. Leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 5071 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:33:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As to the Royal Isle Wolves, may I urge that you go for Alternative A, no action. Let nature do as it will.

Correspondence ID: 5072 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:33:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: National Park Service - I am a retired Ecology Professor from [REDACTED] and I have used Isle Royale as an example of predator/prey interactions for 32 years. Wolves were not endemic to the island but self introduced sometime in the 40's by crossing the frozen Lake Superior. The relationship between the wolves and moose has been studied and quoted over and over in Ecology classes. The populations change through time in a time lag sequence without human intervention and it seems to work out quite well except for maybe baby moose. I favor the adoption of "A" alternative, do nothing and let Nature take its course.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5073 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:33:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5074 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:33:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom it May concern,

I am writing to support Alternative A.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5075 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:34:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5076 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:35:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A because it is the only solution that preserves Isle Royale's wilderness status while letting the wolves decide if they want to stay.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for a very small amount of post-glacial time. Their presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's extensive history. The wolves should decide if they want to live there. Even if the current population dies out and no new wolves move in, we can learn more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island.

Correspondence ID: 5077 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:35:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Keep it natural!

Correspondence ID: 5078 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:35:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let the wolves themselves decide if they want to colonize Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 5079 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:36:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5080 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:36:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5081 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:37:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Mother nature is what keeps humans sane. It has been proven. Don't destroy it, PLEASE!!!

Correspondence ID: 5082 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:37:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5083 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:37:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: na

Correspondence ID: 5084 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:37:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please honor and uphold the Isle Royale's wilderness status and ALLOW wolves to migrate based on natural laws and desires. Do NOT subject these wolves to anymore hardship from forced migration

Correspondence ID: 5085 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:38:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have been a valuable part of the Isle Royale ecosystem for quite some time now. It makes senses to make sure they continue there. It also makes sense to introduce new genes into the local population at regular intervals.

Correspondence ID: 5086 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:38:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of course you would need to rotate the wolves back to another National Forest; we would not want telepathic wolves, it is not just Rottweilers and Pit Bulls.

Correspondence ID: 5087 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: AS A LOVER OF WOLVES IT VERY IMPORTENT TO DO EVERY THING WE CAN TO PROTECT THESE BEAUTIFUL CRETURES. IN 1996 I HAD THE HONOR OF BEING INVOLVED WITH THE FIRST "WOLF WATCH" IN YELLOWSTONE)

Correspondence ID: 5088 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:39:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A seems the best to me.

Correspondence ID: 5089 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:39:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Option A - Leave these wolves alone to sort themselves out. Give them a chance to do what nature intended. Haven't we interfered enough! We are not GOD, we are custodians of this planet and should act in accordance with that mandate. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5090 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:39:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5091 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:40:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLease input Plan A.

Correspondence ID: 5092 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:40:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5093 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:40:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wildlife

Correspondence ID: 5094 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:40:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. To let the wolves come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5095 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:40:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of all the alternatives being considered, I believe that Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5096 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:40:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: LET THE WOLVES DECIDE
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5097 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:41:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5098 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:41:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5099 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:41:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5100 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:42:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5101 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:42:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A

Correspondence ID: 5102 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:43:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, taking no action and allowing wolves to come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5103 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:43:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think NPS should pursue Option D - take no action at present, but reserve the option to take action based on new data. My reasoning is as follows:

- Wolves are a relatively recent arrival on the island. Population numbers have varied from 50 to 3 since their arrival. As a relatively inbred population, these wolves will always be more vulnerable to disease, and as a small population, at increased risk of losing significant numbers to random events.
- In the absence of predators, the expectation is that the moose population would increase beyond carrying capacity, with island vegetation suffering as a result, and a possible population crash following. However, moose populations in the upper Great Lakes appear to be declining generally. Absent evidence that the island is overgrazed, overpopulation does not appear to be a significant issue at this time.
- The recent trend toward shorter, milder winters and fewer years where Lake Superior freezes over decreases the likelihood of wolves or moose repopulating from the outside. Without action by managers, these populations are likely to be the working material for whatever interactions occur in the next decades.

So, at present the island ecological balance does not appear in danger from large increases in moose numbers due to reduced predator numbers. Wolf numbers have varied widely over the last several decades (since the last introduction). It's possible that wolves have always been transient visitors because of island area or the natural issues with smaller isolated populations. However, things could change. Therefore, let natural processes play out while reserving the option of reintroducing wolves if the island ecology appears to be suffering from their absence.

Correspondence ID: 5104 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:43:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5105 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:43:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re your request for public comments about the four alternatives for wolves in Isle Royale National Park, I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5106 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:43:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please let nature take its course. We have so few wolves left, I don't see how placing more wolves on an island that clearly doesn't support the species would be beneficial. Humans have intervened so much, particularly with top predators that when we can do is leave these wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 5107 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:44:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5108 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:44:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5109 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:46:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5110 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:46:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, allow a natural population of wolves based on natural selection and migration.

Correspondence ID: 5111 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:46:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In 2006, I had the privilege of backpacking on Isle Royale for 6 days. It is an uncommon oasis of wilderness in the midst of the surrounding developed land and population.

To the question of whether of the National Park Service (NPS) ought to transplant wolves to Isle Royale given their dwindling numbers, I support the notion that nature should be allowed to take its course. Alternative A among the four on how to address this situation is the most humane and wise for the long term.

I agree with the following statements on this issue:

-Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

-Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please plan to go forward with the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5112 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:47:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider Alternative A. Let nature take its course. If Lake Superior freezes again and allows for migration, then so be it. Let the current population die out.

Correspondence ID: 5113 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:47:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must protect these animals.

Correspondence ID: 5114 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:47:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This country needs to recognize the importance of saving the environment. The politicians running for office should make a strong visible stand.

Correspondence ID: 5115 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:47:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please commit to Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5116 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:48:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is imperative that we take all steps to preserve what few wild things and wild places remain. I asked that Alternative A be adopted. Thank You.

Correspondence ID: 5117 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:49:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A because it's the only alternative that upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. We can learn more from the wolves on the island than we can if they are transplanted.

Correspondence ID: 5118 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:50:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Based on what I have read about this issue, I believe that nature should be the deciding factor in managing the Isle Royale wolf population. This means that no action should be taken to interfere with the natural migration of the wolves.

Thank you for reading my comment.

Correspondence ID: 5119 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:50:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re; Isle Royale Wolves EIS

To Whom It May Concern:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,
Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5120 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:50:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A seems best to me. Leave wolves where they are to live their lives. Moving them to an area (Isle Royale) where wolves have hardly thrived seems ridiculous.

Correspondence ID: 5121 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:50:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative # C. We need to stop the inbreeding and ensure a long term healthy population. Thomas [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5122 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:50:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5123 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:50:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Wilderness is wilderness and quit meddling where the law clearly states that man's interference is forbidden.

Correspondence ID: 5124 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:51:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is critical to preserve the wolf population. It is essential to relocate and restore the wolves to Isle Royale National Park. This is a natural environment for them and their survival depends on it.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5125 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:51:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must protect the wolves.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5126 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:51:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Since much of Isle Royale is designated a National Park and Wilderness Area, I favor Alternative A - no human interference of any kind with the wolf population now residing on the island. "Let Nature take its course."

Correspondence ID: 5127 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:51:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their "recent" presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5128 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:52:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please preserve OUR Public land for future generations...

Correspondence ID: 5129 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:52:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have seen what happens to ecosystems when wolves are removed. Deer population explodes and vegetation is destroyed. Keep the wold in balance.

Correspondence ID: 5130 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:52:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

I support:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5131 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:53:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A! Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5132 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:54:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please consider the following:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5133 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:54:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would leave it up to the wolves. That is Alternative A I believe in your EIS. No helicopters, No scientific laboratory equipment, no money spent on any re-location schemes. If the current population dies out, let it. There's a chance they may repopulate the Island again in the future.
Do not re-introduce a new pack to this area.

Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 5134 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:54:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not import wolves to the Isle Royal park. Rather, let them migrate naturally in and out as they can. It does a disservice to wolves to import them only to have them languish and require ongoing implantation to support healthy populations. Wolves there are not to be.

Correspondence ID: 5135 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:54:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Your proposed Alternative A ("do nothing") is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but we should let the wolves themselves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please seriously consider the do-nothing Alternative A proposal.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 5136 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:54:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please implement Alternative "A" for Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the

ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5137 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:54:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
This is the only option acceptable

Correspondence ID: 5138 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:55:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5139 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:55:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Mother Nature seems to be able to take care of wildlife without the interference of humans. Whenever people start manipulating the environment, the balance of nature seem to get compromised. There are many examples of this interference already in nature.

Correspondence ID: 5140 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:55:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: People must stand up and protect wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 5141 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:55:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A recommended by the Wilderness Society, so that natural process can determine the future of wolf presence on Isle Royale. If in the future, the presence of wolves should be deemed beneficial, e.g., if the moose population should become unmanageable, another alternative might be considered. Since wolves are not native to Isle Royale, i believe we shouldn't in this case tamper with nature.

Correspondence ID: 5142 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:56:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE "A" BECAUSE THE WOLVES MUST MAINTAIN THEIR NATURAL PATH OF MIGRATION. AS LONG AS THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WILL SUPPORT THE WOLVES THEY MUST BE FREE TO USE THEIR EXISTING PATH; IF, PERCHANCE, THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMES TO THE POINT WHERE IT WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT THE WOLVES EXISTENCE, AT THAT POINT HUMAN INTRUSION WILL BE ABLE TO INVESTIGATE AND CATALOGUE THEIR FINDINGS. IN THE MEANTIME, LET THE WOLVES LIVE AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS LIVED. THANK YOU.

Correspondence ID: 5143 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:56:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5144 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:57:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let wolves run free where they once lived!

Correspondence ID: 5145 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:58:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Mother Nature needs ALL the help she can get!!

Correspondence ID: 5146 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 08:58:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Let nature decide. If more wolves didn't chose to go to the island during the huge freeze the other year, perhaps they are no longer meant to be there.

Correspondence ID: 5147 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:58:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It is the only option that truly reflects the wilderness mandate, and it is the option that will provide the cleanest scientific data about ecological systems and change on the island.

Correspondence ID: 5148 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:58:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing today to call for your support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only choice that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale relatively recently Their presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. I do feel that, if we allow it, natural processes will eventually determine the fate of this population.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5149 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:59:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. This plan honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5150 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:59:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 5151 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:59:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It strikes me that our efforts would be far better spent by expanding protections for wolves everywhere else and letting nature take its course on the island..however, as it appears we are allowing hunting and trapping of wolves elsewhere and removing protections elsewhere, then I favor doing whatever it takes for as long and often as it takes to establish wolves at this location assuming we never let them be hunted there , ever. At least in this manner they will have a sanctuary free from human carnage and we can study them genetically to ensure their survival.

Correspondence ID: 5152 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 08:59:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A.

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Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 5153 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:00:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are essential for keeping the balance of nature and the environment. Do you homework!
In the vast ecologic chain on this planet, every link is a vital element for the survival of this planet with one exception: The human animal, the most dangerous, destructive and suicidal animal on this Planet. Stop reproducing mindlessly! Overpopulation is the culprit of all our problems and if you still need convincing, stupid idiots, I would strongly recommend you read Paul Ehrlich's The Population Bomb 1968 and subsequent books on the same subject. Your man invented God will not rescue us and there is no plan B for another Planet!

Correspondence ID: 5154 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:00:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: SAVE THE WOLVES NOW

Correspondence ID: 5155 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:00:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A, NPS do nothing. In fact, get NPS out of everything to do with wildlife management and leave it up to nature. Man has screwed things up forever.

Correspondence ID: 5156 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:00:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE don't even consider letting ANY of our treasures be DELETED !!!

Correspondence ID: 5157 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:01:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I wholeheartedly support the preservation of all species in all wild places, this proposal introduces wolf management practices in an area that has been specifically and formally designated as wilderness. As such, it should remain unspoiled and not interfered with to the greatest extent possible.

Please choose "Option A - No action" and thank you for considering my comment.

Correspondence ID: 5158 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:01:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am very much in favor of Alternative A: do nothing to alter the wolf population on Isle Royale. We humans tamper too much with nature as it is; let the wolves go where their instincts take them, not where humans want them to be.

Correspondence ID: 5159 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:01:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: OptionA. Let the wolves decide. Freedom for nature.

Correspondence ID: 5160 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:01:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: i support alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5161 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:01:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5162 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:02:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

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Correspondence ID: 5163 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:02:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider alternative 1. I am supporting it because it doesn't interfere with the natural order with unintended consequences

Correspondence ID: 5164 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:02:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5165 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:02:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Correspondence ID: 5166 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:04:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A- -allow the wolves to come and go as they please. Let them choose to recolonize the area. Thank you for considering my point of view.

Correspondence ID: 5167 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:04:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt alternative "A" - - no action. Let nature take its course in this case.

Correspondence ID: 5168 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:04:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and uphold Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves should be left alone to reside there.

Correspondence ID: 5169 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:05:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5170 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:05:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save wolves everywhere

Correspondence ID: 5171 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:06:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They said it better than I can:

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5172 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:07:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support giving the wolves the option to come and go based on natural migration. My understanding is that wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5173 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:08:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5174 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:09:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5175 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:09:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature take care of nature, she is far more brilliant than man.

Best,
Craig

Correspondence ID: 5176 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:09:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am requesting that you support alternative A in the Isle Royale National Park. Thank you, Sara [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5177 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:10:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think that things should be left as they are and the wolves should be able to come and go as they please - let them decide. To interfere may cause more harm than good. We need to have more faith in mother nature.

Correspondence ID: 5178 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:10:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5179 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:11:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species. The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots. I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, Therefore I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5180 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:12:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support letting the wolf population on Isle Royale regulate itself, even if it disappears. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. Much of the island is designated wilderness and should be left to its own development..

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5181 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:12:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves themselves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island.

Correspondence ID: 5182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:13:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support alternative a. It's the only one that h
Shows a true commitment to wildlife and the mission of the parks.

Correspondence ID: 5183 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:13:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a former 60 year resident of Michigan, I strongly support Alternative A. Don't force these highly intelligent animals to live in a world chosen by humans just as we would resist being transported against out will to a location not of our choosing. Let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 5184 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:13:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5185 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:14:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please act responsibly in preserving our natural habitat rather than pandering to the special interests of exploiters who have no conscience regarding our heritage.

Correspondence ID: 5186 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:14:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:14:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

PLEASE Support Alternative A.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 5188 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:15:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I humbly ask that the government not insert itself in trying to reestablish a wolf population on the island. Rather, it would be best to allow nature to determine if this becomes a viable area for them to increase their population. Any interference would probably be to the detriment of the wolves, and waste resources that would be better spent elsewhere.

Correspondence ID: 5189 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:15:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5190 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:15:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to express my concern for the wildlife on Isle Royale. In looking at your different "alternatives", it is clear that Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please keep this wilderness truly wild.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 5191 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:16:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative C and bring wolves in as often as needed to maintain a healthy wolf population in the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness. Wolf populations are under such stress. They need the protection of a Wilderness Area if they are to remain a viable part of our world.

Correspondence ID: 5192 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:16:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: we must conserve our wild lands and animals. we must be responsible and good stewards.

Correspondence ID: 5193 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:17:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5194 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:18:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'll go with Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5195 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:19:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let nature lead the pack. Man is the problem most of the time. The earth needs human population control.

Correspondence ID: 5196 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:19:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale Wolves.

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Correspondence ID: 5197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:19:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose the first alternative to allow nature to follow its course. I feel a connection to Isle Royale and the wolves since I saw one there on a backpacking trip in the early 1980's. The emphasis should be on protecting wolves in areas where they used to thrive, not on artificially trying to extend their presence on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:20:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:21:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Human meddling has no place in our few remaining wilderness areas. Given that the wolves have inhabited the island for a relatively short span of time, and that the isolation and inbreeding contributes to their die off, further transplanting makes no sense.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5200 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:21:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm writing in support of Alternative A! I feel that it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

And even if unfortunately, the current wolf population dies out with no new wolves taking up residency, much more can be learned by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:21:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alt A, the No Action alternative. Manipulation of the wolf population through transplanting is not only unproved as to efficacy, it may be illegal without some form of special dispensation that overrides Isle Royale's Wilderness designation.

Please allow natural processes to continue to operate. The wolves at the park arrived under their own power; they appear to be leaving (or dying) on their own. Such is as it should be.



Correspondence ID: 5202 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:22:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5203 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:22:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5204 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:22:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I ask that you please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harriet [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5205 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:23:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alt. A

Correspondence ID: 5206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:23:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5207 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:24:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:24:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:24:37

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:25:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:25:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keep A fot wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5212 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:25:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Option A is the only way to proceed. The wolves migrated to the island on their own and nature needs to take its course. We need to allow the wolf population to adjust according to the rules of nature.

Correspondence ID: 5213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:25:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A - no action.

Correspondence ID: 5214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:26:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves

Correspondence ID: 5215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:27:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:27:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A - leave nature to nature.

Correspondence ID: 5217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:27:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor Plan A or B in regard to Isle Royale wolf population.

Correspondence ID: 5218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:27:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A - No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my input.

Correspondence ID: 5219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:28:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The protection of wild animals must be protected in our country.

Correspondence ID: 5220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:28:33

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support letting the wolves decide for themselves where they want to travel. Option A. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:28:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: .

Correspondence ID: 5222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:29:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is most important to protect these wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:29:26

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Officers of the National Park Service.

Please let Isle Royale's Wolf population follow it's natural course. Since it is reduced to only two animals due to isolation triggered inbreeding, reestablishing the population will have to be an ongoing human intervention, countermanding the intention of the Wilderness designation, only for the benefit of tourists to Isle Royale who come there just to see Wolves.

Thank you for considering my concern about the human need for truly Wild Country, as well as my concerns about having to artificially maintain an animal population which would otherwise follow the same course.

Best regards for you,



Correspondence ID: 5224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:29:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My comment regarding transplanting wolves to Isle Royal National Park is that I support Alternative A: The no-action alternative which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 5225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:30:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 09:30:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS Leadership:

I am writing you today to urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 5227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:30:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:31:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:31:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save the wolves. It's our duty.

Correspondence ID: 5230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:31:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:31:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:32:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:32:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I'm urging the NPS to relocate wolves to Isle Royale to replace the dwindling island population of wolves. With a reduction in ice forming allowing mainland wolves the opportunity to walk the island, relocation is necessary to keep this population viable. 98% o the Island is wilderness. I've been to Isle Royale and although I didn't see any wolves, it sure made the trip to hear wolves there.

Correspondence ID: 5234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:32:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not transplant wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:32:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:33:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write to ask that you protect the Royal Isle Wilderness and the freedom of its wolves. I've read about the four alternatives for managing the area and its wolves, and I'm convinced that Alternative A is the best: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

I realize wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks for considering my views.

Sincerely,
Judith [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:33:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:34:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the wolves to live in peace with their families. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:35:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to choose Alternative A to support the natural character of wilderness areas, especially to foster the wild wolf population in Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:35:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5241 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:35:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs, i support Alternative A. Let the Wolves decidenot man !

Correspondence ID: 5242 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:35:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that in natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Due to global warming other transplanted wolves might face the same result that we have currently, let nature decide.

Best Regards,
Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:35:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A as its the only one that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5244 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:35:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a lifelong resident of Minnesota, I strongly suggest that Option A be followed for the good of the wilderness and for the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:36:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I lived in Michigan for approximately 12 years. I never visited Isle Royal. I think humans should leave it alone. Leave the wolves alone. They arrived there on their own late in the history of the island. They come and go without interference from humans. That's how it should be. Humans interfere too much.

Correspondence ID: 5246 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:36:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:38:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support A, the option that allows for natural migration and concomitant study....most useful in the long run, less intrusive, lower chance of imbalance.

Correspondence ID: 5248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:38:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please implement Alternative A,since it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history.

Correspondence ID: 5249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:38:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I prefer nature to take its own course. Let the wolves decide whether they want to be on Isle Royale. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:39:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A -

Correspondence ID: 5251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:39:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:39:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:40:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We should be saving the wolf's and putting them in all the national parks in North america.

Correspondence ID: 5254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:41:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to advocate for Alternative A: allowing the Isle Royal wolves the opportunity to establish themselves in the natural course of time. Let's see what truly viable adaptation can occur, and make scientific observations about the process, rather than trying to engineer artificial arrangements.

Correspondence ID: 5255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:41:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I am writing in regards to the consideration of transplanting wolves to the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

I urge you to support Alternative A and take no action on this matter. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

I think that we need to learn and accept that things change in the wilderness and that even though we have the ability to control nature to an extent, that doesn't mean we should. Yes, wolves symbolize so many amazing things and they are amazing creatures to see and hear, but if nature is deciding that they shouldn't be at Isle Royale, we should listen. Humans should accept that nature determines balance, and we far too often disrupt the delicacy of that balance.

Additionally, although I am not an expert on wolves, it is my understanding that wolves live in packs which are basically like close-knit families. To disrupt these packs and choose certain wolves to transplant into a new location is not acceptable in my mind. It would be unnatural to break apart these packs.

Please just let it be. People rely on the National Park Service to preserve what is natural so we can leave the inane busyness of our daily lives and go out and appreciate the beauty and peacefulness of untrammled environments. Then let's educate future visitors on how there used to be wolves there - why there were there, and why they disappeared. Let's not teach future generations about how humans have further disrupted nature's decisions. No action is the best course of action here.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:42:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a Wilderness area and by law should remain undisturbed. Please follow the law and take the logical step by following Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:42:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: isle royale needs to be producted.

Correspondence ID: 5258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:43:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm pretty sure I've signed a petition to support introducing more wolves to genetically diversify the population. However, my philosophy possibly follows Alternative A (take no action). Basically, I feel we need to support nature following the track it should be on if man weren't interfering. But it's hard to find places we haven't altered and interfered with.

So, please do what's best for ecosystems and all its inhabitants - - not some political reaction or payback.

Correspondence ID: 5259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:43:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:43:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A The wilderness and all of the wildlife it supports mned to be totally protested and should be hands off.

Correspondence ID: 5261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:44:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The extraction industry has no business in federal lands period. The land belongs to all of us. They are not for profit but for the public good of protecting clean air and water.

Correspondence ID: 5262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:44:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service:

I support Support Alternative A for Isle Royale Wilderness

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

thank you

Lindsey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:45:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:45:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need protection now and forever.

Correspondence ID: 5265 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:46:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:46:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A, because the present wolf population on Isle Royale is sickly and slowly dying out, as always happens with animals who constantly in-breed.

There is no scientific reason to believe that a transplantation of new wolves to this isolated island will fare any better.

Correspondence ID: 5267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:46:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As someone who resides in a wooded garden community of historic value, I am firm in my conviction that National Parks must be preserved and undeveloped by industry. Our clean air depends on trees. We need to shift away from fossil fuels and mount a program of building LFTRs liquid Thorium Reactors to supply clean, cheap, non proliferating nuclear energy, which would for the cost of one year's defense budget supply over 1000 years of electricity through modular reactors buried 100 meters below ground making them not vulnerable to sabotage. Such a program would as an adjunct support the enjoyment of national parks by American citizens and visitors from other lands.

Correspondence ID: 5268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:46:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:47:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support a no action plan. Let the wolves come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:47:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A, as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern;

Please honor and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Please do not take any other option but to preserve the area for these wonderful animals.

Respectfully,

Cindy [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We support Option A.

Correspondence ID: 5274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think Alternative A is preferable and let nature take her course.

Correspondence ID: 5275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Support Plan A and save wolves and wilderness.
Thank You.
Penny [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:48:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a taxpayer, a wilderness camper, landscape architect and natural resource manager, I urge the National Park Service to implement Option A leaving the island to exist as is, letting the current study come to a close. As users and interlopers into the resource processes of the island, we have decades of research results to tell us that isolation ruthlessly alters species in terms of species health, existence and genetic diversity. Moose populations have been tremendously negatively impacted by global climate change and the subsequent explosion in tick populations. We will see what the future brings for their population and health.

I do not support bringing a healthy wolf pack to be subject to the dire results we have already witnessed. Please implement Option A

Sincerely,
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:49:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please make isle royal a national park.

Correspondence ID: 5279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:49:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A and suggest that you adopt that as your plan relative to the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:49:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A is the best.

Correspondence ID: 5281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:50:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel we will upset the environment if we keep killing animals just because we don't like them. We cannot invade their environment and expect good results

Correspondence ID: 5282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:51:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is well-known that wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940's by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Additional wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left, as conditions permit. I understand that the island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

In reviewing the facts, I support Alternative A, as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event the wolves should decide if the island is ideal for their habitation, not human manipulation.

Furthermore, if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, much more can be learned by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:52:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been aware of Isle Royale since Dr. David Mech's landmark study of its wolves was published. It saddens me that the population is in decline. I heartily support Alternative A in deciding how to best deal with the park. Let nature take its course.

Thank you for reading to my remarks.

Correspondence ID: 5284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:52:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the wolf population on Isle Royale going as these are predators that should be included in the web of that environment.

Correspondence ID: 5285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:52:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness, wilderness is defined as "a tract or region uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings (2) : an area essentially undisturbed by human activity together with its naturally developed life community."

You have four proposals regarding wolf populations on Isle Royal National Park and Wilderness, and I heartily recommend Alternative A: no intervention. While I care deeply for wolves and have fought hard to protect them, particularly because of their positive trophic cascade effect in wilderness areas, I believe in this instance there should be no human intervention. Were this breed of wolves threatened with extinction, I would feel differently.

The 2006 National Park Services Management Policies state: The National Park Service will preserve and protect the natural resources, processes, systems, and values of units of the nation park system in an unimpaired condition to perpetuate their inherent integrity, and to provide present and future generations with the opportunity to enjoy them." Evolution itself is a process worthy of protection one worth leaving alone and the importation of wolves to the island would be an act of human intervention in this evolutionary process.

Let the wolves decide if they want to live on the island. They have only inhabited Isle Royale for a tiny fraction of post glacial time. If prey numbers increase, it is possible they may return. If prey numbers dwindle such as the island is now experiencing, wolves would have no motivation to return.

Ice bridges have started reoccurring on Lake Superior and it is my understanding that two wolves did migrate to the island during the 2015 winter. However, within a week they returned to the mainland, and one female recently left the island. These are natural processes and should be honored.

Respectively,

JoAnne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:53:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wildlife especially the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:53:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:53:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:53:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to voice my strong support for Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. We should always opt for the least invasive option, in this case, allowing a natural re-population. Our focus should be on keeping those who would harm the population at bay.

Correspondence ID: 5290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:53:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support plan A for Isle Royal Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 5291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:54:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Re. Isle Royale Wolves:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 5292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:54:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No to an energy bill that will kill wildlife. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5293 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:54:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5294 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:54:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:54:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:55:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please make a strong effort to help whatever is needed to preserve and protect the environment and local fauna. To many mistakes have already been done and species flora or fauna have disappeared due to indifference or lacking knowledge of what is happening. Let's protect and help nature to remain as it was before the white man came. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:55:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave the Wolves alone!!!

Correspondence ID: 5298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:56:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,
Adam [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:57:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please send your comments by July 6. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:57:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to stop trying to manipulate and control natural ecosystems NOW!
We support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:57:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We always think we know best what to do but oftentimes it is best to let Nature decide and this is definitely one of those instances

Correspondence ID: 5302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:58:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Artificially maintaining a wolf population where nature obviously has difficulty sustaining it doesn't seem like an effective plan.

Correspondence ID: 5303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:58:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let nature follow its own course, whether that means wolves on the Isle, or not.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:58:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Why were they driven there in the first place? It is not a natural habitat, therefore they do not belong there. Take better care of them in their natural habitats. Wolves are survivors, they do not need our help. They need us to stop getting in their way. Who do we think we are?

Correspondence ID: 5305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 09:59:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:00:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is my understanding that the National Park Service and the Senate are considering whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

It is also my understanding that FOUR (4) alternatives have been proposed. I am writing in support of Alternative A. To be clear, Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:01:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:02:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:02:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support Alternative A as it clearly is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for a small fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history- - in any event, we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn a great deal more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute an opinion on this issue.



Correspondence ID: 5310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:02:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE take care of our wilderness areas....the plants, trees AND wildlife...they were here first. We can manage them, not drive them to extinction...we have no right to do that! AND don't open up public areas to corporate interests; especially mining. If you have a soul, preserve these lands for your grandchildren...and mine!

Correspondence ID: 5311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:02:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:02:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative D

Correspondence ID: 5313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:02:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For purely scientific and ecological reasons, I would support Alternative A, allowing nature to take its course. However, as there currently is a wolf hunting season in Wisconsin, I would propose banning wolf hunting and, instead, capturing and releasing a portion of the existing wolf population onto Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:03:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge to consider this as it would be best to not take any action at all and go with option A. Wolves should be able to move around as a result of natural migration. Animals should not be forced into habitats that they are not familiar with as that can result in them not surviving. Please be conscious to let these animals take their natural course.

Correspondence ID: 5315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:03:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree to Alternative 1 or A

Correspondence ID: 5316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:03:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Only in wilderness can people really understand who and what they are. We speak often of self esteem and this is good but should it not be tempered by the humility that comes from knowing the vastness of nature lest it become hubris. They say 80% of people can not truly see the stars at night from their own backyards there is more lost in that than a mere physical perspective.

Correspondence ID: 5317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:03:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would ask why previous wolves have not made this place a permanent home in the first place. If wolves are reintroduced they could be individually collared to track their progress.

Correspondence ID: 5318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:04:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS : As a supporter Of Wilderness Watch, Defenders of Wildlife, and the National Park Service, I support your Alternative A Proposal as the best of your four Alternatives for wolves and Isle Royale as it honors and upholds Isle Royale's 98% wilderness status. Allowing wolves to come and go based upon their migration interests follows the processes of their natural world.

Correspondence ID: 5319 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:04:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take no action. Allow wolves to come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:07:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. In fact, Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:07:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello:

I support Alternative A which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Natural processes should determine whether wolves will inhabit Isle.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments on this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 5322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:07:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A - NO ACTION as recommended by wilderness watch.

Correspondence ID: 5323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:08:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please enact Alternative A in regard to the wolves on Isle Royale and do not insert new wolves into this area. This alternative is in line with Isle Royale's Wilderness status; the others are not. Wolves are an anomaly on this island; Let them decide whether they want to live on the island. The researchers of this "natural" predator-prey study can do more responsible science by observing the response to the loss of wolves in that environment than they can by artificially importing yet more wolves. Alternative A is the only one that respects that Wilderness environment.

Correspondence ID: 5324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:08:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the best solution in my opinion. The tests should already be conclusive that wolves cannot survive there due to inbreeding. It's not where they're supposed to be.

Correspondence ID: 5325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:09:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wildlife and wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 5326 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:09:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Parks Department,

For the record I wish to state that I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

If the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this matter,



Correspondence ID: 5327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:09:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: the wolves natural processes and preferences should not be "managed". Nature must take its own natural course in a National Park, especially, where animals are supposed to be protected from being either overtly harmed or, possibly harmed by management techniques when if they were truly in the wild, the "right" thing would inevitable happen.
thank you

Correspondence ID: 5328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:09:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:09:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Choose Alternative 1. Leave the wolves alone!

Correspondence ID: 5330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:10:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action

Correspondence ID: 5331 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:10:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We should do "D"

Correspondence ID: 5332 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:10:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:11:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No more killing of wolves, enough have been killed already..

Correspondence ID: 5334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:11:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5335 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:12:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think that alternative A is the best solution, after considering the alternatives. We may not all be happy about a sort of dilemma caused by each alternative, but believe that A is the best in this particular case.

Correspondence ID: 5336 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:12:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:13:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5338 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:13:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help create and sustain environments conducive to the well being of all animals,especially those so betrayed by our government

Correspondence ID: 5339 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:14:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select Alternative A, the no action alternative, when determining how to proceed in this matter. The whole point of Isle Royale being a designated wilderness is to let nature play out as it will. Allowing the wolves to die out or re-colonize of their own accord is the only natural alternative. Additionally, observing the effect of nature's course, even if that means that wolves disappear from Isle Royale, will provide the most honest data for the predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:15:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A Honors and Upholds Royale Isle wilderness Status.

Correspondence ID: 5341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:16:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Correspondence ID: 5342 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:16:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Subject - Isle Royale:Transplanting a new wolf population into this designated wilderness.

I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. This alternative respects the wilderness designation of the area by not tampering with the ecosystem and allowing the wolves to decide whether they wish to inhabit the island.

Correspondence ID: 5343 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:16:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Public lands and parks belong to all citizens. Please do not consider selling or giving away these valuable assets.

Correspondence ID: 5344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:17:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option a. I believe it is in the best interests of the wolf population

Correspondence ID: 5345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:17:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5346 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:17:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan A makes most sense to me.

Correspondence ID: 5347 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:17:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that perhaps plan "A" with a dash of "D" might be best, but we normally watch anyway, and I think the least intrusive method might be best.

Thanks, and try not to privatize any of this.

You've done a great job overall, until the big bucks come sniffing about, trying to make more money.

Correspondence ID: 5348 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:17:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A, because is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5349 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:17:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Because that is the way it should be. Without humans doing what they want instead of Nature.

Correspondence ID: 5350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:18:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Correspondence ID: 5351 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:19:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

We are sending our comments by July 6. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:19:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In relation to NPS action on Isle Royale, I recommend that NPS support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and supports Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Nature must be allowed to run its course. Even if the current population dies out and no new wolves take up residence, more can be learned by studying the natural ecological responses to the loss of Isle Royale's wolves than by artificially inserting captured mainland wolves on the island just to continue the predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:20:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

The alternative to no action would be if the Forest Service continues to allow wolves to be killed at the livestock industry's wishes. I DO NOT believe commercial livestock should be grazed on public land or forests.

Correspondence ID: 5354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:20:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:21:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:21:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I believe a hands off approach to our wilderness is the best approach! Let it take care of itself and we should just leave alone - aside from preserving these areas of course!

Thank you,
Maggie

Correspondence ID: 5357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:21:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:22:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly urge that you use option A with regard to the wolf population on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:22:21

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please let wolves decide if they wish to live here and allow scientists to study either the success or failure. They are such an important part of any ecosystem and where they thrive, other animals, rivers, and vegetation flourish.

Correspondence ID: 5360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:22:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the

Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:22:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: need wolves to maintain balance of ecosystem

Correspondence ID: 5362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:24:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take the no action alternative and let the wolves continue to roam free

Correspondence ID: 5363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:24:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:24:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Tough decision. I guess I would vote for letting nature take its course and leave the island alone. Seems like new wolves would end up being inbred also and that is not good.

Correspondence ID: 5365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:25:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir/Madam, My name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from St. Louis Missouri. I'm writing you today to let you know that I support Alternative A to protect, honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. I ask that you support Alternative A as well.

Kindest regards,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:25:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of the Alternatives under consideration, Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:25:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. It is the only choice that upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status in my opinion.

I don't support forcing nature to conform to some misguided ideal. If wolves wanted to live on Isle Royale-they would. But it seems pretty evident that they don't.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks for letting me comment on this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 5368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:26:30

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island. and revisit the subject after three years.

Correspondence ID: 5369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:26:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A. Isle Royale needs to be managed very lightly; if the recent population of wolves is no longer naturally sustainable there, they should be allowed to die out.

Correspondence ID: 5370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:27:43

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

I strongly encourage you to support "Alternative A" regarding the Isle Royale wolf population.

Sincerely,

David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:29:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please consider Alternative A and let the wilderness and wolves decide!

Correspondence ID: 5372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:29:18

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:29:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello: In reference to the wolves on the Isle Royale, I support Alternative A. If more wolves migrate there across the ice or waters in a natural fashion, that's fine. If the existing inbred wolves die out, that is nature's way taking care of things. To transplant wolves there (to eventually die out) seems most unnatural...especially just to keep it a tourist destination.

Correspondence ID: 5374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:29:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave the wolves of Isle Royale alone.

Correspondence ID: 5375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:29:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:30:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 5377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:30:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, no action with regard to the wolf population on Isle Royale. This is the only alternative that is in keeping with the Wilderness designation of Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 5378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:31:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 5379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:31:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A is the solution which honors nature and gives the power/burden to wildlife. Humans must not alter the course of nature in order to do scientific "study". The only legitimate and moral "study" is observation with no interference. It is not prudent to violate the standards of a conservation/nature area.

Correspondence ID: 5380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:32:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are a vital part of wildlife as Aldo Leopold, so eloquently pointed out, in a "Sand County Almanac."

Correspondence ID: 5381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:33:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A to protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!

Best Regards,
Alicia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:34:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:34:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sirs/Madams:

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Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:34:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:35:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only acceptable solution.

Correspondence ID: 5386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:36:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave the wolves alone. Leave Isle Royale alone. Keep your hands off the environment and the animals who live in it.

Correspondence ID: 5387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:36:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Option A. The entire premise of the Isle Royale study has been to evaluate the NATURAL predator-prey relationships that exist there. If ANY wolves are TRANSPORTED to the island (even if human intentions are "good"), that action totally negates the NATURAL environmental relationships that are supposed to be in place. The long-term study WILL BE compromised if HUMANS interfere at all. As biologists who respect the natural order of predator/prey relationships, you should already know that. Again, I respectfully request that you support Option A.

Correspondence ID: 5388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:36:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:36:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am voting for "A".

If humans would leave wilderness and wildlife alone, it would survive. It is human abusive behaviour and intervention that has caused such devastation of the very globe on which we and all living things presently inhabit.

Correspondence ID: 5390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:37:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please support
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Correspondence ID: 5391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:37:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option C: translocating wolves as necessary to revive the struggling population. I was shocked to learn that there are only two wolves left on Isle Royale! I had always thought of this as a place where people could go to see wolves.

Since wolves are so heavily persecuted and lack meaningful protection across much of their range, refugia in National Parks are necessary to keep the species safe, even if that means human interference to move animals in. I also believe that the continued presence of wolves would keep local ungulate populations healthy and prevent overpopulation, in turn helping a host of smaller species which are negatively affected by over-browsing. Lastly, the local communities benefit from ecotourism, and a lot more people will come to see a healthy wolf population than will visit if no wolves are present.

I would also support the establishment of wildlife corridors, involving cooperation between various governmental agencies and private landowners, so that

wolves and other species can naturally move around the landscape and establish themselves on the island and elsewhere.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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Correspondence ID: 5392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:38:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A on the Isle Royale Wilderness area.

Correspondence ID: 5393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:38:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,
I strongly support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
Thank you,
Ellen ██████████

Correspondence ID: 5394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:38:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:38:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:38:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: æø Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

æø Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

æø Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:38:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: take care of bears

Correspondence ID: 5398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:39:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is important to me and to my family that the Isle Royale area and the freedom of its wolves are protected. We have to take responsibility for the protection of our land and animals or we are degrading our land and our opportunities to be fine and humane people in this country. Kathleen ██████████

Correspondence ID: 5399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:39:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear decision-makers for Isle Royale wolves:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

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Thank you,
Ryan

Correspondence ID: 5400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:40:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A because it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please support Alternative A.

Connie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:40:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly propose that nothing is done by the NPS and that the topic of wolves or no wolves be allowed to happen naturally without human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 5402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:41:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A - let wolves follow their natural patterns. Don't intervene - - let them come and go as they choose without intervention.

Correspondence ID: 5403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:41:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, taking no action and not interfering with the wolf population on the mainland, or forcing it onto the Isle, which would disrupt it's wilderness status.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:42:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re Isle Royale Wilderness...PLEASE LET WOLVES LIVE & PROSPER AS NATURE INTENDED.

NO ACTION...LET WOLVES COME & GO...NATURAL MIGRATION!

Correspondence ID: 5405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:42:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If wolves are dying or leaving, there is probably a good reason for it! Maybe life is not sustainable for them on this isle, so why send others there to die?! Do you need others to be complicit in this wolf genocide?

Correspondence ID: 5406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:43:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honours and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Remember, every time humans interfere with Mother Nature we ALWAYS get it wrong. PLEASE leave the wolves ALONE!

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:44:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I no longer believe in humans allowing the processes of Nature to continue without intervention - ridiculous, considering how our lifestyles are the most invasive and destructive of all possible "interventions" - because our beneficial intervention may save species threatened with extinction, nonetheless I strongly support NOT capturing and transporting wolves from the mainland to Isle Royale. They will most probably suffer the fate of the wolf population of the Isle that has died out over the years. If wolves migrate to the Isle on their own over the frozen lake, so be it. But, in this instance - stay out of it. You'll be taking a species from a viable habitat to one that has proven not viable in the longer term. As for studying wolves - GMAB. There are alternate ways of continuing the study without isolating captured wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:44:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:

I am writing you today hoping you will support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,

Mike [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:44:43
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Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:44:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: All animals are our childrens heritage

Correspondence ID: 5411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:45:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A, the no-action alternative, best honors and preserves the wilderness character of the island and provides for the wolves decide whether or not they want to recolonize Isle Royale. The presence of wolves is very recent and allowing Mother Nature to dictate what is best is best.

Correspondence ID: 5412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:45:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop this atrocity

Correspondence ID: 5413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:46:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Option A is my vote. I have been to Isle Royal with my dad years ago, he grew up in the UP of Michigan. What a marvelous place. I hope to take my wife there next time. Let Nature do its thing, when we intervene it is often wrong. Leave the wolfs where they are now and if they want to come to the island then fine.

Correspondence ID: 5414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:46:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss

of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:46:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:46:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:47:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

It is my belief that in the wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:47:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that in wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Sincerely,

Deborah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:48:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:49:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do A. Simply let these precious wolves enjoy their freedom & allow them to live as nature has provided for them!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:49:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please follow Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

It is unethical to force wolves to a location that is not ideal for them. If a study has to be falsified in order to continue it isn't a study worth doing.

Correspondence ID: 5422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:50:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of the 4 proposed plans for Isle Royale Wolves, I recommend the National Park Service support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5423 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:50:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:50:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please - we can't undo the damage - don't let it start!

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:51:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative D is the most flexible. It will allow wildlife biologists to act in the best interest of the Isle Royale and wolves. This is especially important since the future effects of climate change are uncertain.

Correspondence ID: 5426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:51:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that Isle Royale's nature should not be manipulated. Human interference may cause a backfiring effect and create an irreversible ecological chaos.

Please allow Isle Royale to remain as it is.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:54:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello and thank you for this opportunity. I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:54:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5429 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 10:54:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding Isle Royale Wolves EIS, I strongly support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5430 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:54:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a former Michigander, which is still home to the vast majority of my family, our only National Park is dear to me. And so is keeping it wild.

Although I do want to protect and bolster our wolf populations here in America, it seems that it would be best for Isle Royale and the continuing long-term study of Nature to go with Alternative A, to let the wolves die out or leave... or come back... as naturally as possible.

Correspondence ID: 5431 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:55:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding the Isle Royale Wolves issue, the only alternative that National Park Service is considering I support is alternative A: Take No Action - Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. No translocation of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5432 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:56:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: STOP KILLING OUR WILDLIFE!

Correspondence ID: 5433 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:57:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The earth's wild places are the most beautiful parts of the world we will ever see. The creatures who live there are wonderful to behold. Wild animals have a right to live in peace in their homes just as we do. Yet most humans don't seem to respect that. They think it's all right to go onto areas where wild animals live, hunt them down, and kill them. Humans think it's their right to take all wild habitat for their own needs, such as lumber, mining, and water use. They build homes and then feel offended if wild animals return to search for the home that was paved over. The humans always win.

It's time for the animals and wilderness to win. It's time to respect wildlife habitat, green spaces, and their vegetation. We need living trees and greenery or we as a species will find ourselves withering away. We need to respect the beauty and fragility of our Earth's wilderness, from the smallest ant to the grizzly bear. All of them live in harmony with each other. We need to give back to them. Animals should not have to live in cages and zoos in order to survive. We as people wouldn't like that. The animals deserve their freedom, as they once had before we invaded their homes.

Correspondence ID: 5434 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:58:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is important to preserve all of our national parks for the many future generations to enjoy as well as learn about...

Destruction or tampering with nature is something that defies any all acts of nature for the people as well as mother Earth....

All of it's natural beauty and glorious creation were never meant to be manipulated or changed....

Correspondence ID: 5435 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:58:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5436 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:59:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a native Michigander and visitor to Isle Royale, I oppose any and all activities on the island that might damage its ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 5437 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 10:59:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our parks are our treasure.

Correspondence ID: 5438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:00:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A for the wolves of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:00:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good Afternoon NPS Team,

I strongly support Alternative A and I am asking for your support on this plan of action. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Some day I know that I will travel to Isle Royale to explore the island. If the wolves are still there?, great. If not then nature has taken it's natural course.

Thank You for your time and I pray that you will support ALTERNATIVE A.

Correspondence ID: 5440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:00:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support A; let nature take its course without human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 5441 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:01:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I am not personally familiar with the Isle Royal area, from what I have read it appears to be a designated wilderness, which means it should be left as it is and without human interference. Nature does have a way of managing itself. Why not let it do so?

Correspondence ID: 5442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:02:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow nature to decide the future of the wolf population. It can never be a sustainable system even if there is interference by the NPS.

Correspondence ID: 5443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:02:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: BUTT OUT! USE ALTERNATIVE A - NO ACTION! HUMANS CONSTANTLY PLAY GOD - ALWAYS, ALWAYS FOR FIANCIAL PROFITS FOR THEMSELVES! WE HAVE TO BUTT OUT AND LET NATURE (WHO KNOWS BEST) HANDLE HER OWN SITUATIONS.

GET SMART AND GIVE TOURISTS SOMETHING ELSE TO CENTER ON, IF NOT WOLVES.

NATURE SELDOM FAILS - WE ALWAYS DO! WE ALWAYS END UP CAUSING A CHAIN REACTION OF WORSE CATASTROPHES THAN IF WE HAD JUST LEFT THIGS - AND ANIMALS - ALONE!

Correspondence ID: 5444 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:02:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Please keep the wolves where they are! Pristine wilderness means exactly that!

Correspondence ID: 5445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:03:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A for the Isle Royale Wolf Management question. Please let these wolves remain and let others come and go as they will. Nature will balance this population without human interference. We need wolves. Top predators serve many functions in an ecosystem, affecting animal populations, flora and fauna, the health of water and land.

Correspondence ID: 5447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:03:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding the relocation of wolves to Isle Royale Park.
Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:04:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:05:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:05:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:05:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. We believe that in wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go.

Correspondence ID: 5452 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:06:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action needs to be taken. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
This is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:07:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:07:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please make this happen

Correspondence ID: 5455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:07:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you for listening!
Kimberly
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:07:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adopt Alternative A which, I feel, is the best alternative. Allow the wolves to come and go as they have before.

Correspondence ID: 5457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:08:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I don't understand why a comment is necessary. Fracking has proven to be dangerous, and it is clear from the widespread devastation to natural environments all over the US that mining, drilling, excavating and digging for coal, oil and other minerals is detrimental to the environment. Of all places our natural reserves need to be protected.

Correspondence ID: 5458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:08:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please support alternative A..... thank you

Correspondence ID: 5459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:08:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Resolution A, which allows wolves to migrate freely in and out of Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness. The population there is already endangered. Doing anything other than allowing the wolf to enter and roam freely, breeding, and replenishing the moose population, which is the Isle Royale Wolf's prime prey, would replenish the wolf population without any interference from the National Park Service.

I urge you to adopt Resolution A so that another animal species rescue can be claimed.

Thank you for your time and attention!

Correspondence ID: 5460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:09:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A for the wolves.
Please do not allow abuse of these wonderful beings.
Let them be free to choose where they want to live.
Thank you
Jerr [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:09:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save all wolves. No delisting. No hunting.

Correspondence ID: 5462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:11:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:13:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save Isle Royale wolves, they are necessary to the animal kingdom and the enviroment, we must lose these beautiful animals and their surroundings.

Correspondence ID: 5464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:14:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:14:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let the Wolves come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:14:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree with the Alternative A, let nature take it's course; if wolves make their way to the island, so be it, but transplanting them on the island for the sake of satisfying tourist interest or to manipulate the current population, which is not historically native to the island, is kind of ridiculous. And bringing in more wolves doesn't guarantee a successful population as well as perhaps harming other prey populations there that are somewhat limited in numbers.

Correspondence ID: 5467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:14:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help.

Correspondence ID: 5468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:14:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:14:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must do everything in our power to protect wilderness for the animals and for us, if we destroy it, we destroy us!

Correspondence ID: 5470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:15:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ma in favor of Option A, doing nothing to bring wolves back to Isle Royale. Their presence was an anomaly, and they did not fare well in isolation.

Correspondence ID: 5471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:15:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I think NPS should continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Correspondence ID: 5472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:16:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A since it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:16:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A (No Action) and let nature do its thing.

Correspondence ID: 5474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:17:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 5475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:20:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We are in favor of Alternative "A".

Correspondence ID: 5476 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:20:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I write in support of Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for helping to ensure that the Isle Royale Wilderness remains wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:22:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support strongly plan A.

Correspondence ID: 5478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:23:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. I urge Alternative A: No action. Wolves can come and go based on natural migration.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 5479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:24:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After reading the alternatives, I like A. Just leave them alone.

Correspondence ID: 5480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:24:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir: Rather than transport wolves to Isle Royale, I'd rather leave the ones presently there to respect the wilderness designation and to be able to understand more fully the conditions under which these wild animals prosper or perish.

Most wild creatures will do better without human attempts to foster their lives.

Thank you, Preston [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:24:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose option A, No Action. I would rather we use the money to do essential conservation management, not prop up an artificial situation. If wolves come back on their own, great. If they don't, fine. It is science just as it is.

Correspondence ID: 5482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:24:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A, no action required.

Correspondence ID: 5483 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:24:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:25:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative worth considering.

Correspondence ID: 5485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:25:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A. ALTERNATIVE A IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE THAT HONORS & UPHOLDS Isle Royale's WILDERNESS STATUS.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:25:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding the initiative to transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

I care deeply about the survival of wolves in the wild and glad you are considering how best to work with them but I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank You,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:26:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A- -take no action. Wolves don't need our help- -let nature decide whether they belong on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:26:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the Wilderness Watch endorsement of Alternative A, which lets nature decide whether wolves choose to reside on Isle Royale. I feel their arguments are probably well studied and I am confident Wilderness Watch is looking out for best interest of the animals and the ecosystem as a whole rather than any other human ulterior interests.

Correspondence ID: 5489 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:26:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write to urge support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I recall being young and just out of college residing in an apartment community along the man made canals in █████ Texas. In order to provide a more natural way of trimming the greenery the city imported Nutria to gnaw. The Nutria were not native to the area and continue to snatch people's small animal companions for a snack. Ouch - unintended consequences I say.

Again, I urge you to just let nature decide the fate.

Correspondence ID: 5490 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:27:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please take no action. Allow wolves to migrate according to natural instinct.

Correspondence ID: 5491 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:29:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I stand with Wilderness Watch and others in support of Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5492 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:29:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5493 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:29:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please go with Alternative A!!

Correspondence ID: 5494 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:29:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. What do you not understand about a wilderness designation? Please look at the first 4 letters "WILD" and maybe look it up in the dictionary

Correspondence ID: 5495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:31:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support your Alternative A. Please include my input in your consideration.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:32:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Concerning transplanting wolves to the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior, I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5497 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:32:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5498 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:32:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:33:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a supporter of wilderness and someone who spends a great deal of time engaging in primitive recreational activities on our awesome public lands, I write to you with concern about the wolves of Isle Royale. I would ask the NPS to choose Alternative A. While it may seem controversial, these wolves colonized this area on their own, without human help, and they should either survive or not by their own accord. Artificially adding wolves to help the pack is bad science. If the pack fails and then wolves one day come back, we would learn a lot more than by forcing survival on them.

Seeing a wolf in the wild is one of the most amazing things for anyone who loves wild creatures and open spaces. But they should occupy those spaces because of their own natural intentions and inclinations, not ours. If the wolves were being decimated because of trapping, like the wolves of Denali National Park, or aerial gunning or annual hunts, my standing would most probably be different. But they aren't. This is natural selection in action.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concern.

Correspondence ID: 5500 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:33:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5501 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:33:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5502 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5503 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:37:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:37:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I've done some reading and thinking about the plans going forward for wolves on Isle Royal. I think the best option is to let nature take it's course with them and let the population self determine without human intervention. The wolves can fend for themselves one way or the other.

Correspondence ID: 5505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:38:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5506 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:38:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5507 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:39:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:39:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale and Wolves

I ask you to Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:39:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the wilderness and wolves, especially.

Correspondence ID: 5510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:41:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:41:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Across the world now there is lost habitat for many species bringing many to the brink of extinction. This is a hard lesson for mankind as we destroy habitat for greed. To have a successful wilderness area you need to maintain and protect the environment for animals. You need to protect the predators like the wolves who are an integral part of the ecosystem. Everything in nature has a balance and man can harm or protect that balance. There is a tipping point where animals and even the land and water are destroyed. I am on the side of maintaining our wild places, the animals and I ask you to protect this ecosystem as a whole.

Correspondence ID: 5512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:42:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If only for the sake of the wolves, please safeguard this special area from development and from other industrial uses.

Correspondence ID: 5513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:43:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: all creatures need respect and the right to live..home is where we make it and where we can...open space is for our friends.

Correspondence ID: 5514 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:43:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Isle Royale should remain wild and untouched, let the wolves decide their own migration patterns.

Correspondence ID: 5515 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:43:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Maintaining a healthy population of wolves in Isle Royale will help it sustain its pristine and natural environment. This can be done in a sustainable manner.

Correspondence ID: 5516 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:44:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thanks to Wilderness Watch's help, I submit the following:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your attention,

Rebecca [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5517 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:45:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A as it honors and upholds the true nature of the Isle Royale Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 5518 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:45:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please. Support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5519 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:45:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A for the Isle Royale wolf relocation. Since Isle Royale is designated as wilderness, the wolf population should fluctuate on its own, just as the wolves found their way to the island in the 1940s on their own. The low population and inbreeding in the wolf pack is a natural process for this isolated pack. Allow the wilderness to exist without human intervention. Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 5520 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:45:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A. While I understand the desire to maintain a wolf population at Isle Royale, introducing wolves into the park would not be in keeping with its status as wilderness. In addition, it would likely not be successful for the same reasons that the wolf population there has been declining over the last few decades.

Correspondence ID: 5521 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:46:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please let the wolves decide if they want to live on Isle Royale. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should allow them to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5522 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:47:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. I understand that the wolves made their way to Isle Royale naturally, but genetic isolation has made their natural survival impossible. For an island w/98% dsignated Wilderness, introducing more wolves is inappropriate and will likely result in eventual degradation of the gene pool, once again. Not a pleasant option.

Correspondence ID: 5523 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:47:36

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support the option of letting nature take it's course on Isle Royale with no translocation of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5524 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:47:40

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In considering your decision to transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving I wish to voice the following suggestions.

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5525 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:48:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Life on this planet is very interconnected. We need to protect our environment and the wildlife it supports, because if we fail in our duty, our children will suffer and their future will be bleak, and most likely unsustainable. Although a few wolves may seem insignificant, they're not. They're an important part of animal population control in our forest and woodland environments that now typically lack sufficient natural predators because of human intervention.

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

⌘ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

⌘ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5526 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 11:48:45

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5527 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:48:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A.

Correspondence ID: 5528 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:49:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.
Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5529 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:49:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option A. Please withhold my personal information from public scrutiny.

Correspondence ID: 5530 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:50:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Proceed with transplanting wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

Correspondence ID: 5531 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:50:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: do the RIGHT thing.....for a CHANGE!

Correspondence ID: 5532 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:51:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge the National Park Service to implement Alternative A as the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5533 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:51:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Consider A- Just leave the wolves alone!

Correspondence ID: 5534 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:52:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A seems the best as it allows nature to take its course. Just because you translocate an animal does not mean that it will thrive.

Correspondence ID: 5535 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:52:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. Wolves should and need to follow their natural migration paths.

Correspondence ID: 5536 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:52:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whom it may concern,

I wanted to express my support for Alternative A. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5537 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:55:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5538 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:56:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it is wonderful that wolves made it across the ice to Isle Royale.

The best thing we can do is to leave them alone. Why interfere? Apparently the wolves got to the island by themselves; they have an amazing way of taking care of themselves if humans leave them alone.

I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5539 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:56:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I am all for Alternative A. Let nature do what it does, which is always best for the wilderness and its denizens.

Correspondence ID: 5540 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:59:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an integral part of our environment which help regulate the numbers of other species & prevent over harvesting by those other species.

Correspondence ID: 5541 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:59:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5542 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 11:59:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have long been a believer in leaving things be in the natural world (what remains of it), so I would like to say that I think that Alternative A is the one most sensible. We spend so much time tampering with wildlife when it would benefit by being let alone.

Correspondence ID: 5543 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:00:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: With wolves being hunted and killed every where else relocating them to Isle Royale from the places here would help keep them from extinction. They are beautiful animals and I would hate to live in a world without them.

Correspondence ID: 5544 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:00:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Energy bill should be focused on renewable energy, protecting habitat, and taking subsidies away from fossil fuels.

Correspondence ID: 5545 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:00:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5546 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:00:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5547 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:00:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to the Isle Royale Wilderness - I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks you,

Trina [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5548 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:01:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you in advance.

Correspondence ID: 5549 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:03:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Please keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and do not relocate wolves to this area. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration, not on human manipulation. Wolves are relatively new to this area so a relocation does not make sense. Keep the predator-prey study meaningful by keeping the habitat natural.

Sincerely,

Suzanne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5550 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:04:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having considered the differing options, I believe that Option A: Take no action and allow nature to run its course, is the best option. It seems to me that if the wolves are leaving the island, then there's a good reason for them to do so. Whether that reason is inbreeding, lack of food, the conditions just make for an unhealthy territory, or for some other unnoticed reason, the wolves seem to feel it's time to leave.

Correspondence ID: 5551 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:08:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: Allow the wolves to stay. Cooperate with Mother Nature.

Correspondence ID: 5552 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:09:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5553 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:09:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I select option a

Correspondence ID: 5554 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:10:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After careful review of the alternatives presented, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

The science has shown that a large predator in an ecosystem makes that ecosystem healthy. The absence of a large predator causes an imbalance in the ecosystem resulting in the loss of the health of the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 5555 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:10:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves!

I support: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5556 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:10:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Please send your comments by July 6. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5557 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:10:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5558 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:10:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5559 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:11:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A

Correspondence ID: 5560 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:11:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think you should leave the wolves alone and if they migrate so be it, but it isn't up to you to bring them to the island. It's a bad idea, and one I hope you will reject.

Correspondence ID: 5561 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:12:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PROTECT WOLVES

Correspondence ID: 5562 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:13:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take the necessary actions to protect the Isle Royale wilderness as well as all the natural environments in our nation. THANKS

Correspondence ID: 5563 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:14:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To interrupt Nature is wrong Wolves keep Nature in balanced

Correspondence ID: 5564 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:15:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Stop killing the wolves and their kids at any wildlife!!!

Correspondence ID: 5565 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:15:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support : Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5566 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:16:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think that no action should be taken & wolves left free to come & go as they please even if, in the long run, the wolves die out on the island. It's not really their natural home so it should be left to them to remain or leave as the situation arises. Bringing in more wolves would probably just cause the same problems as are happening now & inbreeding lead to them dying out again.

Correspondence ID: 5567 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:16:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Please adopt that action.

Correspondence ID: 5568 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:16:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5569 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:17:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I recommend Plan "A".

Correspondence ID: 5570 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:17:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As an avid user of our national parks, I urge you to select Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Wolves should continue to be permitted to come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5571 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:17:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep our parks going strong.

Correspondence ID: 5572 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:17:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have to take care of the vulnerable wildlife & the wild space they call home

Correspondence ID: 5573 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:17:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolves do what they want, however, if it would be healthier from them to be with other wolves, and the "land bridge" is gone now, it is a nice thought to move them on over. My only concern is that they would be ostracized from any other local pack anyway and that would cause more stress. I think you need to carefully consider wolf behavior in this decision - what will be the best breeding conditions for them? Where will the pups be safer? Wolves don't kill more than can eat, usually, so I really doubt the local moose population will suffer. It is more likely that climate change and man are the causes of the moose decline.

Correspondence ID: 5574 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:18:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5575 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:20:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A to protect wolves and other wild life.

Correspondence ID: 5576 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:21:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do everything you can to defend and protect the Isle Royal wolves!!

Correspondence ID: 5577 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:22:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is one of the very few pristine wildlife preserves left . Leave it and the wolves alone!

Correspondence ID: 5578 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:23:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: YES! Wolves are iconic wilderness elements that must be in a healthy environment. Studies show definitively that predators keep the system in balance.

Correspondence ID: 5579 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:24:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As to the proposed alternatives that the National Park Service has suggested for the attrition of wolves on The Isle Royale Wilderness:

I am in favor of Alternative "A". Ninety-eight percent of the Isle Royal is, by law, deemed wilderness and must remain wild. This means that there should be no manipulation of the wildlife on this Isle. The Isle Royale wolves have been the topic of one of the longest running studies of predator-prey relations. Therefore, if the current wolf population (which is at present, two) should die out, the study would be much more effective by learning about the ecological response as to why this occurred. Transporting and manipulations of the wolf population at Isle Royale would put uncalculated variables in the study making all of that significant work invalid.

In closing, I believe the wolves must decide if they want to live there or not.

Thank you for reading my comment.

Correspondence ID: 5580 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:26:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The Isle Royale Wilderness should be left alone for nature to direct the fate of the wolves. They are not really long term residents and if may e their time to go. Do not re-populate

Correspondence ID: 5581 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:26:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: A healthy ecosystem needs predators to maintain healthy populations of species.

Correspondence ID: 5582 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:27:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: bring in wolves as needed and let nature control I think that is either c or d

Correspondence ID: 5583 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:28:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in favor of Plan A that would allow the wolves to make their own choice as to whether they want to relocate to the island or not. This would allow the island to maintain it's wilderness status and respect the natural process of wolves relocating to the island.

Correspondence ID: 5584 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:28:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support of "Alternative A," the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of the Island's very long history, their recent presence on the Island more an anomaly than the norm. However, they should control their own destiny, rather than us manipulating them.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please apply "Alternative A" and allow the wolves to determine their own fate, and teach us how they do it in the process.

Correspondence ID: 5585 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:29:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support option A. It is up to the wolves to decide, not humans. Keep the wild, wild. Wolves should be left to come and go as they please. If the wolves die off, that is part of nature and a new study could be initiated as to the affects of no remaining predators on the island.

Humans need to let wolves be. Wolves are hunted in the West by totally inhumane ways, and what we humans should be doing is, just let these majestic creatures be!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5586 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:29:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they

want to recolonize Isle Royale. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you very much,

Rachael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5587 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:30:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the no interference alternative. Alternative 1. I am a retired scientist, and see no need to interfere, as no man made interference is responsible for the condition. If I am in error, please let me know.

Correspondence ID: 5588 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:31:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello National Park Service,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Isle Royale's Wilderness status because I strongly believe that Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you very much,
Scott [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5589 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:31:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5590 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:31:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They are the catalyst for a healthy eco-system. We need them to keep balance in nature

Correspondence ID: 5591 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:32:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must protect and nurture these wonderful animals and the lands they live on.

Correspondence ID: 5592 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:33:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 5593 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 12:33:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In my opinion, the natural forces on Isle Royale should be left alone, i e. DO NOTHING. That means NOT translocating wolves under any circumstances.

Correspondence ID: 5594 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:38:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree - we can learn about what happens when the top predator dies out though I would like the NPS to have the option of acting if future conditions warrant action.

Correspondence ID: 5595 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:39:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is not wildness nor wilderness, created, supported and sustained by all wild, native species of tree, plants, birds and animals, scientifically, biological diversity and bio means, "life". It is planet Earth, the very Earth that generates and delivers every single lifeline mankind requires for life itself, scientifically, ecological, "life-supporting services".

A decade ago, scientists stated, each day, Earth becomes more like Mars. A skinned, paved, gouged, denuded and deforested Earth is another Mars. Mankind's "land-use changes" are killing planet Earth and his "life-supporting services". Also, ecological devastation also chances releasing new and deadly human viruses, the number one killer of mankind. Upon ecological destruction, viruses "behave like rats, jumping off a sinking ship.

"In Wildness is the salvation of the Earth and the preservation of all life, long known among wolves and planet Earth, but seldom perceived by man."

Correspondence ID: 5596 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:39:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Plan A --let nature not man set balance.

Correspondence ID: 5597 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:39:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: When wolves are removed from an ecosystem, there are no predators to keep herds in check, which leads to overpopulation of herds, starvation, and devastation of the environment.

Correspondence ID: 5598 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:39:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5599 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:40:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that you need to leave nature alone. There's a reason they are declining in that area - there's obviously a problem. Why would you put more wolves in there that would suffer.

Correspondence ID: 5600 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:41:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect the park and the wolves!!

Correspondence ID: 5601 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:42:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The best option is Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5602 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:45:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Measure A,

Correspondence ID: 5603 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 12:45:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5604 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:46:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take no action- -let the wilderness beðŸ ¼

Correspondence ID: 5605 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:46:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel that it's in our and future generations' best interests to return wolves to this unique environment.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Correspondence ID: 5606 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:48:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5607 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:49:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is by far the best choice for this area

Correspondence ID: 5608 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:49:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave as is. No man-added wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5609 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:50:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good day:

I have never been to Isle Royale, but I have been fascinated by it since I was a kid (I'm almost 55). I am a member of Wilderness Watch, in my opinion, the only real organization dedicated to keeping the wilderness wild. I agree with their major points regarding Isle Royale:

â€œ Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€œ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€œ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please do what is right, which in this instance is to do nothing. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5610 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:51:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5611 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:52:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
Please support Alternative A.
Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5612 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:52:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.
Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5613 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:52:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5614 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:53:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to encourage you to support alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Allow wolves to come and go according to their own migration needs. Whenever humankind interferes, there are always unintended consequences. Please leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 5615 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:54:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status with wolves migrating freely.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5616 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:55:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5617 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:56:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolf has long suffered under the malevolence of man; its place in history should be subordinated to the trepidation of out of control human expansion.

Correspondence ID: 5618 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:56:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must protect our parks

Correspondence ID: 5619 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:56:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A in regard to the wolves of Isle Royale. No human intervention. Let the wolves come and go as they please. Do not transplant new wolves there. This is nature's way. Even if the population of wolves in the national park, which would be sad, it should be their choice.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5620 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:57:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5621 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:57:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Alternative A is the only natural solution for the wolves. Their welfare should not be compromised in any way.

Correspondence ID: 5622 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:58:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Although I support protection for the wolf population as needed, I also believe in the purpose of wilderness. That being to let nature take its course without interference from mankind. While this usually means restricting roads, trails, fire towers or other development it also means not tampering with the wildlife. Wolves are only a relatively recent occupant of Isle Royal and should not be artificially re-introduced. I support alternative #1, which is to do nothing. Let nature take its course and let us watch what happens. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5623 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:59:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think the first choice concerning the wolves is to let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 5624 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 12:59:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are an integral part of Isle Royale and their numbers must be retained high enough to keep a moderate population of Moose, otherwise there will be a large decimation of vegetation.

Correspondence ID: 5625 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:00:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: alternate "c" makes the most sense..to interfere as needed to maintain a natural prey predator relationship. since moose are also declining, its necessary at this time to add a few wolves, if any. there might be a study done beforehand to ask why all populations are declining.

Correspondence ID: 5626 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:01:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves should come and go based solely on natural migration, not human interference. The best option is to honor and preserve the area's wilderness character, letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5627 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:02:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5628 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:02:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5629 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:03:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support:
Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
These are reasons why I support Alternative A:

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Phyllis [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5630 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:05:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Human intervention is no guarantee of effectiveness. Let nature rule.

Correspondence ID: 5631 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:05:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolves be wolves. Take no action.

Correspondence ID: 5632 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:06:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ask that the National Parks Service select Alternative A to manage the Isle Royale wolves. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5633 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:06:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5634 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:06:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5635 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:06:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative B, the importation of wolves, on a one time basis, to replenish the stock and continue to support a complete ecological balance. Visitor enjoyment would be substantially enhanced. The thrill seeing and hearing these animals makes importation worthwhile.

Additionally, I urge that the wolves be "imported" from the State of Idaho where wolf hatred and loathing is so great that the state has made wolf slaughter a government sanctioned program. With over a 1,000 wolves killed in the past few years, removing even a few them from Idaho would be a blessing and probably save their lives.

I also urge that the park service contract with the Wildlife Services Agency, well known for its needless slaughter of wolves and other wildlife, to trap the wolves for transport to Isle Royal National Park. Since the agency is so good at killing wildlife, I can presume that they are also capable of live trapping.

It would be far more humane to gradually die out on an island than be hunted and slaughtered simply because of who they are! Further, I firmly believe that Idaho Governor Otter would be so pleased to get rid of a few of those "pests" he would offer state funds (or his own personal funds) to remove them from his state.

Wolves need a safe and secure environment where they can survive and thrive without the conflicts with livestock or people, which will cause their unfortunate demise. Isle Royal National Park is such a place.

Correspondence ID: 5636 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:06:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The DDCS says they MUST operate a restaurant, gift shop, catering and meeting facilities in the DDC in order to make ends meet. This is clearly stated in DDCS' Statement of Qualifications, presented by DDCS to the City staff in obtaining their no-bid contract to manage the DDC project in the Spring of 2015.

"The DDC will require funding sources beyond admission fees, activity/event charges and memberships in order to reach financial self-sufficiency. Proceeds from food service retail, facility rentals and other sources, plus donations and grants all are vital for success. These must be allowed at the DDC." (page 13).

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"Like virtually every other similar facility, in order to be self-sufficient the DDC must offer a mixture of revenue-generating options to supplement entrance fees, memberships and donations. These include retail (a DDC shop and retail website), food service (a cafe or restaurant serving alcohol), rental space for meetings and special events including catering and other revenue-generating facilities and activities, such as fee-based educational offerings for children and adults." (page 14).

This commercialism is fundamentally at odds with the Preserve Ordinance, the Preserve mission, the nature of the Gateway facility, and the character of the surrounding neighborhoods. Without commercializing the Preserve, DDC will be a money-losing burden on the taxpayers.

Please stop the DDC project, it is flawed in relying on commercializing the Preserve in order to make ends meet.



Correspondence ID: 5637 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:07:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5638 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:07:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I echo these sentiments..

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey relationship

Correspondence ID: 5639 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:07:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5640 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:08:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Take no action. Let the wolves live peacefully.

Correspondence ID: 5641 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:10:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5642 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:11:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5643 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:11:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re-introducing wolves to an island where they did not appear until the 1940's strikes me as an inappropriate action. They are dying off by attrition - inbreeding being one of the causes - and they should exist there as they did originally by crossing ice in the winter. Moose are declining across the midwest and it is doubtful there will be an explosion of their population on the island. My vote is to leave Isle Royale pristine wilderness - i.e , no manipulation by humans.

Correspondence ID: 5644 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:15:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save Isle Royale and the wolves! Support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5645 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:15:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm in support of Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.
Thanks you, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5646 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:16:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5647 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:16:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: A resolution seems sensible to me.

Correspondence ID: 5648 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:16:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please don't give-up on these magnificent creatures. We all need to LEARN how to co-exist peacefully.

Correspondence ID: 5649 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 13:17:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

We need to protect every single species on our planet. Each species represents part of Earth's ecosystem "web."

As Earth's ecosystem weakens, it loses its ability to continue providing our human civilization with the clean air, clean water, and healthy food upon which we depend. Our civilization is therefore dependent on the continued survival of each species.

Correspondence ID: 5650 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:17:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please:

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for protecting wilderness. We can learn so much when we listen to the natural world interactions.

Correspondence ID: 5651 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves are important for the environment and for future generations, Please protect them, they are beautiful animals and deserve protection, they do so much good for the environment, and are family oriented

Correspondence ID: 5652 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:18:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good afternoon,

I am writing in Support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Thank you,
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Correspondence ID: 5653 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:19:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I don't know how else to say it so I'll just say it "QUIT KILLING WOLVES." It is sickening and cruel and without merit.

Correspondence ID: 5654 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:20:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe we should honor and uphold Isle Royale's Wilderness status and take no action. Wolves should be able to come and go based on their natural migration.

Since 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, it must by law remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

Tempting as it may be for humans to intervene, in Wilderness, Nature calls the shots.

We need more Wilderness and less human intervention in this world.

Correspondence ID: 5655 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 13:25:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5656 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:26:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It's time to grow up and do your job. Please support Advantage A for the wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 5657 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:28:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5658 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:30:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which honors and preserves the area's wilderness character.

Correspondence ID: 5659 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:31:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5660 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:32:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A. Please leave Wolves and Nature to do their own thing.

Correspondence ID: 5661 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:34:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5662 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:35:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm for bringing in wolves to Isle Royale as needed to support a healthy population.

Correspondence ID: 5663 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:36:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A is the only alternative to that honors and upholds isle royal's wilderness statue's.

Correspondence ID: 5664 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:36:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A. Thank you. Barbara Norris

Correspondence ID: 5665 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:37:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: What has been determined to be the cause of the decline in the wolf population on the island? Without the answer to this, I don't see how the NPS can formulate a plan to remedy the declining wolf population. I have read some speculative reports that point to a parvovirus carried by dogs that are brought to the island by tourists. If this is indeed the case, then this should be addressed before more wolves are brought to the island. In any case, determining the cause of the population drop is the first priority.

Correspondence ID: 5666 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:39:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding Wolf Transplant Proposal on Isle Royal:

I agree with Wilderness Watch's support of Alternative A because of their following points:

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5667 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:39:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please use the option A No action let the wolves move and migrate naturally.
Thank you,
Carol [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5668 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:43:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Relocate the animals, people.

Correspondence ID: 5669 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:43:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5670 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:44:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5671 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:45:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please leave nature to do as it will regarding the wolves on Isle Royale. Artificially repopulating the Island would doom these wolves by limiting their territory and inbreeding. Due to global warming the possibility of an ice bridge forming between the Island and anywhere else becomes at best a marginal one. Leave Isle Royale as natural as it is right now. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5672 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5673 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:46:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I would use option number 1. Let nature guide the course of the wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 5674 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We strongly support Plan A as the most natural and logical plan.

Correspondence ID: 5675 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:47:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help save our wilderness

Correspondence ID: 5676 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:49:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our National Parks!!! :)

Correspondence ID: 5677 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:50:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5678 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:50:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We agree with Option A. If wolves decide to migrate to Isle Royale on their own, so be it. It's their choice. We humans interfere with nature far too often with diastorous results. Let nature do its thing!

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5679 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:51:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5680 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:52:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Ensuring that there is a balance between prey and predator is conducive to maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Without sufficient predators, the gene pools weaken and become more susceptible to disease.

Everyone wins when there is a balance in nature.

Correspondence ID: 5681 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:56:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action. I strongly support the plan whereby wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5682 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:56:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think we should choose Action A.
Let natural selection and migration figure itself out.
If the wolves are meant to be there more will migrate or they will reproduce.
If not, they will go away and the moose population will figure itself out.
Thank you for listening.
Pam

Correspondence ID: 5683 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:58:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support transplanting wolves from areas where they are plentiful to Isle Royale. I think this would be in the best interest of the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5684 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:58:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge that no action be taken. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5685 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:58:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave our wilderness alone! Your job is to protect it but you seem to want to destroy it. You want to sell it, cut it down, allow corporation in, allow too much hunting, and ignore the wishes of the people who pay you.

Correspondence ID: 5686 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:59:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Gentle Ones:

As a former resident of Michigan, I care a great deal about the status of wilderness in the U.P.

It seems to me that the best alternative is "A," allowing nature to take its course and honoring the "wilderness" part of Isle Royale's status.

The fact that the wolf population has not sustained itself on the island due to inbreeding creating weaknesses is itself a reason not to bring more wolves in to suffer the same fate. It seems to me that would defeat the purpose of a predator-prey study when you artificially manipulate the population.

Since wolves have only been on the island less than a century, it has clearly not been an established habitat on this continent.

I say let the wolf population establish its own living arrangements with no interference from humans' desire!

Correspondence ID: 5687 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 13:59:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolves come and stay or go - whatever their plan is - - not ours.

Correspondence ID: 5688 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:00:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5689 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:01:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5690 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:01:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Of the 4 plans you are choosing from for the wolves, please take NO action and allow the wolves to move about freely through their own natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5691 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:02:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5692 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:02:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

It is time for humans to stop meddling in nature.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5693 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:02:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5694 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:05:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wilderness Watch alerted me to this opportunity to comment in your scoping of interests regarding wolves in the Isle Royale Park. I agree with Wilderness Watch that as a wilderness area, man's management should be extremely limited and science should follow the changes, rather than inducing them. Still, as an agency continually exposed to public scrutiny and concern, including those of us who believe wolves need continuing protection, you'll need to make your own decisions on nature vs nurture of wildlife in wilderness areas. Perhaps you must wait until it's all but obvious that the wolves are going to exit the island, and thus be prepared to consider reintroduction in the future, if there's a good case to be made. Otherwise, I suggest Alternative A must guide you for now.

Correspondence ID: 5695 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:09:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Plan A.

Correspondence ID: 5696 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:12:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support a NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5697 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:12:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for a short time, and their recent presence on the Island is rather an anomaly. The wolves, not people, should decide whether they will remain there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially planting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. ALTERNATIVE A IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE THAT HONORS AND UPHOLDS ISLE ROYALE'S WILDERNESS STATUS.

Correspondence ID: 5698 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:15:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5699 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:15:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5700 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:17:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, and we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,



Correspondence ID: 5701 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:18:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's keep it natural - Plan A do nothing.

Correspondence ID: 5702 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:18:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

I Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

I Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5703 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:19:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5704 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:20:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A with regards to wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5705 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:23:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider option A

Correspondence ID: 5706 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:24:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please adpot:
Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 5707 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:24:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I don't believe that adding new wolves to a dying couple will improve the

stock because they cannot choose wolves other than their own bloodline to mate with. The wolves do not always stay on the Isle for a reason. They should choose whether to stay or go. They must want to mate with new stock to improve their dna and strength as a pack. I choose A and hope that you too will consider that choice for the remaining wolves. Our American wolves are having a hard life in America with habitat loss, food loss and ranchers and farmers considering them pests. Magnificent animals, the parental line of every dog breed in America today, I believe wolves deserve more respect and a chance to make their choices.

respectfully yours, 

Correspondence ID: 5708 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:24:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action.

Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. That would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5709 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:25:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: LET THEM BE!!!!

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Correspondence ID: 5710 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:26:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Isle Royale is a wilderness area, and should be treated as such, not populated by ANY species artificially through the machinations of man.

Correspondence ID: 5711 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:26:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The National Park Service (NPS) is asking for public comments as it considers whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

I support the Park Service's Alternative A: No action. Allow Wolves to come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5712 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:27:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support proposition A, which will leave the wolves on Isle Royals alone to prosper or die out. The wolves were not native to Isle Royale but came across the lake on their own and if they cannot maintain themselves on Isle Royale then they should not be there. I have been to Isle Royale and seen the moose and wolves and hate to see the wolves be gone, but I strongly believe that we should leave what nature put on the island alone even if it means the wolves dying out.

Please consider my opinion when making your decision. Isle Royals is a beautiful, natural place with and without wolves. The fact that the wolves got to the island on their own is what makes their being there so important. We do not want to manage nature here.

Correspondence ID: 5713 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:28:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5714 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:31:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Background

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated,

untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5715 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:34:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Gentlemen,
I support Alternative A.
Thanks for your consideration of this election.
Brian [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5716 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:34:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Choice A on this matter. This is the choice preferred by Wilderness Watch.

Correspondence ID: 5717 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:34:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5718 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:34:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It makes little sense in the realms of science, conservation, or humane treatment of wildlife to interfere with the natural processes of this wilderness area by translocating wolves in an effort to satisfy tourist demand.

Correspondence ID: 5719 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:37:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5720 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:37:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I STRONGLY Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Again, I STRONGLY Support Alternative A!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5721 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:38:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action should be taken. Let nature take its course. Man has tampered way too much in the natural course of things, we need to stop.

Correspondence ID: 5722 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:38:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe we should let the wolves that reside on Isle Royal to decide what they would do. I think if we interfere, it may not be the correct decision. It isn't really normal for them to be there in the first place.

It seems that if this population died off, much could be learned from them; how ecologically the results are for what they do and have done. If another wolf population is brought to the island, it would not seem natural. Wilderness Watch strongly supports alternative A and I agree with this vote. They would continue to honor and preserve this area.

Correspondence ID: 5723 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:38:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I STRONGLY Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Again, I STRONGLY Support Alternative A!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5724 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:39:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing because I STRONGLY Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Again, I STRONGLY Support Alternative A!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5725 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:40:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to save our parks and I Urge The Federal Government to give the parks more funding to hire more Rangers, especially at the busiest times of the year.

Correspondence ID: 5726 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:42:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A- - no action- - for the prposed Isle Royale wolf management options Natural processes should be honored. thank you
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5727 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:42:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5728 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:43:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I am in support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,

Sarah [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5729 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:44:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A and allow wolves to decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5730 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:44:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think it imprudent to relocate wildlife. Humans must stop the encroachment into spaces where wild creatures have been living happily. When relocated and not adjusting to their new environment, the wolves will fall prey to yet more of man's manipulations. We must protect the helpless and be ever so respectful of our own encroachments.

Correspondence ID: 5731 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:44:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
--Alternative A, please, for Isle Royale wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5732 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:44:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I understand that the National Park Service is considering four alternatives about whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

I support alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. This is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5733 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:46:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is obviously a place that is not conducive to sustain a wolf population, so why send more there to die? Makes no sense.

Correspondence ID: 5734 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:46:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

JUST DON'T DO IT !

Correspondence ID: 5735 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:47:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is my understanding that there are four alternatives being looked at for Isle Royal National Park and Wilderness.

Based on what I understand, there is one clear choice, and that is to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for taking the time to understand my perspective. Remember to keep our wilderness areas WILD!

Correspondence ID: 5736 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:48:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5737 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:48:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Park Service Officials,

I'll be brief and simply say: please preserve the parks, all of them, in their natural state- no pipe lines, no drilling. I understand that some logging may be important. The critical point is to protect the wildlife and nature in these precious places, as it's rapidly disappearing in many areas. With the onset of global warming, threatening species (wildlife and natural habitat), this is all the more important.

Thank you for standing up for our beautiful natural world and its creatures.

Sincerely,
Ann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5738 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:48:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'd say that alternative "A" is the only one that makes sense. Most of the island is Wilderness and should not be subject to human manipulation... including transplants of animals. Let nature take its' course. Wolves are a recent addition to the island's ecosystem and if they leave the island will revert to its' historic status. That seems right to me. It's a natural area, not a zoo who's animals are maintained for visitors' enjoyment.

Correspondence ID: 5739 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:49:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must to protect all wolves everywhere.

Correspondence ID: 5740 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:51:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5741 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:51:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves

have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5742 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:52:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5743 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:52:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative "A" take no action re:Isle Royale Wolves EIS

Correspondence ID: 5744 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:53:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe that since 98% o Isle Royale is designated wilderness that no wolves should be brought in but you should just let the ones there come and go based on natural migration. The definition of wilderness says the area must remain unmanipulated so nature is left to call the shots with no interference in natural processes by managers. Inbreeding of wolves has historically in this place been causing many deformities amongst them and that seems to be the reason the population was decimated to such a low count to begin with so it would be terrible to keep causing those problems. And even if the wolves die out, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves there rather than studying the prey-predator relationship.

Correspondence ID: 5745 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:54:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: support for Alternate A

Correspondence ID: 5746 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:54:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS:

In regard to Isle Royale's dwindling wolf population, I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your attention,

Ann [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5747 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:55:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need to be protected - they are good for the environment, as proven in Yellowstone National Park.

Correspondence ID: 5748 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:55:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave the wolves alone. Let nature dictate where they go. Wilderness areas should be left unmanipulated by agencies that think they know better than nature. I strongly support option A Do not let the politicians, U.S. Senators-or anyone else pressure the outcome of this decision.

Correspondence ID: 5749 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:56:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the position of Wilderness Watch: Let nature take its course, so to speak. Don't meddle with our national treasures - - the human race rarely gets it right, and we've certainly done enough damage to our earth.

Correspondence ID: 5750 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:57:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let Mother Nature take its course, Option A.

Correspondence ID: 5751 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 14:58:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5752 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:00:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5753 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:00:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. In the end nature always wins!

Correspondence ID: 5754 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:00:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5755 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:01:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative A, regarding the transplantation of wolves to Isle Royale National Park. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. It seems to me that we humans should stop meddling in Mother Nature's affairs in areas where the ecology is already designated wilderness. Keep the wild in wilderness- -no human manipulation!

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a relatively short time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. Even if the current wolf population dies out, and no new wolves migrate over, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5756 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:02:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: stop killing the damn wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5757 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:02:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The question of managing wolves on Isle Royale is a tough one, but of all the alternatives you posit, the most appropriate, in this day and age of advanced ecological knowledge, is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status - A.

Wolves chose to cross a frozen Lake Superior to the Island very recently in its geological history. They thrived there for a while, but as any ecologist can attest, small is not good in terms of island biogeography and isolated populations. With inbreeding comes physiological problems, and this is precisely the trajectory of this wolf population, unfortunately.

At this juncture, if there is an ecological niche to occupy, wolves will again traverse the ice to establish residency and breeding packs. Perhaps the outcome will be the same, but the other possibility is routinized genetic outflow and inflow that enables a robust population to persist. This, then, should be the model studied, not an artificially induced one where wolves are translocated.

Correspondence ID: 5758 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:02:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A: No action.

Correspondence ID: 5759 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:05:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5760 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:09:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5761 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:09:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves pls.

Correspondence ID: 5762 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:09:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative D which allows natural processes to occur but retains the option of active management in the future.

Correspondence ID: 5763 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:11:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Park Service:

Please don't interfere with the natural migration of wolves in the Isle Royale area. Let the wolves migrate as they see fit.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 5764 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:11:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5765 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:13:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5766 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:14:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to express my support for Alternative A for the wolves of Isle Royale. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5767 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:15:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only correct one for wilderness areas, as it is nature that should call the shots there, not humans. I hope the National Park Service will respect this natural order of things.

Sincerely,

GUY [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5768 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:16:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save and protect the wolves and this wilderness area!

Correspondence ID: 5769 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:18:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Plan A, for the management of wolves on Isle Royal.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5770 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:20:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Park Service is asking for public comments as it considers whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving.

The National Park Service is considering four alternatives:

1. Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.
2. Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.
3. Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.
4. Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

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Correspondence ID: 5771 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:22:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A - do nothing and let the natural movement of the wolves continue.

Correspondence ID: 5772 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:26:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The National Park Service should take no action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5773 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:29:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Option A is the only right solution for Wilderness! Let nature take the lead!

Correspondence ID: 5774 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:30:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm requesting you protect Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves, by NOT taking action, and letting wolves roam as they've always done.

This is the ONLY alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the

Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5775 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:31:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale for 45 years. While I have always been fascinated by the wolves there, I understand that they are not native and eventually likely to die off. I accept the balance of nature. I would not support transplanting wolves there. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5776 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:31:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No action should be taken. The only time we should get involved with "fixing" nature is when we have broken it. We didn't put the wolves there. They should live or die as nature intended.

Correspondence ID: 5777 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:31:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To the National Park Service staff considering action regarding the wolf population on Isle Royale:

I encourage the NPS to Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5778 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:32:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5779 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:33:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote for alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5780 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:33:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Do whatever is necessary to help our wildlife and to save their environment as well as to support all natural history protection issues.

Correspondence ID: 5781 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:36:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honour and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5782 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:36:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please SUPPORT Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

In Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5783 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:38:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The provisions in this bill are horrible for our wilderness. Tear it up and start over.

Correspondence ID: 5784 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:39:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please stop the killing!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5785 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:39:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5786 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:41:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree with letting nature take its course. If the current wolf population dies off in the wilderness, then that is what should happen. It is not for humans to decide where and when any creature should live. ALL creatures should be left to evolve or die as nature intends. Humans should not interfere AND should not kill them off just because humans don't like a species. Wolves are on this earth to keep balance in the ecosystem. If humans interfere in any way, that is just not right. Please do not introduce any more wolves to this region by interfering. Let them migrate to this region on their own.
Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5787 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:41:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: IF IT IS A DESIGNATED WILDERNESS OPTION A IS ONLY CHOICE!

Correspondence ID: 5788 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:42:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Without wolves on Isle Royale, the moose will completely change the island ecologically. With the Island being one of the few National Parks that has such a delicate balance, wolves are needed. Wolves have been brought onto the island before by man, and it should be done again. Establishing a viable wolf population to counter the rapid growth of the moose population is going to be difficult at this late date. The situation should have never gotten to this point if the advise from experts was taken. Many people come to Isle Royale to get a chance to see not only the wolves but also the moose. Also the research that has been gained by studying the Island is very valuable.

Sad that things continue to move so slowly to solve the problem. Every time this site is checked the deadline is extended. One can only guess why.

Don't let this beautiful, unique island be destroyed by the moose, have a plan for the future, not a short sighted plan that doesn't .

Correspondence ID: 5789 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:43:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5790 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:43:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves on Isle Royale. They deserve to live in peace. They were here long before we arrived.

Correspondence ID: 5791 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:45:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5792 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:46:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Since it is a wilderness area it should be left alone and new wolves not brought in by man.

Correspondence ID: 5793 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:46:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If the wolves are not on the decline due to negative human involvement, nature should be left to run its own course.

Correspondence ID: 5794 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:47:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
AS The National Park Service considers four alternatives of whether it should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving I ask you to Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5795 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:51:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C is the plan I would chose.

Correspondence ID: 5796 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:52:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5797 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:55:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sirs:

I support Alternative A. Leave the wolves alone. There have been too many problems caused by well-meaning people meddling in the natural progression of nature. Let nature take its course.

Have A Great One

Correspondence ID: 5798 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:56:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Seemingly man has screwed up nature each time we intervene. Allow mother nature to use her powers to do what is right. ONLY consider option "A"

Correspondence ID: 5799 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 15:56:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the 'no action alternative.

Correspondence ID: 5800 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 15:59:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5801 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:02:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I think that Alternative C is the best one.

thank you for allowing me to comment on this issue. I cannot express my experience with wolves because there are no wolves in New Jersey. However, I believe they are an integral part of the natural cycle of life in the forest.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 5802 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:02:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5803 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:03:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

Please: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5804 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:04:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Natural processes, as much as they can be had today, should govern the oversight and management of the remaining American wilderness. Thank you for your time and consideration, ██████████

Correspondence ID: 5805 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:06:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,Ifeel this way,GOD created this world for all of us humans and animals.I feel animals are always GOD MOST INNOCENT'S .I Sign numerous petitions every day in support of animals,in my world they come first always.If you knew what I know,you might do these actions also. Please remember we are encroaching on their land,taking away more and more everyday.No wonder they are in our back yards,where are they to go? PLEASE BE THEIR VOICE,PLEASE GIVE GODS MOST INNOCENTS A CHANCE!

Sincerely,Pam ██████████

Correspondence ID: 5806 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:09:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor Alternative A - No Action for the Isle Royal management.
The NPS will not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves may come and go through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.

From the information provided about voluntary wolf departures it appears that wolves do not wish to live there.
Thank your for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 5807 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:12:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Re: Isle Royale Management Plan

I write to encourage the National Park Service to adopt Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves alone to decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Manipulation of Isle Royale's wolf population is not in accord with the current working definition of 'wilderness', which as I understand it requires minimal human interference with the functioning of the wilderness ecology.

Please adopt Alternative A, and as the cliché goes, 'Let Nature take its course.'

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 5808 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:12:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please go with Alternative A. It should be up to the wolves to decide if Isle Royal is a suitable habitat. I believe wildlife should be just that...wild. And since there is not a long history of wolves in that area, there is no reason for humans to move them there. Let them move there themselves if they so wish.

Correspondence ID: 5809 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:17:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5810 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:19:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to adopt Alternative A, the only alternative that upholds Isle Royale Wilderness status. Let wolves decide for themselves if they want to live there. Please keep Isle Royale Wilderness wild and protect the autonomy of its wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5811 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:21:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hi I support plan C....TY

Correspondence ID: 5812 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:23:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5813 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:24:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A as it fully upholds Isle Royale's wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5814 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:28:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think proposal A makes the most sense from a strategic point of view. Wolves are a recent inhabitant of the island. If they seek to live here in the future, so be it. To artificially introduce them is not natural and should be avoided.

Correspondence ID: 5815 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:28:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5816 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:29:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on

Correspondence ID: 5817 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:30:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5818 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:30:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Option A- the wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for a relatively short time, and the resulting isolation and inbreeding that resulted has played out. To keep relocating more wolves there will, in my opinion, repeat the scenario over and over. I believe, in this case that letting nature take it's course is the best option for the wolves. As humans, we tend to shortsightedly see a situation when we intervene, even with the best intentions, and later only in retrospect, do we understand all the ramifications of our interference in nature's ways. Let us not do that again. Thank you for allowing a simple RN and horsewoman (who happens to love the sound of wolves in upstate NY) speak her mind on this issue.

Correspondence ID: 5819 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:31:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe Comment D would take the Wolf population step by step into the future and the right way to go.

Correspondence ID: 5820 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:32:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5821 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:32:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5822 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:33:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Thank you for allowing comments on this important decision on wolves.

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks again!!

Correspondence ID: 5823 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:34:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No need to interfere with the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5824 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:34:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for taking my comments into account.

Correspondence ID: 5825 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:35:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature it's course.

Correspondence ID: 5826 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:35:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe it would be best to take no action and let the wolves come and go as they decide.

Correspondence ID: 5827 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:39:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: This is a bad idea. This is not a sustainable environment. Clearly the data available on the subject is quite clear and does not support an action to move wolves to this island.

As a designated wilderness area manipulating the population of animals there is a violation of the principals and laws that determine and sustain a

designated wilderness area.

Do not allow this action to be taken.

Correspondence ID: 5828 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:44:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the environment and the animals that live in it.

Correspondence ID: 5829 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:45:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: as the choices seem to offer some hope for wolves overall, alternative A may be conducive to allowing the natural flow of movement by those whose territory has been there abode for eons. Be wise in your decision by being kind.

Correspondence ID: 5830 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:45:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A - NO ACTION - regarding the management of wolves on Isle Royale. I believe that Wilderness designation requires no "trammeling" from man, no interference. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Correspondence ID: 5831 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:46:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support option A. That is, do not move or change anything about the wolf population on Isle Royale. I believe wolves are an essential to the balance of nature. Nature normally culls population of wildlife on it's own.

Thanks,
Janie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5832 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:46:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to preserve what we have left.

Correspondence ID: 5833 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:46:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The word "Wilderness" says it all. It means that nature should be allowed to take its course, without any human interference or other involvement. That means that Alternative A is the most logical choice.

Correspondence ID: 5834 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:48:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Greetings,
I would like to remind you that Isle Royale is a designated wilderness, it is implicit in that designation that the area should be free from all forms of human manipulation. Please note, ALL FORMS. I support management plan alternative A since it is the only option compliant with the designated 'wilderness' status of Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5835 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:49:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative C: (NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island). Global warming has reduced the frequency of ice bridge to Canada, so there is nothing "natural" about letting the current wolf population (of 2) die out. Think of translocation as a kind of wildlife corridor. In addition, the population could be seeded with rouge wolves from the mainline that are accused of killing sheep or cattle. If the wolf population on Isle Royale gets too large, then some of them could be relocated to other isolated areas that need genetic variability, making the "corridor" as two-way street.

Correspondence ID: 5836 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:54:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5837 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:58:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the Lake Superior's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5838 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave our National Parks alone!!

Correspondence ID: 5839 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 16:59:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do all you can to protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of the wolves. If it is not protected they may be lost forever. Please protect them.

Correspondence ID: 5840 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:00:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5841 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:00:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5842 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:01:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A, which is the only alternative that is in accordance with the Wilderness Act. If wolves want to live there, they will decide for themselves, as nature and the Wilderness Act intended.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 5843 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:03:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: alternative A is probably the best for wolves, inbreeding is not a smart or natural thing.

Correspondence ID: 5844 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:05:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: SENATE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A BUNCH OF SELLOUTS TO SPECIAL INTERESTS, ESPECIALLY REPUBLICANS! AS LONG AS THEY HAVE ANY POWER, WILDLIFE EVERYWHERE WILL BE AT RISK OF EXTINCTION! WE NEED TO CONSIDER THESE SELL OUT AND WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALLOWING POPULATIONS OF ANIMALS TO DISAPPEAR! ONE THING EVERYONE NEEDS TO REMEMBER - EXTINCT IS FOREVER! THE WRONG ANIMALS ARE BEING TARGETING AND THE WRONG ANIMALS ARE AT RISK! WE SHOULD TARGET THOSE WHO ARE CAUSING THIS!

Correspondence ID: 5845 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:06:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Since wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time, their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5846 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:07:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs/Madams:

Please support ALTERNATIVE A in regards to Isle Royale. I don't want the wolves to suffer. There is already so much suffering in the world. Why would anyone want to add to it?

Thank you for your time in reading my message.

Sincerely,
Judy

Correspondence ID: 5847 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:09:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.
Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves.

Respectfully,



Correspondence ID: 5848 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:10:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A for the wolves in Isle Royale. This is the only alternative honoring and upholding Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5849 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:10:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need all our care to prevent them GT extinction !

Correspondence ID: 5850 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:10:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect our precious resources and wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 5851 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:11:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they if they want to live there.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please
want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5852 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:12:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Take action to save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5853 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:12:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our natural system are rapidly disappearing, our waters are fouled our forests are torn down pollution is ramped. we need to save everything we can. This is very important. Please save this area.

Correspondence ID: 5854 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:12:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5855 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:13:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please institute plan B.

Correspondence ID: 5856 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:27:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves have suffered enough

Correspondence ID: 5857 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:27:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Support Alternative A, an alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5858 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:28:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To whomever it may concern:

Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,
David

Correspondence ID: 5859 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:29:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. It is clear that the correct course of action is to allow the current situation to play itself out unhindered by human manipulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 5860 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:30:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Let wolves come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 5861 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:31:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: preserve our wild life and planet

Correspondence ID: 5862 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:31:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5863 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:33:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C is best in my opinion

Correspondence ID: 5864 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:33:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Don't kill the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5865 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:33:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: let's save the wilderness and wolves please.

Correspondence ID: 5866 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:36:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
I support Alternative A as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Preserving Wilderness status is sometimes difficult, but we should definitely not succumb to the whims of tourists who like to hear wolves howl. That would be turning the area into a zoo.

We should not rush in to disturb this wilderness area and add something that does not belong. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,
Jenny [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5867 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:38:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Our animals and species are priceless. They should be protected and not destroyed on our national lands for their intrinsic worth and for future generations.

Correspondence ID: 5868 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:38:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:
I support taking no action. Let the wolves make their own way.

Correspondence ID: 5869 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:39:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 5870 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:40:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I lived in Michigan until recently. I have read that the wolf population of Isle Royale is dying out and you are considering whether or not to transplant more from other locations. My understanding is that the current wolf population is the result of some wolves traveling across winter ice from the mainland in the 1940's and that there were none before that. With Isle Royale being a designated Wilderness, I believe that transplanting new wolves would violate the concept of Wilderness, much as it would seem "nice" to do it.

Correspondence ID: 5871 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:44:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In reviewing the various options, I support option A to allow for the wolves natural migration.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5872 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:48:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5873 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:49:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5874 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:49:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: There is so little Nature left for these animals leave it ALONE!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5875 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:52:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5876 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:55:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In nature, nothing exists alone. Each of us needs to do our part to preserve the world with which we are blessed. Leave this place alone and let nature take over.

Correspondence ID: 5877 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:56:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and protecting the autonomy of its wolves.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5878 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:57:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5879 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:58:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We need to protect the environment.

Correspondence ID: 5880 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:59:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We have to stop tinkering with nature. Surely the moose population is just as important to protect as any other species. With the absence of wolves the study can watch nature recover and determine what species return to the area when the dominant predator moves on. Wolves may be exiting for reasons we are not aware of. Climate change and inbreeding may well be a couple of them.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5881 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 17:59:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Possibly the wolves should be allowed to make their own decisions as to whether they want to live on Isle Royale or not.

Correspondence ID: 5882 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:00:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want Alternative A. Quite micro managing nature, it is not our right to control nature, leave the wolves alone along with all the other wild animals. We are being greedy with their habitat and it must stop now. Go Vegan/veggie now.

Correspondence ID: 5883 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:03:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 5884 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:05:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5885 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:07:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a member of Wilderness Watch, Defenders of Wildlife, the Sierra Club and other environmental and animal rights organizations I urge you to please implement Alternative A considering the Isle Royale Wolves. Since this is a Wilderness area and should not be manipulated or altered by man, I believe that nature and the wolves should be allowed to regulate and manage themselves without man's interference.

If the wolves want to travel to this Island, then they should do so on their own, nature will balance its self out just fine without man's influence. Please implement Alternative A and keep the Isle of Royale a TRUE wilderness area!

Correspondence ID: 5886 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:09:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves need to be protected, not killed.

Correspondence ID: 5887 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:11:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves MUST BE PROTECTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5888 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:13:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ☹️ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

☹️ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

☹️ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5889 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:14:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As someone who both admires wolves and appreciates wilderness, not only for its scientific value but also for personal recreation, the question of whether to augment artificially the declining Isle Royale wolf population is a bit of a dilemma. Bringing in additional wolves would no doubt please some recreationists who visit, but pleasing tourists should have little weight in determining the best management practice for this unique wilderness resource. While I appreciate the benefit of restocking wolves to the ongoing moose/wolf study, I think a greater benefit to science might accrue from a long term study of the natural decline of moose and wolves and the migration of both to Isle Royale. Moreover, the management of wilderness dictates that it is not to be manipulated by human managers.

For these reasons, I urge the National Park Service to adopt Alternative A.

Thank you for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 5890 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:15:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale should remain ecologically free from human manipulation. Thus there must be no human intervention in transplanting wolves to the island. Wolves should have the opportunity colonize the areas they desire. By manipulating the wolf population on this island, the National Park Service is nothing more than a federally funded zookeeper.

Correspondence ID: 5891 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:16:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE support Plan A!!! Why would you relocate wolves or any other living being somewhere that is so detrimental to their lives?? Please leave Mother Nature alone and let her do her job. She does it much better than humans do.

Thank You

Maura ██████

Correspondence ID: 5892 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:16:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5893 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:17:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I recommend Alternate A.

Correspondence ID: 5894 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:18:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please make note of the following comments I would like to have you consider:
I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.
Thank you,
John [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5895 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:18:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a citizen of this vast and amazing country and a long time supporter of the National Park System, I urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 5896 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:18:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5897 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:21:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Until we have studied this situation and know a lot more about it we should not capture and force other wolves to live on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5898 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:24:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5899 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:27:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5900 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:27:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support option A.

Correspondence ID: 5901 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:28:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A to leave the wolves alone and let nature play out. If there is more prey on the island and they can get there, then they will go there.

Correspondence ID: 5902 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:34:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support the stance that natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

To this end, please note the following three critical arguments in support of Alternative A:

â€¢ Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€¢ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€¢ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Respectfully



Correspondence ID: 5903 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:38:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Proposal A. Leave the wolves alone. They have suffered untold harm at our hands. For NO reason. All animals roamed free until we decided to do everything to them: hunt, eat, wear, experiment on, murder, maim, "domesticate" and every other horrific thing we have done and continue to do. We have extinguished untold numbers of species.

Adopt "A" and leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 5904 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:40:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am from Michigan and now live in California. Wildlife is under siege everywhere, and wolves particularly are in peril. They have a right to survive and as a species, we are putting extreme stress and population reduction on them and other wild animals. We have to strive for healthy populations of wild species and Isle Royale can provide the help wolves need to continue to live on this continent. I DO NOT however wish to provide gun happy hunters to take part in destroying the rehabilitation of wolves.

As a taxpayer and citizen of this country, I think it is important to get off the march to just kill wildlife and overrun their habitats, ending up with a world devoid of animal diversity. A planet with no wild animals and just more and more humans is a nightmare scenario. Let's not go there. Think and help wolves now.

Correspondence ID: 5905 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:40:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves should keep their FREEDOM!!!!

Correspondence ID: 5906 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:41:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: HEY POLITICIANS- ---

TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING.- --- --WAY PAST TIME, ACTUALLY.

Correspondence ID: 5907 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:45:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5908 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:45:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5909 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:46:00

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5910 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:47:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5911 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:47:32

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let the wolves roam... it is their home, not ours.

Correspondence ID: 5912 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:54:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I SUPPORT "C" ~ RELOCATE WOLVES AS NEEDED WITHOUT BREAKING UP THE FAMILY PACK WHEREVER THEY COME FROM. KEEP A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WOLVES ON THE ISLAND. SAVE & PROTECT WOLVES.

Correspondence ID: 5913 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:57:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

As a biologist/ecologist I appreciate how various species interact with each other in predator-prey and altruistic relationships, and how they interact with the abiotic elements in their ecosystem. Balance is always key in maintaining sustainability. Wolves are not native to Isle Royale. The population that transplanted itself there is small and consequently it inbred during its history, consequently weakening over time. Only a few remain. Artificially transplanting more wolves on Isle Royale to perpetuate their presence for reasons not favoring their sustainability will result in the same fate as the original population. It's important to allow an ecosystem to evolve naturally without the interference of humans in order to maintain balance and sustainability. We humans think we can control everything to satisfy our own desires which may not be in the best interest of the species we wish to control. Let's let the wolves decide whether they want to live on Isle Royale. We may be surprised by what happens if they choose to stay or leave. Both alternatives will have valid ecological consequences.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5914 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:58:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only reasonable step. Let the wolves take care of themselves. There is no need to manage, studying them is manipulative and has no benefit for the wolves and let the tourists commune with other great attractions on the Isle!

Correspondence ID: 5915 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,29,2016 18:59:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I sincerely hope and pray you Support Alternative A for the following reasons:

1. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
2. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
3. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please find your compassion and common-sense to support and approve Alternative "A". Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Karen [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5916 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 18:59:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please leave the Isle Royale Wolves as they are now. Do nothing to change the present policy.
Thanks you,
Anne [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5917 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:00:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In our country so much is regulated that when a wild animal appears, the first instinct is to try to control it. However, this only robs the natural world from another evolution. Please allow the Isle Royale to be open to an occasional change in wolf habitat. Let them explore and see if it is a place where they can survive. We may learn from their experiences.

Correspondence ID: 5918 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:01:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ☺ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

☺ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

☺ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5919 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:03:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the Wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5920 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:04:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A which honors Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have only recently populated Isle Royale and they should be allowed to decide whether they want to live there or not.

The ecological response to the loss of the wolves should be studied if they die out rather than transplanting another group of wolves to the island.

Its a wilderness and it only makes sense to allow nature to take its course rather than to interfere with it, especially for the sake of tourism.

Correspondence ID: 5921 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:05:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider this reason when making your decision,

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss

of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for reading my request.

Sincerely,

Kyle [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5922 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:13:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5923 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:15:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello: The Isle Royale Park is already set up as a study area, I see no problem, relocating some wolves as needed to the area to be studied.

Correspondence ID: 5924 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:16:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5925 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:16:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While none of the alternatives are great, I think Alternative A is probably the best idea.

Correspondence ID: 5926 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:16:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a small fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island, we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5927 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:17:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want to comment on the Isle Royale's Wolves EIS issue:
I fully support the following:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please consider this proposal carefully and support Alternative A.
Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 5928 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:17:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5929 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:18:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5930 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:19:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 5931 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:21:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

When it comes to wilderness, I think that speaks for itself. Manipulating wilderness for a plan or some grand scheme is NOT keeping it wild. Having said that, returning areas to natural condition is admirable on a case by case basis.

Putting wolves into an area for 'study' or entertainment of visitors does not satisfy the case by case evaluation because it is not returning them to a native area. In fact impact of wolves on moose populations demands that evaluation of BOTH dictates that the wolves should not be manipulated.

Correspondence ID: 5932 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:23:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 5933 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:24:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5934 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:25:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Please consider Alternative A as the BEST choice.

Correspondence ID: 5935 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:26:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 5936 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:29:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to see nature take its own course. So I want to see option A, no transplant or outside interference. The is a Wilderness Area and it should not be managed as a game farm or amusement park.

Correspondence ID: 5937 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:30:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Animals and are wild life are important.

Correspondence ID: 5938 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:30:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5939 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:31:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have been reading about both sides of the argument on whether or not to bring in more wolves to Isle Royale for the last two years. I can understand all points of view, but I believe more wolves should be brought in. It is better for the over all health of the island, not just the wolves.

Thanks you for considering my opinion.

Lee [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5940 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:32:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe no action should happen to the wolves on Isle Royale, except all people who have moved on to Isle Royle since should be moved out. What they did not know about the wolves. Unbelievable.

Correspondence ID: 5941 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:34:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5942 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:34:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5943 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:35:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 5944 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:37:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect our parks, protect our wolves, keep our eco system alive - -

Correspondence ID: 5945 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:37:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5946 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:39:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I like option A best.

Correspondence ID: 5947 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:39:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hi, Please keep Isle Royale as a true wilderness, not one manipulated by man for mans pleasures. I ask that you choose option A, let nature take her course as best as she can in our already over altered world.

Sincerely, Jimi [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 5948 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:43:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5949 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:46:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Plan "A" do nothing is the correct one here for a dozen reasons. I'm not a rocket scientist but I have worked on rockets and putting moose in danger of predators not natural to the island intended to be their home is effing nuts.

Like a good doctor, first do no harm.

Forget about transferring wolves. Stabilize populations by ending the hunts and aerial kills paid for with tax money. Do THAT and you will end the trophic cascade which is destroying vast areas of our continent.

Do the SMART thing and stand by the results.

Correspondence ID: 5950 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:46:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative 1 is the proper alternative for a wilderness area.

It is that simple. Your decision is simple.
Good government means keeping decisions simple.

Correspondence ID: 5951 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:49:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe at this time the wait and see method (Proposal D) should be used. With Proposal D, there a flexibility built in that would allow, if needed, for modification to prevent further harm that may occur once nature has taken its course.

Correspondence ID: 5952 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:49:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our forests are for the remaining wildlife and rain forests we have. There is no excuse for ever even considering destroying it for fuel!

Correspondence ID: 5953 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:50:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness should be kept wild without human intervention, period.

Correspondence ID: 5954 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:50:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5955 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:50:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A. Let nature take its course and document the consequences.

Correspondence ID: 5956 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:52:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: protect the isle royal and the great wolves.

Correspondence ID: 5957 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:55:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5958 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:57:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5959 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:57:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let the wolves migrate naturally

Correspondence ID: 5960 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:58:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5961 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:59:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5962 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 19:59:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. Inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

Please take no action as the wolves will come and go through natural migration just as they have proven in the past.

Correspondence ID: 5963 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:01:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which will honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

The wolves recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5964 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:03:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Correspondence ID: 5965 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:06:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would urge you to take no action concerning the Isle Royale wolves. Although I've followed their story for 40 years, I feel no action is the only truly natural choice.

Correspondence ID: 5966 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:08:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello,
Please choose Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Michael 

Correspondence ID: 5967 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:12:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please protect our wolves!

Correspondence ID: 5968 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:15:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: On behalf of wild wolf populations, I urge you to enact Alternative A,Alternative A, this being the only option that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. We need not interfere in wolf populations on Isle Royale! Thank you for allowing wilderness to win.

Correspondence ID: 5969 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5970 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:19:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A. Leave the wolves alone.

Why do you always have to "maintain", "manage" and control-freak wolves and otehr predators.

Leave the wolves alone. They are essential. We have murdered, snared, maimed, trapped and harassed millions of wolves. For what? For NO reason.

Stop bending over for the ranchers. Eating animals and destroying thousands of acres for grazing and growing animal feed must end NOW.

Leave teh wolves alone. Let them migrate and do whatever they do naturally.

Correspondence ID: 5971 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:20:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Lets leave some wildness and wilderness for the next generation! I strongly support alt. A
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 5972 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:24:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please take Alternative A - no action

Correspondence ID: 5973 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:26:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve Isle Royale's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize the area.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5974 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:27:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 5975 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:35:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to comment on the wolf management alternatives being considered by the National Park Service (NPS) and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park.

There are at least three examples of past actions by humans that have led to the decimation of the wolf population on Isle Royale. First, the exposure of the population to canine parvovirus, caused by humans bringing a diseased dog to the park, a violation of park rules. Second, the death by drowning of three wolves, one of them an alpha male, in an abandoned mine pit. And third, the changes to the climate that scientists around the world overwhelmingly agree are caused by human actions and that have led to conditions that now prevent an ice bridge from reliably forming between the island and the mainland.

Because human actions have adversely affected the wolf population on Isle Royale, and because the health of the moose population on Isle Royale is dependent on having a healthy wolf population to act as a predator so that the moose do not wipe out the vegetation they depend on as a food source (which would most likely result in other adverse effects on the island's ecosystem), I believe humans, the NPS, should take immediate action to restore the wolf population on Isle Royale and should choose Alternative C as the means to doing so.

I also believe restoring the wolf population on Isle Royale can only enhance the quality of the island's wilderness character, not detract from it.

By restoring the wolf population on Isle Royale the NPS would be correcting an imbalance caused by humans, one of the signs of a healthy ecosystem being balance between its many elements.

Part of the mission statement of the NPS says that the fundamental purpose of the parks "is to conserve...the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." I believe the NPS has failed its mission with regards to the wolves on Isle Royale and must act to correct that failure.

Wilderness Watch, a group which acts to safeguard wilderness, acknowledges that, at times, human actions such as wildlife transplants, endangered species management, and predator control take place in wilderness areas despite these actions not falling within the statutory intent of the Wilderness Act. Surely, restoring balance to a wilderness ecosystem should be seen as a benefit to Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 5976 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:42:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: For a Wilderness Area, Alternative A seems the most logical. However, assisting the wolf population as needed also has merit. Wolves are needed to keep the moose population in check.

Correspondence ID: 5977 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:45:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not kill the isle royal wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5978 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:46:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5979 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:46:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for reading this.

Correspondence ID: 5980 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:49:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to support Alternative A because it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Since wolves arrived relatively recently, it seems appropriate to let nature take its course.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5981 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:51:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please count my support for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5982 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 20:54:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

While I value the presence of wolves in our natural areas, and support their re-introduction in areas where they were earlier eliminated by bounty hunting and such practices, I don't like the "lab experiment" regulation of the Isle Royale population. The decimation of the population that has happened over the last decade or so, should indicate that natural forces are at work. If they get back there, let them stay. Otherwise....

I have camped on the Isle, loved hearing the wolves, been chased by a moose, "swung" the birches, and greatly appreciate the care that has been taken to preserve the natural integrity of the place. I think a wolf population needs more geography than this to stay healthy.

Correspondence ID: 5983 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:01:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5984 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:02:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support to option A as I feel that it is the only good solution.

Correspondence ID: 5985 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:02:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: While I understand the importance of safety for citizens and children especially, I also am concerned that we not relegate our living heritage for our children to an island that is remote and will likely result in smaller herd numbers for the wolves. We need to examine how we can live sensibly and safely with wolves in the wild, rather than coralling them into a "reserve" (much like the reservations we used for Native Americans in the 19th century.) Wolves are not livestock and need space to roam freely and without penalty. They have played an important role in the return of herds to the Yellowstone National Forest, as well as the maintenance of waterways, and many other attributes that keep our National Park system healthy and vital.

Correspondence ID: 5986 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:04:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5987 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:07:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves' travel to & from Isle Royale over frozen lake is most natural, requires least human involvement.

Correspondence ID: 5988 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:08:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: ONCE THEY'RE GONE, THEY'RE GONE FOREVER, AND FOREVER, AND FOREVER. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS? WE ARE KILLING OUR AIR, LAND, SEA AND CREATURES SLOWLY AND FOREVER.

DO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN DESERVE TO LIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT CLEAN AIR, LAND AND WATER, MISSING PLANTS, FOODS AND CREATURES? WHAT ARE WE LEAVING THEM?

PLEASE DO NOT PASS ANYTHING BUT PRESERVATION OF OUR AIR, LAND AND CREATURES IN THE FORM OF GOOD LAWS PRESERVING ALL THAT IS GOOD AND RIGHT FOR THEM.

Correspondence ID: 5989 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:10:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Absolutely. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 5990 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:13:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: YOU HAVE A MORAL IMPERATIVE TO PROTECT GOD'S WOLVES !

Correspondence ID: 5991 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:16:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
The National Park Service (NPS) should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving

Correspondence ID: 5992 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:18:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor "No action. Let the wolves come and go as they have in the past".

Correspondence ID: 5993 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:18:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5994 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:22:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 5995 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:24:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 5996 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:26:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please do the right thing and protect these wolves so that they continue to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 5997 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:29:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support options A.

Correspondence ID: 5998 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:30:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write to support Alternative A, No Action because Isle Royale is a designated Wilderness Area and that Alternative preserves that wilderness designation. Wolves arrived on their own in the past; if their presence on Isle Royale is viable, they will return on their own.

Correspondence ID: 5999 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:37:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A - let the natural processes determine the population cycles on the island. Human-run programs to interfere with this natural process are misguided.

Correspondence ID: 6000 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:44:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6001 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:48:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves should be protected, in every way we can!

Correspondence ID: 6002 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:49:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Honor and preserve the area's wilderness and allow the wolves to decide if they want to recolonize the Isle. Protect and support the wolves and the area.

Correspondence ID: 6003 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:49:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No species including wolves should be subject to man-made extinction.

Correspondence ID: 6004 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:50:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a strong believer in letting Nature decide such situations. The only exception is in cases of imminent die off of an entire species, not a concern here! Leave the wolves alone! If the last two on the island die, so be it! If more wolves move onto the island of their own accord, so be it! But - protect the free-ranging wolves from rancher-pushed wholesale slaughter!

Correspondence ID: 6005 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 21:52:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe we need to honor the natural order of Life and not interfere except to Preserve and to Protect.!

Correspondence ID: 6006 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:00:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A to preserve wilderness qualities while honoring the local wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6007 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:01:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I know something about wildlife management. B.S. degree in wildlife biology and 32 years in national wildlife refuges, retired field refuge and wetland complex manager, [REDACTED]. We humans are inclined to step in and "help" nature. Except with endangered species, this isn't the wise course of action and often has unanticipated negative consequences. I support Alternative A. Let nature take its course. It also makes for a better ecosystem laboratory - even as that is not the main objective of national parks. Spend scarce funds on other things. Don't trap and transplant wolves into Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 6008 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:02:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please vote for A

Correspondence ID: 6009 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:02:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am for the wolves....

Correspondence ID: 6010 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:03:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

PLEASE use Alternative A. Thank you for your time and consideration toward this very important matter regarding wolf population on Isle Royale, and then follow through by selecting Alternative A. Again, thanks!

Correspondence ID: 6011 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:06:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We must take drastic action to preserve wildlife and wilderness. We human beings must be willing to simplify our lives in order to save our world. The shortsightedness and greed of humans is near to destroying the very world we live in. The world depends on diversity. We cannot survive without it.

Correspondence ID: 6012 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:11:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please consider alternate A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6013 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:17:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ok just do as it says

Correspondence ID: 6014 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:32:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6015 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:42:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A, letting Isle Royale wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 6016 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:48:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Good Afternoon,

Regarding whether NPS should transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 6017 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:49:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Greetings.

I am writing in support of Alternative A for Isle Royale wolves. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. As a wilderness, it should not be manipulated by humans wanting to bring more wolves into the area.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments regarding Isle Royale's wolf population.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence ID: 6018 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:49:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT!

Correspondence ID: 6019 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 22:54:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you so much.

Correspondence ID: 6020 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:03:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE LEAVE OUR WOLVES ALONE!!!! SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A IT IS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE THAT HONORS AND UPHOLDS ISLE ROYALE'S WILDERNESS STATUS!!!

Correspondence ID: 6021 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:04:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6022 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:14:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, to give wolves the fullest protection possible.
Dwight ██████████

Correspondence ID: 6023 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:15:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, as it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6024 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:15:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We are very interested in this!

We are watching this closely!

Correspondence ID: 6025 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:27:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It would seem that the wolves must be capable of colonizing Isle Royale by themselves. Why don't we allow them to do so?

Correspondence ID: 6026 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:27:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6027 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:37:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We NEED ALL our wildlife to keep this planet alive !
They are part of the natural eco-system and are necessary
for Mother Earth to continue living. Please don't kill
our Mother or any of Her children

Correspondence ID: 6028 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:52:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option "A" for the wilderness survival of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6029 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:52:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is your duty to protect these precious beautiful animals - what sort of humans are you if you can't. They have as much right to this earth, if not more, than the despicable cruel human race!

Correspondence ID: 6030 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,29,2016 23:55:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative B: NPS would engage in a one-time (over three years) translocation of wolves to extend their longevity on the Island.

Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6031 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 00:07:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6032 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 00:34:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am strongly in support of Alternative A. Mainland wolves should not be trapped and transferred to Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 6033 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 00:48:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I'm asking that no action be taken towards transplanting wolves to Isle Royale.

Warm regards,

Edward [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6034 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 01:19:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save and protect the wolves!!!

Correspondence ID: 6035 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 02:24:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The Wolves are an important part of the ecosystem and they keep the balance in the wildlife. The Wolves must live and be protected!

Correspondence ID: 6036 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 02:38:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6037 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 03:24:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please, let your wolves be free. Freedom for them !

Correspondence ID: 6038 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 04:22:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please repopulate wolves onto Isle Royale

Correspondence ID: 6039 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 04:22:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative "A" - no action.

Correspondence ID: 6040 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 05:12:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect Isle Royale and its wolves!!

Correspondence ID: 6041 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 05:33:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

I am a great supporter of our national parks and I writing regarding my concern regarding the relocation of wolves to Isle Royale.

I believe that natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, please consider no action as wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

Respectfully,
Catherine [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6042 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 05:43:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Proposition A. Wildlife should make the decision on where to migrate. Wildlife must continue to play a strong and natural role in sustaining their roles in nature.

Correspondence ID: 6043 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 05:46:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree that no action should be taken.

Correspondence ID: 6044 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 05:54:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Humans interfering with natural migration is almost always a colossal mistake with many unforeseen and unintended consequences.

Correspondence ID: 6045 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:04:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6046 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:08:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a former Michigan resident and occasional tourist to the Lake Superior area, I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6047 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:16:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Alternative A is the only alternative that honours and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

I understand that wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Let's not interfere so much in matters which are the concern of the animals affected. They know best what is right for them.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, you can all learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6048 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:17:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: End the NON STOP killing of everything in site. The majority of this country claims to be Christian yet acts nothing like one. Animals were not put here to be put to death continuously. They were not here to maim, torture, be brutalized, etc. End the horrid killing and ACT like the Christians you claim to be.

Correspondence ID: 6049 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:17:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see the NPS translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6050 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:19:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to see the NPS translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6051 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:42:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A.

Correspondence ID: 6052 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:46:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am a vacation visitor to Isle Royale. Please protect the autonomy of its wolves.

â€ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6053 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:50:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: If the wolves have not island their home by natural means for a reason, forcing them on to the island will be a disaster. Sometimes we need to let the wildlife show us what is right.

Correspondence ID: 6054 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:55:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My family and I support the option of allowing wolves to sustain their own existence (option A) \ Thank you for allowing our voice to be 'heard' \

Correspondence ID: 6055 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 06:58:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A, which allows for no action on the part of humans and honors natural processes. Please consider this carefully, as I believe this is the only humane thing to do for the wolves.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6056 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:07:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
Let ecology be your guide....

Correspondence ID: 6057 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:08:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I STRONGLY SUPPORT Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status!!!!!!

Every animal has a purpose in nature. Some animals are more cute and cuddly and therefore more easily loved.

But cute or not, every animal has a purpose.

What has been done to wolves in this country is a travesty.

The cruelty, the downright animosity is unbelievable.

We cannot let a few vocal anti-wolf lobbyists do any further damage to the wolf population.

Someone must step in and do the right thing. It is therefore up to the NPS to stand strong and protect the wolf just as it should be protecting every other animal!!!!

The world has been up and down in terms of protecting animals. Some great things have been done recently for them, but plenty of threats still remain.

So many of our waters, public lands, forests, and open spaces have already been ruined by development, drilling, OTV/ATV use, and man. The animals are running out of places to live and be safe. Our wildlife are under threat from so many angles. They desperately need to be protected, mainly from humans.

Life is hard enough for people, let alone the animals.

Can't we please offer the WOLVES some much needed help?!

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your time.

Correspondence ID: 6058 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:10:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6059 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:15:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature do its thing: alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6060 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:16:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In a situation like this, where the wolves arrived only recently (within the last hundred years) I believe in letting nature take its course. If the wolves go away and moose start destroying the island- -which is very unlikely since they've been there a long time- -you can revisit the issue then.

Correspondence ID: 6061 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:20:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6062 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:43:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,
I have seen what has happened to the wolves that have been released under various conditions- only to see them shot and killed when supposedly they became too numerous. I do not want this to happen again. I believe that human nature handles excesses and should not be controlled by mankind by killing. I am against any wolves be introduced anywhere now.

Correspondence ID: 6063 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:49:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: These are at least one of the most important species in any niche. Studies have shown the top predators keep the entire ecosystem in check and keep it all balanced, without them, even the grass is harder to sustain. Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Correspondence ID: 6064 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:50:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves!!

â€ Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â€ Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your compassion and dedication!

Correspondence ID: 6065 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:52:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly encourage support of Alternative "A" in order to honor and preserve the area's wilderness character. This would allow the wolves to decide in a natural manner where they would colonize.

Correspondence ID: 6066 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:52:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please do not relocate wolves to Isle Royale. Let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 6067 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 07:57:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to ask that you support Alternative A regarding how wolves on Isle Royale are managed.. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Beth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6068 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:19:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Do nothing but allow wolves to come and go.

Correspondence ID: 6069 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:23:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6070 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:28:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let Nature prevail. Option A

Correspondence ID: 6071 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:28:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale wolves should not be added to or relocated. Alternative A- doing nothing is the best strategy for this population. Since the island is not their natural habitat historically and it is isolated inbreeding is a problem which is not good for the wolves or their health. Adding more wolves would cause them to suffer the same genetic fate.

Correspondence ID: 6072 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:28:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: One of my very first backpacking trips was on Isle Royale circa 1971 at the age of 16. For 45 years now I have visited both National Parks and designated Wilderness areas. I am keen on the two designations, that we may learn to appreciate nature while providing places for nature to run free. In considering the proposal to bring wolves to Isle Royale I write to express my strong support for Alternative A, do nothing, which preserves the Wilderness designation that applies to some 98% of the island. Over time, wolves may choose to return to Isle Royale or they may not. Populations will ebb and flow at a timeline that is not of man's making. Please make your ruling to preserve the Wilderness status of the island.

Correspondence ID: 6073 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:37:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6074 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 08:53:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss

of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 6075 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:03:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Correspondence ID: 6076 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:06:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: With respect and urgency I write to ask for your support.

Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Most sincerely,

Lisa [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6077 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:22:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6078 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:25:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6079 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:26:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wolves

Correspondence ID: 6080 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:30:53
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A (No action) with regards to a proposed wolf transplantation plan for Isle Royale National Park. It is the only alternative under consideration that is consistent with the wilderness status of the park. Moreover, the recent presence of wolves in the park over its long biological history is more an anomaly than a norm. For those who want to perpetuate a long natural prey-predator study, to what end would an artificial introduction of wolves serve?

Correspondence ID: 6081 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:33:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to support Alternative A, because it is the only choice that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the

Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6082 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:35:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6083 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:42:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe no action (Alternative A) is the best decision. We should let the wolves come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6084 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:44:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello,

I support alternative A, to allow wolves to come and go via natural migration.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please uphold Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you,

Correspondence ID: 6085 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:48:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select Alternative A...no action. It is the only alternative that upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Even if the current wolf population dies off, man should not interfere with Nature by relocating other wolves. It's usually a disaster & ruins the pack's genetic nature. Remember 2 decades ago, when the USA shelled out millions of dollars to bring wolves from Canada to Yellowstone Park? It did not work out well for the wolves or the environment.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6086 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:48:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A - the no-action alternative. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6087 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:49:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€ Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 6088 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:50:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

It is very important to let nature take its course.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6089 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:53:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6090 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:58:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6091 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 09:58:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6092 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:02:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would advise to allow wolves to wander following the food sources, weather and regular migratory paths!

Correspondence ID: 6093 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:14:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A

Correspondence ID: 6094 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:17:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I agree that Alternative A makes the most sense. Both as a fiscal and also as a, "leave nature alone," keep human interference to a minimum solution.

Correspondence ID: 6095 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:18:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a past resident of Michigan and a visitor to Isle Royal I have to insist that Option A, leaving the wolves to nature in this artificial setting is the way to go. Please dont impose on the island any more.

Correspondence ID: 6096 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 10:19:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the Isle Royale Wilderness and the freedom of wolves.

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

So once again, I support Alternative A and not exile other wolves to the Island merely to extend a study on predatory and prey behavior.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6097 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:25:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor alternative A. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6098 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:33:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Please allow the wolves to come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6099 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:44:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6100 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:51:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am in support of Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6101 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:56:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ask you consider Alt D for wolf population at Isle Royal.

Correspondence ID: 6102 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:57:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A for now.

Correspondence ID: 6103 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 10:59:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save the wolves! Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6104 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:01:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please implement Alternative A. Nature should be respected and the natural world, whenever possible, should determine the movement of wildlife without human interference.

Correspondence ID: 6105 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:12:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I share the concerns of the Wilderness Watch organization and I agree with their recommendation that the Alternative A plan is chosen as policy for wolf management for Isle Royale National Park wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 6106 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:17:14

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale Wilderness Wolves

Please support Alternative "A" . Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 6107 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:27:08

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support for A to allow natural process

Correspondence ID: 6108 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:27:59

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A: Take no action. Please leave the wolves alone; they are best taken care of by natural processes and not by misguided human efforts.

Correspondence ID: 6109 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:32:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let nature take its course. Alternative A is the only choice in this regard. Alternative D would leave your options open. However, given the decline of the moose population, adding wolves probably is not a good idea in the future. This is a wilderness area, so let the "natural" processes do their thing. Again, Alternative A supports this best. It would also save the expense of capturing and transporting the wolves proposed for Alternatives B and C.

Thanks for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6110 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:35:24

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please allow the wolves to decide whether they want to live on Isle Royale. Let natural migration and natural processes decide the matter, and let honor Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6111 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:35:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A as the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Just let nature take it's course.

Sincerely,

Kenneth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6112 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 11:35:42

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sometimes it is best to let nature take its course and not to interfere.

Correspondence ID: 6113 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:38:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves should be allowed to inhabit wilderness areas including the Isle Royale Wilderness National Park in Lake Superior on their own as nature intended. Human interference has caused an imbalance of nature to occur.

Correspondence ID: 6114 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:40:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs:
Since wolves are recent inhabitants of Isle Royale, it seems to me that alternative A is the best course of action. Nature will take care of balancing the ecosystem, provided people don't interfere. If the moose population begins to increase beyond the ability of the area to feed them, consider moving the moose to another ecosystem where they are declining.
Maybe the rest of the inhabitants of the island could be studied to see if there is another reason for the decline of the wolf population. Moose aren't the only prey wolves eat. What else is happening on the Isle?

Correspondence ID: 6115 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:40:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6116 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:41:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6117 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:44:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: we need to preserve allparks

Correspondence ID: 6118 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:45:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: preserve Isle Royal

Correspondence ID: 6119 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:48:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protect the autonomy of its wolves! Su[[ort Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6120 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 11:56:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6121 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:00:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6122 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:10:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6123 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:14:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please send your comments by July 6. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

ⓧ Read the NPS scoping letter.

ⓧ For more information and to read a thorough and thoughtful analysis of the wolf translocation issue by [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6124 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:19:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A- no action; Wolves would come/go based upon natural migration...

We, as humans, need to not interfere in every aspect of nature..thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6125 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:30:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6126 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:35:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: all creatures a have their place and purpose in nature - only humans do not respect that

Correspondence ID: 6127 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:42:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

I urge you to:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6128 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:52:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please select Alternative A when deciding how to handle wolves for Isle Royale since it is designated as a Wilderness. If the lake freezes and more wolves migrate to the island, that will be as it should be. If more wolves don't migrate on their own, that will be as it should be too.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6129 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 12:52:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Go with option A and let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 6130 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:05:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: PLEASE Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6131 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:07:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6132 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:16:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: How many times does the American People have to be bothered by this form of barbaric legislation from Capitol Hill calling for an unwanted energy bill that threatens to destroy our wilderness and environment? Well the American People are not going to take this horrific excuse anymore and we have just had it up to the here (the razor's edge) with the same old childish behavior still coming from the Republicans and special interests groups. America has finally put it's foot down on the continuing threats made on our national parks, rich wilderness heritage, government lands and environment, which means that a full majority of Americans will do their best to defend our rich wildlife heritage and environment while making sure are national parks remains as free from any type of development. In recent memory, I have never heard this type of adult-oriented childish behavior taken to the extreme in my life, and many Americans must be just as deeply offended as I am. Now that the Republicans, the fossil fuel industry and special interests groups have acted like "mentally-disturbed big babies" since the 1980's, they need to start growing up and face up to the fact that we are in an international climate crises and that we need to find a series of hard solutions that will lower the world's temperatures to normal rates and successfully turn back the clock on climate change before it finally gets the best of us. We all know that childish behavior never amounts to any-thing, we need to keep using our common sense and rely on the best technology that will successfully eradicate the climate crises so that we can have a safe and prosperous future that everyone can really look forward to. We all know that a solution against climate change can be successfully made, we just need to make it become a landmark life-saving reality as quick as possible.

Correspondence ID: 6133 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 13:17:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A in the plans for Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6134 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:18:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please enact Alternative 1 and allow wolves to either choose to live on Isle Royal or not. There is no need to tamper with the natural processes involved in this matter.

Thank you, David [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6135 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:19:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing in strong support of Option A, to take no action on wolves on Isle Royale. The wolf population came to Isle Royale relatively recently, by natural means, and it does not seem justifiable to intervene with human action to increase the population. Wolves have their own social structures and ranges; whether the population Isle Royale dies out or increases by natural means, there is no reason to disturb another population of wolves to artificially populate Isle Royale. Observing natural behavior in this situation seems to be the most valuable course of action rather than introducing human-driven factors that negate or at least severely impact natural phenomena. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6136 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:21:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have read Dr. Camenzind's "CASE AGAINST INTERVENING IN THE ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK WOLF/MOOSE ISSUE." I support Alternative A. Please protect the wilderness character of the island over the intrusion, intervention and manipulation of the island's wolf population. Obviously, this would allow NO KILLING of wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6137 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:40:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May concern,

I believe that Alternative A is the best choice. When humans get involved with Mother Nature, the wrong things happen. So A is the best way to go for now.

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6138 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:41:19
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We must be sane keepers of the earth and all its beings or lose everything in time.

Correspondence ID: 6139 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:50:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6140 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 13:53:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: They are wild animals and will go wherever they want.

Correspondence ID: 6141 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:16:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wolves

Correspondence ID: 6142 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:27:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our wildlife before it's too late!!! This is vital for the eco-system to survive!!!

Correspondence ID: 6143 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:27:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save our parks!

Correspondence ID: 6144 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:32:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6145 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:40:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support the option that allows nature to take its course, that is, neither introduction nor removal of wolves or moose.

Correspondence ID: 6146 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:56:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let the wolves come and go on their own. Please help support their natural migration. Please just do the right thing. The beauty of our nature depends upon it.

Correspondence ID: 6147 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 14:56:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Seems like common sense wildlife management is the best course of action for a balanced ecology! Please act on this insight in favor of the everyone!

Correspondence ID: 6148 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:17:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I very much hope that the NPS will respect the right of the surviving wolves to live unmolested in the Isle Royale wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 6149 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:19:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6150 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:19:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As someone 86 years old, who had enjoyed our national parks all my live, I am concerned at the loss of any protection. Wolves are greatly threatened thruout the US. We must provide adequate protection wherever they live. Thank you, Jeffrey [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6151 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:20:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Thanks for letting me comment on this issue and I love commenting on Nat'l Park issues.

I support the Alt. A, No Action the reason being is because I think wolves should come and go based on natural migration,its great that we have wolves in our Nat'l Parks but I think they should roam wherever and there should be plenty of open space for them to roam. So I hope that the service chooses the No Action alternative. Alternative A honors and upholds Isle Royale's wilderness status. Thank You

Correspondence ID: 6152 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:28:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the oppportunity to respond regarding this important issue. As a wilderness and wild animal lover, I strongly support Alternative A.

I support Alternative A for some of the following reasons:

* Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

* Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. No human intervention.

* Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

We need to support Alternative A and let nature take its natural course.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond.

Patricia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6153 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:31:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I hope to visit Isle Royale this summer in order to experience a wilderness as I have other wilderness areas. It would be nice to see wild wolves but "Wilderness" is the key word and I am a strong supporter of The Wilderness Act. Therefore I respectfully request that you follow Alternative A, No Action, of the EIS Scoping document. This is in keeping with the admonition of the Wilderness Act to let nature take its course.

I am an former NPS employee and frequent visitor to the Parks. We need to let nature have its say. Besides, when the last two wolves depart, then your biologists can study the affect of predator disappearance on the moose population. That would be a good thing.

Thank you,

/s/

Michael [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6154 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:40:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6155 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:42:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please do not try to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale, as the wolves were not there originally. With global warming, the wolves would be essentially trapped on the island, unable to respond to adverse environmental pressures by returning to mainland across ice on Lake Superior in the winter.

Correspondence ID: 6156 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:44:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6157 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:55:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Save the wolves and the Isle Royale ecosystem. Simply look at the success of re-introduction of wolves in Yellowstone to see what benefits wolves are. Can the 1000 plus moose on this tiny island keep themselves and the ecosystem healthy without predators?

Correspondence ID: 6158 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:57:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect the Isle Royale Wilderness!

Correspondence ID: 6159 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 15:59:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save wildlife & habitat.

Correspondence ID: 6160 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:00:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I SUPPORT PLAN A ...DO NOTHING LET THE WOLVES DECIDE WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH AND INTERFERED ENOUGH WITH NATURE AND ANIMALS.....THANK YOU...

Correspondence ID: 6161 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:03:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6162 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:06:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect the wolves at all cost

Correspondence ID: 6163 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:08:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Correspondence ID: 6164 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:14:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Let this course play out. Let's study them, understand ecology and species migration, daily living and evolution. Let's study the surrounding environment from species to plants and NOT exterminate wolves.

Thank you for listening to my comments



Correspondence ID: 6165 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:26:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6166 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 16:47:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support option A re wolves at Isle Royal

Correspondence ID: 6167 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 16:48:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6168 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 17:04:07

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6169 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 17:04:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe nature has decided that the wolves cannot flourish on the island, and we should let nature take it's course. I don't think we should restock the island with wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6170 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 17:09:38

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in strong support of Alternative A, to ensure Isle Royale maintains its unique role as a designated Wilderness, untrammelled, and free from human manipulation.

I grew very fond of Isle Royale during my time as an undergrad at [REDACTED] Wisconsin [REDACTED]. At the same time that my love of the Island was maturing, my understanding of designated Wilderness was also maturing. I ended up graduating with a degree in Environmental Studies with an emphasis in Wilderness Philosophy. Shortly thereafter, I moved to Southeast Alaska to work on Wilderness stewardship. Southeast AK is a land of islands and its own unique wolf population, the Alexander Archipelago wolf. I've spent many hours protecting these wolves on their native islands. I mention this to express my passion for both wolves and Wilderness where appropriate (i.e. where their natural succession pattern is respected).

Since then, I followed both of those passions. I received a Masters degree studying population ecology from [REDACTED], and am currently working toward my PhD in the same field at the [REDACTED]. Concurrently, I helped [REDACTED] and have served almost 6 years as a Board Member. I mention all of this simply to highlight that I have thought and studied deeply in both Wilderness policy and philosophy and wildlife population ecology. It is clear to me that Isle Royale presents the field of ecology an unparalleled dataset and test case in successional island biogeography and population dynamics. It would be absurd for the Park to take an objective action, counter to its Wilderness mandate, only to sabotage such an incredible opportunity to study ecological change in the current climate context.

Please fulfill the mandate of the Wilderness Act and select Alternative A.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6171 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 17:12:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that the wolf situation should not be tampered with by people. Historically wolves were never a part of the islands ecosystem. The monetary savings could be put to better use being the National Park System's budget has been hit pretty hard in the last several years.

Correspondence ID: 6172 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 17:37:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6173 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 17:50:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please leave the wildlife alone. Thank you!

Correspondence ID: 6174 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:01:05

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: It is in everyones' best interest to leave the wolves of Isla Royale as they are. Please vote to leave them in peace.

Thank you,

Peter [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6175 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:04:22

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royal should remain wild, without human intrusion into the natural processes that take place in this wilderness. Wolves should not be artificially reintroduced if the present population dies out or migrates. Instead, the natural processes should be studied so that we can better understand those processes.

Wolves are a recent addition to the Isle Royal Wilderness. They migrated across the frozen lake to the island and were trapped there when the lake thawed. They then established family units. Since then some wolves have migrated back across the frozen lake while others have perished by natural forces.

To maintain Isle Royal as the law dictates, we must only observe the forces at work on the isle not interfere. Therefore, I respectfully ask that "alternative A" be implemented by the Park Service.

Correspondence ID: 6176 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:16:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 6177 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:42:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6178 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:43:23

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No action should be taken. Let nature decide if wolves will live on the island.

Correspondence ID: 6179 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:58:50

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let's let nature take it's course and honor the intent of the Wilderness designation; Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6180 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 18:59:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6181 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 19:03:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A (No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration)! Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do your best to keep Isle Royale as it was meant to be!

Kathy

Correspondence ID: 6182 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 19:14:01

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Protect the wolves, they balance the ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 6183 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:15:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Creation is beyond the capacity of mere human beings to comprehend, so, why do so many humans dismiss as valuable each and every life form that is here on Earth? Life is not here for humans to intrude their will upon. All beings are to be free and live in their naturally prescribed ways. All deserve pristine conditions and clean elements, freedom to roam and meet their own sacred destinies.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6184 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:33:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that Option A is the only viable choice for the wolves as there is no future for them on the island if they are unable to sustain their population naturally. Factors are making their future on the island impossible. It's a death sentence to move wolves from the mainland knowing they cannot survive on the island. Someone should have determined before the population was down to two wolves what the factors were that brought about their demise. Now it's too late. Let the wolves move about as they see it. It is after all their own destiny, not ours.

Correspondence ID: 6185 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:41:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom it May Concern,
After reading your report I have come to the conclusion that Alternative C is the best choice for wolf management on Isle Royale with one caveat. I list my reasons below and suggestion at the end.

Reason one is that The island has been occupied by wolves for many decades and the wolves found there way there. Although trans-locating more wolves to the island may not be a natural process, it has proven to be a viable environment for them. Since their ability to freely migrate rate to and from the mainland has been curtailed they can not leave and hopefully a full healthy and breeding population will come of this.

Reason two is that wolves ARE an endangered species and should be listed as so and remain so. They need to be protected to the fullest extent of the law. One of the best ways to do that is to have more habitat for them to live free. Isle Royale gives them one more place to call home.

My caveat to your plan is to not only trans-locate wolves TO the island, but also trans-locate wolves FROM the island so that inbreeding would be minimized.

Please choose alternative C and consider my suggestion. Please allow these noble, beautiful and intelligent animals to live wild and free lives on Isle Royale.

Thank You,

Correspondence ID: 6186 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:45:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I feel that no action should be taken to transplant wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior. The wolves at Isle Royale should be left alone to come and go based on natural migration. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6187 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:49:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A

No action. Let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 6188 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:55:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Let nature take it's course

Correspondence ID: 6189 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 19:56:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6190 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:01:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Although climate change may modify formation of ice bridges to Isle Royal, the wolf population should be left to natural processes and opportunities in you management plan. Any control by Park staff would be artificial manipulation of an ecosystem seeking natural balance.

Correspondence ID: 6191 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:07:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6192 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:19:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:
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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6193 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:31:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our extended family has been vacationing at our family camp in the border country for six generations. Memories and tales of the wilderness, they first camped in has been a part of our legacy. We all support Plan A!!

Wolves have been and are so attacked and compromised across all their range, please let's begin to tip the balance their way...and ours, too, who love the call of the wild.

Correspondence ID: 6194 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:31:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status

Correspondence ID: 6195 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:48:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6196 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 20:50:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.
Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6197 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:01:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Although rampant warming of Earth's atmosphere and the dire effect of that on Lake Superior is seriously disrupting all aspects of the world ecosystem, and that of Isle Royale in particular, the "Alternative A" under consideration, to let nature take its course, appears nonetheless to be the best choice, accompanied by continued close monitoring and study.

Correspondence ID: 6198 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:02:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: ..

Correspondence ID: 6199 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:03:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: My husband and I think that the wolf population in Isle Royale should not be artificially manipulated. Wolves should be left alone to come and go when the situation allows them to move from the mainland. We have been to Isle Royale and to us it's a remote, wilderness kind of place, where human interference with nature should not happen.

Correspondence ID: 6200 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:17:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature should call the shots. No human manipulations.

Correspondence ID: 6201 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:18:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has

Correspondence ID: 6202 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:28:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I said strongly support alternative A. Wilderness should not be manipulated. Let the wolves come and go as they please.

Correspondence ID: 6203 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 21:47:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: LET THE GREAT WOLVES THRIVE IN NATURE NOW.

Correspondence ID: 6204 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 22:06:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that it is best to stick with Plan A, which is to allow natural migration to and from the island. I understand that one outcome is that no wolves will migrate to the island. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6205 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 22:24:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A. Please leave things as they are. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Correspondence ID: 6206 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 22:25:57
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: i like wolves sooo much. and there's no such thing as dogs without wolves, so. protect the wolves. they are the prettiest.

i know i'm supposed to sound more intelligent and pulled-together in my comments here, but, really, it's just- -wolves!

SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE A

Correspondence ID: 6207 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 22:34:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please, no intervention at Isle Royale. Let the wolf population fluctuate on its own.

Correspondence ID: 6208 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 23:31:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Save wilderness for all Americans
and
let the wolves run free as they did in the past!

Correspondence ID: 6209 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jun,30,2016 23:42:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that recognizes and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6210 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jun,30,2016 23:48:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6211 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 00:07:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A in order to maintain the wilderness aspect of the area.
Allow wolves to decide what they want to do. Do not interfere with the wilderness . Let it be.

Correspondence ID: 6212 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 00:36:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The most natural way to manage this area is to allow it to be managed by the natural forces at play. If wolves want to colonize the island let them, but don't force them into a niche where they cannot thrive. I believe that letting nature take it's course is the best option here. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6213 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 02:48:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6214 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 03:09:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Alternative A honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6215 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 05:11:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is preferred

Correspondence ID: 6216 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 05:28:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am not a biologist, nor even a scientist. I teach environmental literature and have worked to establish an Environmental Studies major at a public university. And I was born in the Midwest. From my (odd) perspective, Isle Royale seems to be a nearly unique protected area, inscribing northern, interior wildness among the Great Lakes. I hope you will consider allowing that wildness to move toward a natural balance of predators by choosing Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6217 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 06:02:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6218 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 06:07:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative A as it is the only one that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status, thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6219 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 06:16:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A with regards to the wolf issue on Isle Royale. If more wolves desire to return to this wilderness, please let them do on their own accord.

Correspondence ID: 6220 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 06:26:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6221 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 06:32:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 6222 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 06:51:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please let nature take its course and leave the wolves alone. It's important to preserve the area's wilderness and let the wolves decide if they want to repopulate. They do not need human interference. Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6223 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 07:21:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only sensible and natural answer. Wolves, who came there only recently, are not fodder for "study". It is unhealthful and unnatural to put them there for study, as the genetic and social circumstances would be highly abnormal. It is not valid for the purpose of study. It is not valid for the health of the pack.

Correspondence ID: 6224 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 07:37:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Public Comment regarding transplanting wolves to the 133,000-acre Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving:

Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you very much for your Public Comment Opportunity!

Correspondence ID: 6225 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 07:47:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6226 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 07:53:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A and take no action to relocate wolves to Isle Royale. Any such manipulation of the wildlife population in a Wilderness area damages its Wilderness character. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6227 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 08:20:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect our Natural and Wild Places.

Correspondence ID: 6228 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 08:30:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE TAKE NO ACTION. WOLVES SHOULD COME AND GO BASED ON NATURAL MIGRATION

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammelled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

THANK YOU

Correspondence ID: 6229 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 08:31:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative B. If after this one-time translocation of wolves, the ISRO wolf population again plummets, then nature has spoken.

Correspondence ID: 6230 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 09:03:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protecting wolf populations, and the habitat necessary for their ongoing recovery is worth supporting. Wolves are a necessary predator for healthy ecosystems.
Please do not undo all of the recovery efforts (including tax dollars) that have been poured into protecting wolves throughout public lands.

Correspondence ID: 6231 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 09:11:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I just returned from a trip to Isle Royale. It is an amazing piece of wilderness with thousands of years of history.

I support Option A. If this wilderness is to be truly honored and protected as wilderness, then humans should let nature take its course by studying, not manipulating, the results.

Correspondence ID: 6232 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 09:15:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6233 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 09:33:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

It should be a clear indication that this location is not a suitable environment for sustaining wolf populations by the fact that existing wolves are declining. Relocating wolves to this island would ultimately end in their demise. If we truly wish to enhance wolf populations, then they should be kept in their natural habitats. I find the Isle Royale proposal to be ill-conceived. It should not be implemented. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6234 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 09:43:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 6235 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 10:06:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Isle Royale Wolves EIS. I request that you select Alternative A which gives wolves the ability to come and go as they please and as nature would allow. A wilderness area should be kept as just that....wilderness, without the manipulations and artifacts of humans and their activities.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6236 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 10:35:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to express my strong support for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale only since 1950 - a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 6237 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 10:53:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would like to submit the following comments:

1. Please support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.
2. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the nature dictate if the wolves will continue to live there.

Which brings me to my final point.

3. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6238 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 10:57:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am supporting Alternative A. Let the wolves make their own decisions.

Thank you,

Ruth [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6239 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 11:07:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of plan Alternative "A". Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

* Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

* Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6240 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 11:25:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammelled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Therefore, I strongly urge the NPS to take NO action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. This is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

In the Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. Let the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID:	6241	Project:	59316	Document:	71605
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Correspondence:	July 1, 2016				

Superintendent Phyllis Green
Isle Royale National Park
Attention: Wolf Management Plan/EIS
800 E Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931

Re: Revised Scope of the Wolf Management Plan/EIS, Isle Royale National Park

Dear Superintendent Green:

On behalf of our supporters of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), we submit these comments regarding the National Park Service (NPS) notice of a revised scope for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for wolf management at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, and incorporate by reference our previous comments submitted on August 28, 2015 (attached). The HSUS is thankful that the NPS has chosen not to cull the moose at this time and is now focused on managing the wolf population at the park. The HSUS supports the Revised Preliminary Draft Alternative C which recognizes that re-establishing a population needs to be based on the best available science, could involve more than one translocation event, and is a long-term commitment by NPS to manage this population.

As a procedural matter, the timeline provided by NPS with the Record of Decision (ROD) being issued in the fall/winter of 2017, most likely will mean that none of the current wolf population at Isle Royale will be present on the island when measures are taken. As the NPS stated, the wolf population is in steep decline over the past five years with only three wolves documented in March of 2015 and two wolves in February of 2016. By delaying its decision to translocate wolves to Isle Royale, the NPS has essentially written off the current population of wolves. This is unacceptable. As we did in our previous comments, we urge the NPS to move swiftly to finalize the ROD.

Implementing Alternative C as quickly as possible will be the best option for the wolves and for the Park. By reestablishing and maintaining an ecologically functional wolf population, Alternative C will allow for the natural processes of the predator-prey relationship to continue-to the benefit of the entire biological community in the Park. Alternative C will also provide Park visitors the opportunity to experience Isle Royales special wilderness with wolves, moose, and a thriving forest. That those visitors will continue to come to the Park, in part because of the wolves and the special wilderness created by their presence, will contribute significant income to Upper Peninsula gateway communities. The long-term timeframe for translocating wolves and maintaining their population on the island under this Alternative is the most appropriate as the Park will accrue these ecological and social benefits for the foreseeable future.

Additional Considerations for NPS to evaluate in the alternatives put forth in the Draft EIS:

As the NPS moves forward in drafting the EIS, the agency should address the following considerations with regards to each alternative proposed in the EIS:

" Ecosystem services that wolves provide: Wolves significantly influence biological diversity and ecosystem function on Isle Royale including limiting moose populations and indirectly protecting forests and other ecosystems in the park. NPS must explicitly analyze this issue in the Plan/EIS.

" Ethics: NPS must address the ethics of the alternatives and of its final decisions in the Plan/EIS including the ethics of failing to maintain the wolf population in the face of human-caused climate change.

" Value of research: The NPS needs to address the impact each alternative concept would have on the research relating to predator-prey relationships taking place on Isle Royale, a unique ecosystem, and perhaps the only remaining place on earth where together wolves and moose are not hunted and forests are not logged. The value added and knowledge gained from continuing this long running study is invaluable to the scientific community and wildlife managers.

" Social impacts: Social impacts beyond just the impacts on park visitors need to be addressed. National Parks belong to all Americans, who fund their operation through tax dollars. UP communities benefit from tourist travel to Isle Royale and will be impacted by NPS actions taken as a result of the Plan/EIS.

All impacted stakeholders, including these, should be considered in the analysis.

The Plan/EIS Should Include Analysis of the Ecological Importance of Wolves

From the study of predator-prey relationships conducted at Isle Royale for more than 50 years, we know that wolves provide remarkable benefits by limiting prey populations, culling very young or old or sick animals, and indirectly protecting forests and ecosystem function in the park (Peterson 1977; Brandner, et al., 1990; McInnes, et al., 1992; McLaren & Peterson, 1994; Vucetich & Peterson 2004a; Vucetich & Peterson, 2004b; Vucetich & Peterson, 2013). While several factors influence moose numbers on Isle Royale, the wolves have been recognized as the primary one (Peterson, 1977; Vucetich & Peterson, 2004). Moose, in turn, exert a major influence over the composition of the parks plant communities. Dramatic changes in vegetation have been documented due, in large part, to moose (McInnes, et al., 1992; McLaren & Janke, 1996; McLaren & Peterson, 1994; Paster, et al., 1998; Risenhoover & Maass, 1987; Snyder & Janke, 1976; Brandner, et al., 1990).

Wolves significantly influence biological diversity and ecosystem function wherever they are found (Hebblewhite et al. 2005, Beschta and Ripple 2006, Ripple and Beschta 2007, Beschta and Ripple 2009, Ritchie and Johnson 2009, Estes et al. 2011). Ecologically-functioning populations of wolves have been instrumental in restoring biological diversity in the Northern Rocky Mountains, including increasing the number of song birds, pronghorn, lynx, and other species, while simultaneously improving the ecology of vital riparian systems (e.g., Smith et al. 2003, Fortin et al. 2005, Berger et al. 2008, Beschta and Ripple 2009, Ripple et al. 2011). More recently, researchers found that wolves in the Great Lakes region have the same trophic-cascading effects on their ecosystems (Callan et al. 2013, Peterson et al. 2014). Wolves contribute to scavengers (Wilmers and Getz 2005, Stahler et al. 2006, Constible et al. 2008), check the effects of mesopredators (e.g., Berger et al. 2008, Ritchie and Johnson 2009, Estes et al. 2011, Ripple et al. 2011), and even affects soil nutrients, soil microbes, and plant quality (Flagel et al. 2015, Bump et al. 2009). Small populations of wolves, however, cannot affect ecological function (Belant and Adams 2010); wolves therefore need to be restored to ecologically-functional population sizes sufficient to influence ecosystems.

Wolves create the well-documented ecology of fear that keeps their prey constantly on the move and prevents overbrowsing, thus allowing greater ecosystem function and biological diversity (e.g., Ripple and Beschta 2012). Also, unlike humans with guns, wolves kill sick, weak, and old animals making the herd more vital (Vucetich et al. 2005, Wright et al. 2006, Darimont et al. 2015).

Whereas hunters typically kill prime age, breeding adults rather than calves and older adults resulting in a different age structure (Kunkel et al. 1999, Wright 2006) and human selection can even influence wild preys genetic traits due to selective pressure (Darimont et al. 2009, Darimont et al. 2015). Hunter-killed carcasses are more concentrated in time and location than wolf-killed carcasses, resulting in differences in the scavenger species benefiting (Wilmers et al. 2003a, 2003b), and will not have the same beneficial effects to soils, and ultimately to plant communities (Bump et al. 2009).

The end of wolves on Isle Royale will be followed by an increase in moose numbers to the point that significant harms to the forest will result, including a loss of biological diversity. There are many other places where the absence of predators has led to large numbers of herbivores-moose, elk, or deer. We already have plenty of such places, but we have very few places like Isle Royale (Previant, et al., 2013).

If wolves are present in ecologically functional populations, they can mediate ungulate populations, which then confers greater biological diversity and function to ecosystems. Additionally, wolves indirectly benefit numerically rare species in the face of climate change. Wolves are a critical component to ecosystem health. Because of wolves enormous effects on their ecosystems from trophic cascades, the Plan/EIS must acknowledge and incorporate the best available science about the benefits wolves confer on their ecosystems and to biological diversity.

With merely two known wolves on the island, wolves are not acting in an ecologically-functional manner to control the moose population. They desperately need augmentation in order to fulfill this vital role. Such a population should be restored as swiftly as possible.

NPS Should Analyze the Ethics of its Decision in the Plan/EIS

The ethics of the human relationship to wolves should be addressed by NPS in the EIS. Typically, current discussions about wolf management are flawed by bias toward overrepresentation of the natural sciences and underrepresentation of the social sciences and ethical discourse (Lynn 2002, 2006, 2010). Many ethical approaches to understanding the human relationship to wolves have already been explored such as deep ecology (Naess 1974), wolves as symbols (Midgley 2001), ethics of ecological restoration (Sharpe et al. 2001), assumptions about science and management (Jickling and Paquet 2005), ecofeminism (Emel 1995), and the ethics of animal welfare as it relates to wildlife conservation (Paquet and Darimont 2010). These approaches, the last in particular, should be included in NPS examination of potential actions on Isle Royale.

Ethical considerations should not be left out of the management decision process (Schmidt and Salmon 1991, Eggleston et al. 2003, Littin et al. 2004, Littin and Mellor 2005). The decisions before NPS present difficult ethical questions requiring the weighing of duties to the current and future public, the animals, and the ecosystems impacted by those animals. Therefore, NPS should explicitly analyze the ethics of the alternative actions NPS might take (Minteer and Collins 2008, Minteer and Collins 2005a, Minteer and Collins 2005b).

NPS Must Include the Positive Value of Predator-Prey Relationship Research in Analysis

The NPS needs to address the impact each alternative concept would have on the research relating to predator-prey relationships taking place on Isle Royale. The value added and knowledge gained from continuing this long-running study is invaluable to the scientific community and for wildlife managers.

Predator-prey relationships and moose impacts on vegetation have been studied on Isle Royale for more than 50 years (i.e., Snyder & Janke 1976, Peterson 1977, Risenhoover & Maass 1987, Brandner et al., 1990, McInnes et al., 1992, McLaren & Peterson 1994, McLaren & Janke 1996, Paster et al. 1998, Vucetich & Peterson 2004a, Vucetich & Peterson 2004b, Vucetich & Peterson 2009, Vucetich & Peterson 2013, Previant et al. 2013). Scientists, wildlife managers, and the public have gained significant understanding of those relationships from the science that has come out of these long-term studies. The opportunity to continue this unique and valuable research should not be undervalued.

NPS Must Consider the Impacts of its Decision on the Public Beyond Park Visitors

Thousands of people are drawn to the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan on their way to Isle Royale because of the lure of seeing a wolf. If wolves vanish, tourists are likely to go the same way, causing economic impact on the park and on UP communities. In the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, for instance, wolf-watching tourism nets \$35 million annually to local communities (Duffield et al. 2008). In 2015, park visitors spent an estimated \$4.1 million in local

gateway regions while visiting Isle Royale National Park. These expenditures supported a total of 66 jobs, \$1.4 million in labor income, \$2.6 million in value added, and \$4.7 million in economic output in local gateway economies surrounding Isle Royale National Park (NPS 2015).

Additionally, social impacts beyond the impacts on park visitors need to be addressed. National Parks belong to all Americans and the NPS acknowledges that wilderness can be valuable to people whether or not those individuals actually visit. Our review of recent public comments on genetic rescue of the Isle Royale wolves provided by NPS show that the public is overwhelmingly in support of a continuing wolf presence on Isle Royale and these views need to be considered.

The NPS should also consider the findings of Lute et al. (2012), who conducted a statewide survey of 973 Michiganders, and found 82% of Michiganders value wolves and most Michiganders wanted Michigan wolves managed using sound science.

Americans hold widely divergent attitudes about wildlife, but most value their conservation and protection (Kellert 1996, Sponarski et al. 2013). The North American model of wildlife management, which embraces the public trust doctrine, holds that wildlife belongs to everyone (Horner 2000, Jacobson et al. 2010, Nelson et al. 2011). Therefore, public agencies holding responsibility for wildlife must include the views of all who benefit from and care about that wildlife and must consider future stakeholders who are not alive today to voice their opinion—not just the views of that small number of people who are fortunate enough to be able to visit Isle Royale (Hare and Blossey 2014).

Seeking the views of a wider range of stakeholders, not limited to Park visitors, is necessary (Bruskotter et al. 2011, Organ et al. 2014). Considering just the people who live in Michigan, an overwhelming majority of Michiganders value wolves and most want sound science to be used to manage them (Lute et al. 2012). But the broader public has a stake in this decision, as they fund NPS activity through their taxes. Approximately 94 percent of total funding for wildlife conservation and management come from the non-consumptive users, lending significant weight to the need to listen to the general public and not just consumptive users, state wildlife agencies who promote consumptive use, and park visitors on wildlife issues (Smith and Molde 2014). Park visitors shouldn't be overlooked, of course, since wildlife watchers boosts local economies far beyond the contributions of consumptive users.

NPS Must Preserve Isle Royales Wilderness with Wolves and Moose

For many people, wolves, moose, and their interactions and conservation are a central feature of Isle Royales wilderness (Fisichelli, et al., 2013). One of the stated purposes of Isle Royale National Park is to preserve and protect the park's wilderness character for use and enjoyment by present and future generations (Isle Royale National Park website). To preserve and protect Isle Royales special wilderness character, NPS must help wolves persist on Isle Royale.

The history of wolves on Isle Royale has always been closely tied to humans. The moose themselves were brought to the island by people (Scarpino et al. 2015), and the islands plant and animal communities are being harmed by human-caused climate changes (Burns et al. 2003, Sheikh et al. 2007), including severely reduced frequency of ice bridge formation (Post et al. 1999, Fisichelli et al. 2013). Therefore, NPS must recognize the human aspect to the decline in the wolf population and step in to help translocate wolves in light of the impact anthropogenic climate change is having on them.

NPS Must Consider that Human-caused Climate Change has Negatively Impacted Wolves

The NPS must act swiftly to manage the wolf population on Isle Royale. The declining numbers of wolves on Isle Royale are due in large part to climate change caused by anthropogenic sources. (Huff and Thomas 2014, Grimm et al. 2013, Kunkle 2013, Trumpickas et al. 2009, Lofgren et al. 2002). Traditionally, ice bridges formed in the winter allowing for wolf migration and much-needed genetic variability. As temperatures continue to be, on average, warmer, fewer ice bridges have formed and no longer provide a reliable source for wolf migration.

Moreover, the wolf population acts as a buffer to the effects of climate change by creating more carrion for scavengers and making it available year round, to the advantage of numerically rare species such as bald eagles (Wilmers and Getz 2005, Constible et al. 2008). By modulating moose populations, wolves prevent the overbrowsing of plant communities that are needed by a variety of species (McInnes, et al., 1992; McLaren & Janke, 1996; McLaren & Peterson, 1994; Paster, et al., 1998; Risenhoover & Maass, 1987; Snyder & Janke, 1976; Brandner, et al., 1990).

Thus, because the wolf population is key to the ecological integrity of the park and its rapid decline is caused by human induced climate change, the NPS should act expeditiously to augment the wolf population.

Conclusion

We applaud the NPS for deciding to not cull the moose population at this time and to focus on managing and rebuilding the wolf population at Isle Royale. As stated above, the HSUS supports the Revised Preliminary Draft Alternative C, which recognizes that re-establishing a population needs to be based on the best available science, could involve more than one translocation event, and is a long-term commitment by NPS to manage this population. Additionally, The HSUS urges the NPS to examine the additional issues of ethics, value of research, and broader social impacts for each of the alternatives it puts forth in the draft EIS. Most importantly, we urge NPS to take immediate action on the critical need to augment the wolf population on Isle Royale and not to postpone action to the detriment of the species.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT
August 28, 2015

Superintendent Phyllis Green
Isle Royale National Park
Attention: Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan
800 E Lakeshore Drive
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Re: Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan/EIS, Isle Royale National Park

Dear Superintendent Green:

On behalf of our supporters of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), we submit these comments regarding the National Park Service (NPS) Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Moose, Wolves, and Vegetation, Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. 80 Fed. Reg. 39,796 (July 10, 2015). The HSUS recommends that NPS translocate wolves from the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan to restore the Isle Royale wolf population.

The HSUS continues to recommend that NPS coordinate with federal and state authorities to translocate problem wolves or packs (i.e., those wolves targeted for destruction) to Isle Royale from the UP of Michigan. Trophy hunting and trapping are now banned by voter referendum in northern Michigan, however, authorities are still allowed to kill wolves designated as problem animals. By translocating problem wolves from northern Michigan to Isle Royale, public concerns regarding these animals will be tempered and at the same time, these animals would help restore the Isle Royale ecosystem and promote tourism within the park.

Moreover, The HSUS is opposed to lethal culling of the moose population and instead recommends that the NPS consider more humane methods of population control including sterilization and/or contraception. Below are more detailed comments responding to the specific questions posed by the NPS.

Question 1: What other alternatives, alternative elements, or management tools should be considered?

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) recommends that the National Park Service (NPS) translocate wolves from the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan to restore genetic integrity to the population and help restore the Isle Royale wolf population. Moreover, The HSUS is opposed to lethal culling of the moose population and instead recommends that the NPS consider more humane methods of population control including sterilization and/or

contraception.

Generally, The HSUS supports the Preliminary Draft Alternative Concept C (maintain both species). We request the following elements be specifically outlined within Alternative Concept C:

" When translocating wolves, the animals are taken from the UP of Michigan and are those animals classified as problem wolves.

" Wolf reintroduction or augmentation would not necessarily be a one-time only action but would be undertaken as necessary to maintain both moose and wolves.

" If the moose population needs to be managed, contraception and/or sterilization should be used instead of lethal culls.

Regardless of the final alternative chosen by the NPS, the three elements outlined above should be incorporated if the NPS is considering reintroduction or augmentation of wolves and/or managing the moose population. Additional details are given in our general comments (Question 6) below.

Question 2: What issues should be considered when evaluating future management of moose, wolves, and vegetation at Isle Royale?

In addition to the nine issues identified by NPS for consideration, The HSUS asks that these additional issues, which are detailed in our general comments (Question 6) below, be considered and addressed in the Plan/EIS:

" Timeline: NPS expects a Record of Decision (ROD) by the fall/winter of 2017, at which time it is likely that there may be no wolves left to manage on Isle Royale. The NPS needs to expedite this process by, at the latest, issuing a ROD by the fall/winter of 2016, in addition to taking immediate steps to augment wolves on the island on an emergency basis (i.e., next season) while the Plan/EIS process proceeds.

" Ecosystem Services Wolves provide: Wolves significantly influence biological diversity and ecosystem function on Isle Royale including limiting moose populations and indirectly protecting forests and other ecosystems in the park. NPS must explicitly analyze this issue in the Plan/EIS.

" Ethics: NPS must address the ethics of the alternatives and of its final decisions in the Plan/EIS including the ethics of failing to maintain the wolf population in the face of human-caused climate change and of lethal actions to manage the moose population when nonlethal alternatives exist.

" Value of research: The NPS needs to address the impact each alternative concept would have on the research relating to predator-prey relationships taking place on Isle Royale. The value added and knowledge gained from continuing this long running study is invaluable to the scientific community and wildlife managers.

" Social impacts: Social impacts beyond just the impacts on park visitors need to be addressed. National Parks belong to all Americans, who fund their operation through tax dollars. UP communities benefit from tourist travel to Isle Royal and will be impacted by NPS actions taken as a result of the Plan/EIS. All impacted stakeholders, including these, should be considered in the analysis.

Question 3: What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider given that approximately 99% of the land area of Isle Royale National Park is designated wilderness?

For many people, wolves, moose, and their interactions and conservation are a central feature of Isle Royale's wilderness. To preserve and protect Isle Royale's special wilderness character, NPS must help wolves persist on Isle Royale. Additional details are given in our general comments (Question 6) below.

Question 4: What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider in the face of a changing climate?

The NPS must act swiftly to augment the wolf population on Isle Royale because the decline of wolves is caused, in large part, by human-caused climate change. Climate change has resulted in ice bridges forming much less frequently and no longer providing a reliable route for wolf migration. Additional details are given in our general comments (Question 6) below.

Question 5: What do you like and dislike about the preliminary alternatives?

See our answer to Question 1 (above) and additional details in our additional comments (Question 6) below.

Question 6: Please submit additional comments here (up to approximately 10 pages).

The Plan/EIS Decision Timeline Should be Shorter and Immediate Steps Taken to Keep Wolves on Isle Royale

According to the timeline provided by NPS, the Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued by the fall/winter of 2017. This timeline is unacceptable. For far too long, the NPS has tarried over how to manage the wolf population, but immediate action is needed before it is too late. The wolf population has dwindled to three individuals, is inbred, and the moose population is erupting. If NPS waits until the end of 2017, it is likely that there may be no wolves left to manage on Isle Royale. The NPS needs to expedite this process by, at the latest, issuing a ROD by the fall/winter of 2016, in addition to taking immediate steps to augment wolves on the island on an emergency basis (i.e., next season) while the Plan/EIS process proceeds.

The Plan/EIS Should Include Analysis of the Ecological Importance of Wolves

From the study of predator-prey relationships conducted at Isle Royale for more than 50 years, we know that wolves provide remarkable benefits by limiting prey populations, culling very young or old or sick animals, and indirectly protecting forests and ecosystem function in the park (Peterson 1977; Brandner, et al., 1990; McInnes, et al., 1992; McLaren & Peterson, 1994; Vucetich & Peterson 2004a; Vucetich & Peterson, 2004b; Vucetich & Peterson, 2013). While several factors influence moose numbers on Isle Royale, the wolves have been recognized as the primary one (Peterson, 1977; Vucetich & Peterson, 2004). Moose, in turn, exert a major influence over the composition of the park's plant communities. Dramatic changes in vegetation have been documented due, in large part, to moose (McInnes, et al., 1992; McLaren & Janke, 1996; McLaren & Peterson, 1994; Paster, et al., 1998; Risenhoover & Maass, 1987; Snyder & Janke, 1976; Brandner, et al., 1990).

Wolves significantly influence biological diversity and ecosystem function wherever they are found (Hebblewhite et al. 2005, Beschta and Ripple 2006, Ripple and Beschta 2007, Beschta and Ripple 2009, Ritchie and Johnson 2009, Estes et al. 2011). Ecologically-functioning populations of wolves have been instrumental in restoring biological diversity in the Northern Rocky Mountains, including increasing the number of song birds, pronghorn, lynx, and other species, while simultaneously improving the ecology of vital riparian systems (e.g., Smith et al. 2003, Fortin et al. 2005, Berger et al. 2008, Beschta and Ripple 2009, Ripple et al. 2011). More recently, researchers found that wolves in the Great Lakes region have the same trophic-cascading effects on their ecosystems (Callan et al. 2013, Peterson et al. 2014). Wolves contribute to scavengers (Wilmers and Getz 2005, Stahler et al. 2006, Constible et al. 2008), check the effects of mesopredators (e.g., Berger et al. 2008, Ritchie and Johnson 2009, Estes et al. 2011, Ripple et al. 2011), and even affects soil nutrients, soil microbes, and plant quality (Bump et al. 2009). Small populations of wolves, however, cannot affect ecological function; they need to be restored to ecologically-functional population sizes sufficient to influence ecosystems (Belant and Adams 2010).

The impacts on moose population from hunting or culling would be different from the impacts of wolf predation-guns are not a substitute for wolves. For example, hunters kill different prey animals than wolves, typically young adults rather than calves and older adults resulting in a different age structure (Kunkel et al. 1999, Wright 2006) and human selection can even influence wild preys genetic traits due to selective pressure (Darimont et al. 2009, Darimont et al. 2015). Hunter-killed carcasses are more concentrated in time and location than wolf-killed carcasses, resulting in differences in the scavenger species benefiting (Wilmers et al. 2003a, 2003b), and will not have the same beneficial effects to soils, and ultimately to plant communities

(Bump et al. 2009).

The end of wolves on Isle Royale will be followed by an increase in moose numbers to the point that significant harms to the forest will result, including a loss of biological diversity. There are many other places where the absence of predators has led to large numbers of herbivores-moose, elk, or deer. We already have plenty of such places, but we have very few places like Isle Royale (Previat, et al., 2013).

If wolves are present in ecologically functional populations, they can mediate ungulate populations, which then confers greater biological diversity and function to ecosystems. Additionally, wolves indirectly benefit numerically rare species in the face of climate change. Wolves are a critical component to ecosystem health. Because of wolves enormous effects on their ecosystems from their various trophic cascades, the Plan/EIS must acknowledge and incorporate the best available science about the benefits wolves confer on their ecosystems and to biological diversity.

NPS Should Use Nonlethal Humane Methods to Manage Moose Population

Wolves create the well-documented ecology of fear that keeps their prey constantly on the move and prevents overbrowsing thus allowing greater ecosystem function and biological diversity (e.g., Ripple and Beschta 2012). Also, unlike humans with guns, wolves kill sick, weak, and old animals making the herd more vital (Vucetich et al. 2005, Wright et al. 2006, Darimont et al. 2015).

With merely three known wolves on the island, wolves are not acting in an ecologically-functional manner to control the moose population. They desperately need augmentation in order to fulfill this vital role. Such a population should be restored as swiftly as possible. However, if in the meanwhile, it is necessary to manage moose population numbers, only humane nonlethal management options such as sterilization and/or contraception should be undertaken.

Female moose can be surgically sterilized by ovariectomies which remove the ovaries - a technique similar to, but less invasive than, typical spay surgeries used to sterilize domestic dogs and cats. When performed on a similar ungulate species (white-tailed deer), preparation and surgery take approximately 20 minutes, is 100 percent effective, and mortality rates associated with the procedures are less than 1 percent (Boulanger et al. 2012). Typically, population stabilization is rapid and population reduction is gradual (10-30 percent per year) (Boulanger et al. 2012).

Immunocontraception vaccines activate the immune system to block a crucial aspect of reproduction. The porcine zona pellucida (PZP) vaccine is not a hormone and does not affect other body processes. The effects of PZP on moose and other animals are very well known (Shideler et al. 2002, Rutberg et al. 2004, Patton et al. 2007, Kirkpatrick and Turner 2008, Rutberg and Naugle 2008, Kirkpatrick et al. 2011, Massei and Cowan 2014). Treatment of white-tailed deer with PZP, for example, typically reduces pregnancy rates by 80-90 percent (Miller et al. 1999, Massei and Cowan 2014)-rates for moose would be expected to be similar. PZP management has successfully altered entire populations, stopped population growth, and even decreased populations of wild horses, urban deer, wapiti, and African elephants (Turner et al. 2008, Kirkpatrick et al. 2011). Similar results would be expected for moose.

NPS Should Analyze the Ethics of its Decision in the Plan/EIS

The ethics of the human relationship to wolves should be addressed by NPS in the EIS. Typically, current discussions about wolf management are flawed by bias toward overrepresentation of the natural sciences and underrepresentation of the social sciences and ethical discourse (Lynn 2002, 2006, 2010). Many ethical approaches to understanding the human relationship to wolves have already been explored such as deep ecology (Naess 1974), wolves as symbols (Midgley 2001), ethics of ecological restoration (Sharpe et al. 2001), assumptions about science and management (Jickling and Paquet 2005), ecofeminism (Emel 1995), and the ethics of animal welfare as it relates to wildlife conservation (Paquet and Darimont 2010). These approaches, the last in particular, should be included in NPS examination of potential actions on Isle Royale.

Further, NPS should consider the ethics of lethal control of moose, if that option remains on the table in the absence of wolves. Ethical considerations should not be left out of the decision process (Schmidt and Salmon 1991, Eggleston et al. 2003, Littin et al. 2004, Littin and Mellor 2005). The decisions before NPS present difficult ethical questions requiring weighing duties to the current and future public, the animals, and the ecosystems impacted by those animals. Therefore, NPS should explicitly analyze the ethics of the alternative actions NPS might take (Minteer and Collins 2008, Minteer and Collins 2005a, Minteer and Collins 2005b).

NPS Must Include the Positive Value of Predator-Prey Relationship Research in Analysis

The NPS needs to address the impact each alternative concept would have on the research relating to predator-prey relationships taking place on Isle Royale. The value added and knowledge gained from continuing this long running study is invaluable to the scientific community and for wildlife managers.

Predator-prey relationships and moose impacts on vegetation have been studied on Isle Royale for more than 50 years (i.e., Snyder & Janke 1976, Peterson 1977, Risenhoover & Maass 1987, Brandner et al., 1990, McInnes et al., 1992, McLaren & Peterson 1994, McLaren & Janke 1996, Paster et al. 1998, Vucetich & Peterson 2004a, Vucetich & Peterson 2004b, Vucetich & Peterson 2009, Vucetich & Peterson 2013, Previat et al. 2013). Scientist, wildlife managers, and the public have gained significant understanding of those relationships from the science that has come out of these long-term studies. The opportunity to continue this unique and valuable research should not be undervalued.

NPS Must Consider the Impacts of its Decision on the Public Beyond Park Visitors

Social impacts beyond just the impacts on park visitors need to be addressed. National Parks belong to all Americans and the NPS acknowledges that wilderness can be valuable to people whether or not those individuals actually visit (Wilderness: Gateway to National Park Service Wilderness webpage). Our review of recent public comments on genetic rescue of the Isle Royale wolves provided by NPS show that the public is overwhelmingly in support of a continuing wolf presence on Isle Royale and these views need to be considered. Also, thousands of people are drawn to the UP of Michigan on their way to Isle Royale because of the lure of seeing a wolf. If wolves vanish, tourists are likely to go the same way causing economic impact on the park and on UP communities. The NPS should consider the findings of Lute et al. (2012), who conducted a statewide survey of 973 Michiganders, and found 82% of Michiganders value wolves and most Michiganders wanted Michigan wolves managed using sound science.

Americans hold widely divergent attitudes about wildlife, but most value their conservation and protection (Kellert 1996, Sponarski et al. 2013). The North American model of wildlife management, which embraces the public trust doctrine, holds that wildlife belongs to everyone (Horner 2000, Jacobson et al. 2010, Nelson et al. 2011). Therefore, public agencies holding responsibility for wildlife must include the views of all who benefit from and care about that wildlife and must consider future stakeholders who are not alive today to voice their opinion-not just the views of that small number of people who are fortunate enough to be able to visit Isle Royale (Hare and Blossey 2014).

Seeking the views of a wider range of stakeholders, not limited to Park visitors, is necessary (Bruskotter et al. 2011, Organ et al. 2014). Considering just the people who live in the Michigan, an overwhelming majority of Michiganders value wolves and most want sound science to be used to manage them (Lute et al. 2012). But the broader public has a stake in this decision, as they fund NPS activity through their taxes. Approximately 94 percent of total funding for wildlife conservation and management come from the non-consumptive users, lending significant weight to the need to listen to the general

public and not just consumptive users, state wildlife agencies who promote consumptive use, and park visitors on wildlife issues (Smith and Molde 2014). Park visitors should not be overlooked, of course, since wildlife watching boosts local economies far beyond the contributions of consumptive users. In the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, for instance, wolf-watching tourism nets \$35 million annually to local communities (Duffield et al. 2008).

NPS Must Preserve Isle Royale Wilderness with Wolves and Moose

For many people, wolves, moose, and their interactions and conservation are a central feature of Isle Royale wilderness (Fisichelli, et al., 2013). One of the stated purposes of Isle Royale National Park is to preserve and protect the park's wilderness character for use and enjoyment by present and future generations (Isle Royale National Park website). To preserve and protect Isle Royale's special wilderness character, NPS must help wolves persist on Isle Royale.

The history of wolves on Isle Royale has always been closely tied to humans. The moose themselves were brought to the island by people (Scarpino et al. 2015), and the islands plant and animals communities are being harmed by human-caused climate changes (Burns et al. 2003, Sheikh et al. 2007), including severely reduced frequency of ice bridge formation (Post et al. 1999, Fisichelli et al. 2013). Therefore, NPS must recognize the human aspect to the decline in the wolf population and step in to help translocate wolves in light of the impact anthropogenic climate change is having on their population numbers.

NPS Must Consider that Human-caused Climate Change has Negatively Impacted Wolves

The NPS must act swiftly to manage the wolf population on Isle Royale. The declining numbers of wolves on Isle Royale are due in large part to climate change caused by anthropogenic sources. (Huff and Thomas 2014, Grimm et al. 2013, Kunkle 2013, Trumpickas et al. 2009, Lofgren et al. 2002). Traditionally, ice bridges formed in the winter allowing for wolf migration and much needed genetic variability. As temperatures continue to be, on average, warmer, fewer ice bridges have formed and no longer provide a reliable source for wolf migration.

Moreover, the wolf population acts as a buffer to the effects of climate change by creating more carrion for scavengers and making it available year round, to the advantage of numerically rare species such as bald eagles (Wilmers and Getz 2005, Constible et al. 2008). By modulating moose populations, wolves prevent the overbrowsing of plant communities that are needed by a variety of species (McInnes, et al., 1992; McLaren & Janke, 1996; McLaren & Peterson, 1994; Paster, et al., 1998; Risenhoover & Maass, 1987; Snyder & Janke, 1976; Brandner, et al., 1990).

Thus, because the wolf population is key to the ecological integrity of the park and its rapid decline is caused by human induced climate change, the NPS should act expeditiously to augment the wolf population.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments on the NPS Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement For Moose, Wolves, and Vegetation, Isle Royale National Park, Michigan. The HSUS strongly urges the NPS to incorporate our suggested alternative action of transferring wolves identified as causing conflicts on the UP to Isle Royale to rebalance the predator-prey relationship there. Further, we urge NPS to incorporate contraception and/or sterilization as management tools for moose if wolves are temporarily insufficient to check moose population growth and not further consider lethal moose control. We urge NPS to examine the additional issues of ethics, value of research, and broader social impacts in the Plan/EIS in addition to the issues NPS identified. Most importantly, we urge NPS to take immediate action on the critical need to augment the wolf population on Isle Royale and not to postpone action for the lengthy time NPS has indicated it will take to complete the Plan/EIS.

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Please save the wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6243 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6244 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6245 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: It hurts me to have to say this, but I support Alternative A. That's not because I don't like wolves. Rather, it's because I love wilderness and believe this is the only alternative that honors and upholds the wilderness status of Isle Royale.

Wolves are not and have never been integral to the ecosystem that is Isle Royale. In fact, they have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time, making their recent presence on the Island more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's long history. Also, we should let the wolves decide if they can/want to live there. And it appears that they don't.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the Island to continue what has been a "natural" ("unnatural") predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6246 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please don't condemn more wolves to the same fate. Don't transplant mainland wolves to the Isle. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6247 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6248 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6249 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6250 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I believe that nature will take its "course" and feel that there should not be interference of putting more wolves on the island. It will happen as intended.

Therefore, I support Alternative A. Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint.

Correspondence ID: 6251 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I believe it is best to take no action. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6252 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6253 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 14:31:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: wolves need ALL the protection they can get

Correspondence ID: 6254 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 14:33:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please go forward with Alternative A - - ie, no action. Nature has shown us that it is a "dead end" for wolves, so it makes no sense to spend taxpayer dollars to move more there. It would fulfill no meaningful goal, and there are plenty of other more important uses to put those dollars to in our national parks.

Correspondence ID: 6255 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 15:13:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative C: NPS would translocate wolves as often as needed over the long-term to maintain a wolf population on the Island.

Correspondence ID: 6256 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 15:13:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6257 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6258 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 15:39:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: We are in favor of the No Action alternative for Isle Royale wolves, the only action that honors the wilderness status of said island.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event, we should let the wolves themselves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6259 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: Please save this important place.

Correspondence ID: 6260 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 15:54:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I want the wolves of Isle Royale PROTECTED !!!! (and NOT killed or harassed / starved to death)

Correspondence ID: 6261 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 16:16:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Allowing wolves on Isle Royale to become extinct would not be in the best interest of science and ecology of the island. Global warming has interfered with the continued migration of wolves because there no longer is ice for them to cross over. I see wolves as a needed predator to keep the moose population under control. Over population of moose may well cause the same thing that has happened with wolves. Wolves need a new gene pool to stop the inbreeding that has caused serious birth defects.
I vote for plan C or D.

Correspondence ID: 6262 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 16:22:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: It is becoming more and more important to preserve wilderness and to protect wolves who are taking a beating in many states in the US. Please keep Isle Royale wilderness wild and protect the autonomy of the wolves.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6263 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 16:30:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: yes,the wolves should be reinstated in the Isle Royale,thats their home and they belong there.Man needs to leave these wild Wolves and other animals alone and quit removing them from their Habitats,they have rights too.They all were created for a reason and it wasn't for man to destroy them or cage them up or pen then up away from their home ranges

Correspondence ID: 6264 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Please do support Isle Royale's Alternative A and let the wolves decide where they want to stay there. Tourists shouldn't decide and wolves can best be studied if the circumstances are not decided almost exclusively by people.

Correspondence ID: 6265 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 17:28:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only choice that would honor and uphold Isle Royale's wilderness status. I support Alternative A.

Thank you,

Diane [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6266 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 17:56:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I have been to Isle Royale 7 times with my husband backpacking and canoeing. It is a wonderful place where natural processes have always been allowed to function. We have heard the wolves howl at our campsite and it is a riveting experience. It is the true essence of wilderness. But Wilderness demands that natural processes continue, and to reintroduce wolves seems to me contrary to everything the Island ecosystem stands for. It would be a tragedy for humans to intervene in this natural process and manipulate it for their own studies and whims. Isle Royale is trying to tell us something if we would just listen. The true study is about the Island and its relationship to humans and human-caused activity. We need to find out what is sustainable. We need to find out without our own intervention what it is telling us. It may not be pretty but it this 'hands off' approach is the one we must continue to pursue.

Correspondence ID: 6267 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,01,2016 18:26:46

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A because it is the only alternative that upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6268 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. It seems to me that you are supposed to treat this island as wilderness, and that means, leave it alone. I suspect the motives to bring wolves to the island are mainly for tourism concerns. No point bringing them if their populations are not going to be sustainable and healthy.

Correspondence ID: 6269 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,01,2016 19:14:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6270 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would follow option A. I believe that, whenever possible, man should let nature take its course and NOT interfere.

Correspondence ID: 6271 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: In the question of Isle Royale's wolf population, I support Alternative A: Do nothing. Alternative A is the only course that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6272 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

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Correspondence: Please allow wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6273 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,01,2016 20:53:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6274 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,01,2016 21:00:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A has been suggested by those who are more aware of the situation than I am.

Correspondence ID: 6275 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,01,2016 21:01:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Hello, I'm writing about the "Wolf Decision on Isle Royale".

I would like you to choose; Option A: NO ACTION TAKEN.

I think this is best for everything due to the fact that wolves have come and gone on their own but seem to have started arriving in the 1940's. Since then populations have had the not-surprising consequence of bad effects of inbreeding in a small population.

Bringing more wolves for tourists is not a good reason to bring them. I think restoring wolves where they have been exterminated is a good idea, but just for tourist's experience is not good for the wolves themselves in the long run.

Also, the native moose population is not doing very well as I understand it. Bringing in an overabundance of wolves may not be a good idea for the moose also.

I live in Oregon, and formerly Wyoming and Montana and frankly I'm pretty stoked about being out backpacking and bowhunting and knowing wolves are back where they should be, so I am definitely not anti-wolf.

Thanks - Paul [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6276 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 22:21:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I only ask for the support of Proposal A.

Correspondence ID: 6277 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,01,2016 23:35:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6278 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 02:30:47
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6279 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 03:16:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please help the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 6280 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 04:29:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6281 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 06:18:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6282 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 06:35:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My vote is : "A". This is the only NATURAL choice for wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6283 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 06:37:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please rein in the horrific slaughter of the thousands of animals you murder each year including wolves. All animals form a chain of life that has purpose. The only animal that does not is MAN! As Robin Williams said..."Man is the most dangerous animal on the planet. If we can't F- -- it we'll kill it!". The needless slaughter of our wildlife by our so called public servants is disgusting. Leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 6284 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 06:44:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please protect the wildness and the creatures that live in it before its lost.

Correspondence ID: 6285 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 07:35:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Leave the situation as it is now. By having humans messing with nature, they have caused an un-natural situation which is not working for either wolves or moose. I am always favoring the wolf because they have been maligned for years, but if moving them onto this island causes in-breeding which leads to a very unhealthy wolf population, I would think that the wolf population should be allowed to die out.

Correspondence ID: 6286 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 08:12:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Nature put the wolves on the island, let nature decide if they stay. Much more can be learned from the absence of wolves now than can be learned from their presence

Correspondence ID: 6287 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 08:56:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I just don't understand why this is even possible or need to be discussed. The environment and nature needs to be protected at all costs. The planet is dying because of mankind. We need to keep it alive by acknowledging climate change and keeping out natural animals in their natural places, instead of killing them or removing them from their habitats that we have invaded.

Correspondence ID: 6288 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 09:16:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A for the Isle Royale wolves. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

To prevent the inbreeding, suffering, please consider Alternative A.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6289 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 09:36:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I recommend Alternative A: do nothing, allow wolves to come and go since that is the natural order. Being a Florida resident, I have seen & continue to see the disasters that translocating animals from one area to another when Texas cougars were brought to Florida to 'rescue' the Florida panther. The newcomers, which seem obviously to be problem cats that would otherwise have been euthanized for livestock predation, have now made themselves at home preying on calves, foals, goats and other animals near human habitation. Florida compensates livestock owners for their losses, but since unrestricted development continues, where are these animals going to live?

Correspondence ID: 6290 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 10:03:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing to support Alternative A, no re-introduction of wolves to Isle Royale. Reintroducing wolves to a naturally fluctuating isolated population goes against the Cautionary Principle. You cannot know ahead of time if that action will improve the ecology of Isle Royale or make it worse. You should respect the Wilderness Act and follow the Precautionary Principle.

Correspondence ID: 6291 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 10:06:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6292 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 10:10:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello NPS,

I support Alternative A. for wolf management on Isle Royale. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6293 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 10:20:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would recommend the following:
Alternative D: NPS would continue current management of allowing natural processes to control, but could bring wolves to the Island in the future if certain conditions related to prey or vegetation are met.

Thank you,
- - Francine

Correspondence ID: 6294 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 10:28:08
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A as the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6295 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 10:39:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: "Hands Off" seems like the best approach for this wilderness area. That would be Option A.

Correspondence ID: 6296 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 10:56:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6297 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 11:28:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please protect wolves and stop killing them or letting others kill them. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6298 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 11:34:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The draft implementation plan improperly diminishes the central importance of wildness to wilderness character. It reduces wildness to only 20% of wilderness character, and so would allow all kinds of manipulations in Wilderness for the benefit of other values at the expense of wildness. Rather, the agencies should scrap their flawed framework for wilderness character and restore wildness to its central importance as the framers of the Wilderness Act intended.

" The draft implementation plan is actually a roadmap for how to get away with manipulating Wilderness. The agencies should instead treat all Wildernesses as areas where humans wont manipulate them, as the 1964 Wilderness Act intended.

" The draft plan ignores the importance and decline of the professional wilderness stewards within the federal agencies. While volunteer groups can provide valuable services for activities like trail clearing, they are no substitute for the professionally-trained wilderness rangers within the agencies who provide long-term protection and care. The draft plan should recognize the decline in the number of wilderness rangers in all four federal agencies and call for better funding to support these professionals. In fact, we should bolster and professionalize the wilderness programs from the ground (like wilderness rangers) to the highest agency levels.

" Additional research in Wilderness must be conducted with methods that respect the Wilderness and without motorized/mechanized means or permanent structures and installations.

Correspondence ID: 6299 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 11:54:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 6300 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 12:00:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6301 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 12:20:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Option A to let nature manage the animal population/make-up

Correspondence ID: 6302 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 12:29:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I fully support Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you from an American citizen living in Ontario with my Canadian husband. We both are very concerned about the environment and wildlife.

Correspondence ID: 6303 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 12:37:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Re the Isle Royale Wolf plans, It is probably best to not introduce wolves now and wait to see if they are essential to the health of the area. If there are too many moose, they eat too much of the young vegetation and trees, so that nature is unbalanced. Wolves will remedy that situation by removing less healthy moose for their food supply. If both wolves and the moose are gone, what is the situation there?

I think a wait and see solution might be best, until more is known about the health of Isle Royale. There will be some problems due to climate change which may affect the situation at Isle Royale. Perhaps then more moose should be moved to the island or more wolves or both, but until there is some documentation from current studies(and hopefully those will be funded), it is probably best to just wait to see about the health of Isle Royale .

Correspondence ID: 6304 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 12:45:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: PLEASE protect the Isle Royale wolves. All animals need to be protected from humans due to illegal poaching and trade. The innocent animals are being killed for their fur that they need more than humans need the fur. The innocent animals are being killed because humans can not live with them, so being as rude, jealous, and selfish as humans can be they want everything to ourselves instead of trying to learn to live with others including animals.

Correspondence ID: 6305 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 13:03:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6306 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 13:06:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As per the advice of Wilderness Watch, I support your alternative A - do nothing, and let the natural migration patterns of wolves decide the future. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6307 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 13:10:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please support Alternative A. Wolves should be allowed to come and go based on natural migration.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammeled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

In Wilderness, nature calls the shots. We should let natural processes play out.

Correspondence ID: 6308 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 13:16:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please support Alternative A. Taking no action, so that wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 6309 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 13:19:04

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write to comment on the question of whether to transplant additional wolves to Isle Royale National Park. This is a challenging issue for me to address. I have visited Isle Royale several times and have hiked the island end-to-end in the 1980s. I clearly recall that the presence of wolves added a feeling of excitement to that hike. I have followed the research being done on the wolves there for decades.

After much internal debate and thought, I have concluded that the best course of action in this case is to allow nature to determine the future of wolves in the park. Most of the park is designated Wilderness, a designation I strongly support. That designation, to me, should rule out any manipulation of wildlife populations, including wolves and moose. It also should eliminate any consideration of major vegetation management/manipulation. Instead, the park should continue to support scientific studies of the remaining wolves and, if wolves do disappear, of the ecological response of other wildlife populations and vegetation. There will be much to be learned in that event.

I am grateful that wolves arrived on the island some 60-70 years ago and that the NPS has supported careful research since then. We have learned much in that time. I will be pleased if wolves return to the park on their own at some point in the future. But nature should determine that, not us humans. Let Wilderness be what it is supposed to be - wild and untrammeled by people.

Therefore, I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative.

Thank you for considering my views.

Correspondence ID: 6310 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 13:20:13

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the

Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Thank you for keeping the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and for protecting the autonomy of its wolves!

Correspondence ID: 6311 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 13:35:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A with respect to Wolf relocation to Isle Royale. If wolves weren't part of the natural ecosystem of a wilderness area, there is no reason to introduce a population there.

Correspondence ID: 6312 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 13:39:13
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A which allows the wolves to come and go without interference to the ilse. All animals need to be protected from any interference from mankind to keep nature balanced including prey that does not get out of control with help of predators like wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6313 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 13:49:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Sir/madam
I believe you should adopt Option A which lets nature take its course for Wolves at Isle Royale.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6314 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:04:26
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6315 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:04:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Protect wolves

Correspondence ID: 6316 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:13:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please save these wolves

Correspondence ID: 6317 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:18:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action would be the best. It's wild animals in wilderness, humans do more wrong than well. Nature can help itself.

Correspondence ID: 6318 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:23:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A- -no action.

Natural processes, not human demands should determine whether predators stay or go.

Wolves have only been on Isle Royale in relatively recent times but they should decide if they want to live there.

Correspondence ID: 6319 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:49:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I would like to offer the following comment on the Isle Royale Wolves EIS Public Scoping Newsletter.

I Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6320 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 14:57:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Since wolves are not native to Isle Royale, I oppose any plans to actively transplant more wolves to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6321 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 15:35:36
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I advise A. Let the natural be natural.

Correspondence ID: 6322 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 15:50:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I strongly endorse option A - - leave Isle Royale as it is without playing God. The record of interference by humans in nature is fraught with errors. We need to allow the natural selection process to rule.

Correspondence ID: 6323 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 16:01:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6324 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 16:35:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6325 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 16:41:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action sounds like the best alternative.

Correspondence ID: 6326 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 16:48:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear NPS,
Concerning the plan for the Isle Royal wolf situation, I encourage selection of Alternative A, which honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

The translocation plans seem somewhat odd given the heavy-handed management of wolves by Wildlife Services in other areas of the country, many of

which can support greater wolf populations. Again, if the wolves want to go live there, then so be it.
Thank you very kindly

Correspondence ID: 6327 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 16:52:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to state that I fully support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6328 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 17:22:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge you to support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6329 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 18:07:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding Isle Royal, I support Alternative A, no artificial transplants. This study of Wolf interaction in a closed environment has just about run it's course. Let us see what the future will bring. Don

Correspondence ID: 6330 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 18:28:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: After reading the alternatives- -I believe A seems to make more sense than others. Giving the Wolves a chance to rediscover Isle Royale as they would or not if we were not watching seems a natural course.l

Correspondence ID: 6331 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 18:52:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding the wolf population in the wilderness of Isle Royale, Option A is the only decision that makes sense for this area. Nature has to be allowed to take it's course and maybe, at a later date, wolves will again return to this area on their own. Another reason to elect Option A is using Yellowstone as an example. We populated this area with wolves from another territory and when they have dispersed, they do so only to be killed once out of Yellowstone.
The NPS must make Option A the only alternative.
Thank you.
Linda [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6332 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 18:54:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 6333 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 18:59:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6334 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 19:23:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I favor Alternative A, letting nature take its course in this situation. We are struggling with our similar red wolf population challenges on the refuges in eastern North Carolina. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6335 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 19:35:12
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6336 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 20:05:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6337 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 20:26:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: After reading about the question of what to do about the dwindling wolf population on Isle Royale, I would support alternative A, that is, do nothing. Allow the current wolves to come or go as they see fit. Let nature do the job. The Park Service should not need to "manage" the wildlife!

Correspondence ID: 6338 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 20:55:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A please!

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature calls the shots.

Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Wilderness Watch works to protect wolves in Wildernesses across the country, including going to federal court several times to protect them from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment. We believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, Wilderness Watch strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.

Thank you

Lydia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6339 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 20:57:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated.

Thank you

Lydia [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6340 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 21:38:22
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6341 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 21:42:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6342 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 21:53:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am in support of Alternative A, that allows wolves to come and go based on their natural migration, this is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the Island to what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your considerations,

Carrie [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6343 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 21:59:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing concerning the management of wolves at Isle Royale. I understand that the NPS is considering a number of options regarding the issue of the declining wolf population. While I have fully supported seeing native wolf populations in other areas being restored, I do not support the NPS bringing wolves to Isle Royale. The fact that the wolves are there in the first place seems to be a fluke of nature to some degree since they cannot easily freely come and go to this area. Allowing natural processes to take their course without intervention from humans seems the only fair and scientifically grounded decision. Taking wolves from healthy populations elsewhere and putting them on an island where their chance of living healthy lives seems not only cruel, but completely unnecessary. Wolves had not traditionally inhabited this area and it seems it is time to just nature run its course for the wolves. Please just let the wolves decide where they want to live instead of thinking we humans know better how to manage this situation. Going with the "NO ACTION" alternative is the only alternative that supports Isle Royale's Wilderness status and leaves nature and the wolves to do what they want.

Correspondence ID: 6344 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,02,2016 22:08:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I have visited Isle Royale twice and visited the study group and support them. Wolves are recent arrivals, but so are moose a while back. I would like to have Alt B tried, allowing an on-going study of the interaction between moose and wolves AND the environment. The land is one of the players. Only moose without predators would destroy the environment. The results of the study would give insight on ideal management of Isle Royale, and also be relevant to other areas where wolves have been reintroduced.

Correspondence ID: 6345 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 22:17:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Given climate change, i am in favor of alternative D. I have recently learned that wolves came over the ice in the winter of 2014-2015, an event i was not aware of. But for the future that ice is not guaranteed. I do think there should be wolves on the island.

Correspondence ID: 6346 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,02,2016 22:20:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6347 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 01:27:35

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As a member of Wilderness Watch, I agree with their opinion, and repeat their recommendations:
â– Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

â– Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â– Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6348 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 03:27:56

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I offer the following comments on the Isle Royale Wolves Environmental Impact Statement:

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and translocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The pro-transplant voices ignore that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, and by law must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers.

I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6349 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 04:09:19

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks for your time.

Dan [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6350 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 04:15:53

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6351 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 04:18:20

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6352 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 05:22:44

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support of alternative A. The wolf population on Isle Royale should be left to natural processes. Translocating wolves to Isle Royale would doom them to the long term effects of inbreeding. Wolf population on the Island should rightfully be left to natural migration.

Thank you for accepting my comment,

Joe [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6353 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 07:20:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: TO UPHOLD AND HONOR THE STATUS OF THE ISLE ROYALES WILDERNESS STATUS, WE BELIEVE THE ONLY AND CORRECT ALTERNATIVE IS 'ALTERNATIVE A'.

WOLVES WILL RELOCATE TO WHERE THE FOOD SOURCE IS AND WHERE THEY ARE UNENCUMBERED BY HUMANS.

WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESERVATION, DEDICATION AND HARD WORK THE NPS IS INVOLVED IN

WE TRULY ENJOY YOUR EFFORTS !

[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6354 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 08:40:28

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Please consider this in your decision-making.

Respectfully,

Correspondence ID: 6355 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 08:52:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am writing in support of Alternative A. Alternative A since I think it best upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves should determine if they want to inhabit Isle Royal. Scientists should study the ecological responses to the absence of these wolves if they decide to leave. Forcibly inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a predator-prey study may not yield valid data that will hold up in natural real world situations for this ecosystem. Please use sound science to help these iconic animals live free as a strong population.

Correspondence ID: 6356 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 09:30:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: protect the area and the wolves

Correspondence ID: 6357 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 09:36:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Isle Royale should stay wilderness! Wild animals and all. I hope you will support Alternative A. Thank you for the chance to comment.

Correspondence ID: 6358 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 09:37:41

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Dear NPS,

Regarding the Isle Royale Wolves...

I am not an expert, though I do have a Biology degree from the [REDACTED]. I have never been an NPS employee, though I did have a 4 month internship at the Virgin Islands National Park on St. John-USVI.

Here are my thoughtsâ€

Through the view of this special wildlife/ecosystem dynamic being portrayed as a research project, human manipulation of the wolf population dynamics in any manner cannot be performed. Doing so would only contaminate and lessen the value of all previous, current and future research results. I cannot even comprehend that an established and esteemed doctor of the natural sciences would even consider such an encroachment and contamination of a research study group/environment. First, it is not natural in any way, which should scream 'lack of integrity' to anyone willing to listen. Second, the individual animals that chose to live on and/or were ultimately born into the island environment had something in them, even on the molecular level, which destined them to be part of this unique ecosystem. No amount of vetting could ever guarantee that a new, artificially introduced animal would contain the same 'inner' chemistry as that of the 'nature' selected animals. If artificial introduction is pursued, this would again bring into question the integrity and validity of

any research results and findings.

From the perspective of the animals that are to be artificially introduced to this new environmentâ€

You would be causing them anguish, possible harm and even death. Though the demise of these new animals may not be immediate or all too visible, but on the molecular level it will occur and it will only get worse for them from thereâ€ You see, these animal's core makeup and chemistry did not or would not have chosen to migrate to this island environment. Man would have made the choice for them. So now in addition to the research results being of no credible value, we also took an animal out of its natural environment, transplanted it into a foreign landscape and ultimately signed its death sentence because we think we knew better than nature. Essentially we would be thinking, saying and acting as though we could trick nature to allow the continuation of a now bogus research study as well as to appease the ego of a diluted doctor of science.

Please do the right thing, let nature and natural selection take its course. Do not allow the supposed educated thoughts and ideas of man dictate what only nature can achieve.

Take guidance from an old 1970's margarine commercial - "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature..!"

My sincere thanks to you and your colleagues as you contemplate this issue and all the others that are sure come your way as our natural world shrinks and you are asked to balance nature with the needs of man.



Correspondence ID: 6359 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 10:30:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think the NPS should adopt alternative A on Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6360 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 11:12:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6361 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 12:23:45
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6362 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 12:45:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6363 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 12:55:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Conservation scientists believe that predation - - the ecosystem function that wolves provide - - is vital to the health of ecosystems inhabited by large herbivores such as moose. On Isle Royale, predation has been effectively nil for the past five years and is expected to remain so for the foreseeable future. Genetic rescue (among other alternative management options) is a means of mitigating this loss of predation. In addition a new wolf population should be re-established if wolves are to remain an ecological force on Isle Royale. It is essential to a healthy ecosystem that wolves are reintroduced to Isle Royale. When wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone, it made room for many other species to thrive.

Correspondence ID: 6364 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 13:07:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

I support Alternative A and ask that you please uphold the Isle Royale's Wilderness status by not interfering through the introduction of outside wolf populations. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

It is time to face the reality of human interference and impact in ecological terms and how our interference and presence in such wilderness areas are quickly sealing the deadly fate of other species that might otherwise thrive given the right circumstance. We have blocked the ability for species to migrate under their own instinctual terms thus we have become the executioner to many species throughout the world. They too have every right to live freely on our planet and not be made a science project just to quench some scientific question. If we are to ask the most important question it would be 'what will happen to our environment and other inhabitants should they no longer be there?' Not because humans want to hear them calling in the wild or see them, like they are providing a source of entertainment, how deeply ignorant humans are!

I ask that you do the right thing and support the process of Alternative A when making a decision for the future of the last of these wolves. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6365 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 13:12:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6366 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 13:15:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A as the only action that maintains the 98% o Isle Royale that is designated as Wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 6367 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 13:34:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to add my comments on the Isle Royale Wolves EIS.

I fully support Alternative A. It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, and we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

There are good biological reasons why the wolves are dying out on Isle Royale and the same reasons argue convincingly to NOT add more wolves to the ecosystem. Specifically, inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily and naturally decline for many years. With the wolf population now at only two, any wolves translocated from the mainland will most likely suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there.

The motivations for exiling the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

Correspondence ID: 6368 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 13:49:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A - - do nothing.

Correspondence ID: 6369 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 14:01:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am submitting comments in strong support of Alternative A, which is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for your consideration and for accepting these comments.

Correspondence ID: 6370 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,03,2016 14:08:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A!!! Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6371 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 14:26:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If this is truly a wilderness, let it stay just that.

Correspondence ID: 6372 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 14:28:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: please support alternative A. I want wolves to migrate naturally. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6373 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 14:28:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6374 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 14:34:00
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6375 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 15:26:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The addition of wolves to an environment is almost always a GOOD thing. Check the scientific reports on the long-term (or even short-term) effects of the project in the Yellowstone! Over time, the addition of wolves changed everything for the better, including the course of the river flow!! If we're trying to save/protect our planet, restoring natural habitats can only be a plus, and there is plenty of evidence to back this up.

Correspondence ID: 6376 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 15:44:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6377 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 16:30:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I feel Alternative A which means no action is best for Isle Royale. It supports the Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6378 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 16:49:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6379 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 17:09:49
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: preserve and protect the wilderness and wild life... for future generations

Correspondence ID: 6380 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 18:15:52
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If Wolves are failing at Isle Royal without human intervention, I don't support putting more wolves there to fail. That sort of interference is best left to places where wolves have been eradicated by us.

I support "Alternative A". It honors Isle Royale's Wilderness status and isn't like trying to plant palm trees in Canada. Let the wolves decide if they want to live there. If the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6381 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 18:17:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: On June 2016, I finally made to Isle Royale for the first time spending several hours in the Windigo area. While I did not see any moose or wolves, it was good to know that they were there. However I also learned that in fact there are only two wolves left on the island. I then read Rolf Peterson's book "The Wolves of Isle Royale: A Broken Balance" to understand the dynamics of what had occurred over time leading to the current situation. My interest in wolves is not a passing fancy which just occurred from my one visit and reading about Mr. Peterson's research. While I live in California, I am a frequent visitor to Northern Wisconsin where I have done my own self-education about wolves. In the past three years, I have attended two wolf ecology and tracking seminars at the Treehaven, a University of WI at Stevens Point facility. I am aware of wolves being placed back on the Endangered Species List through a Federal court order.

Professionally, I worked from [redacted] with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement. While I did not work directly in matters involving wolves, I did have first hand experience working with and knowledge of Federal and state wildlife experts who were part of recovery efforts involving whooping cranes, California condors, sea otters, eagles, manatees, and Florida panthers. Federal agencies, which did not necessarily involve the National Park Service (NPS), have done intervention to preserve these species.

Concerning Isle Royale, it appears to be well documented that having a viable wolf population does maintain a balanced moose population and thereby reduces overgrazing and destruction of certain plants and foliage. As the NPS is aware, negative intervention by humans such being the catalyst for the introduction of the canine parvovirus to Isle Royale and the larger impact of global warming (no more ice bridges from the mainland) could be factors in the decline of wolf population. Therefore even though Isle Royale is a wilderness park, because man has impacted the wolf, man now has the opportunity to rectify this situation. Thus I believe that Alternate C in the Revised EIS is the appropriate response. The initial research and monitoring which began over 50 years ago can be continued through the efforts of the NPS.

This year 2016 is the 100th anniversary of the NPS. What a credit it would be to the NPS to decide this year to take action by bringing wolves to Isle Royale to sustain a viable population. I hope to return to Isle Royale soon and would like to know that the wolves and other wildlife are still living on the island. Knowing that the NPS tried to do something rather than let the wolves on Isle Royale die out, is important to me as I am sure it will be to other future park visitors who will have the thrill of coming to this special place.

Correspondence ID: 6382 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 18:37:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6383 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 19:15:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to urge you to select Alternative A for Isle Royale National park. Do NOT reallocate wolves to the island, let them return naturally or not at all. This park is mostly Wilderness and you should respect the legality of Wilderness as well as the spirit of the law.

Correspondence ID: 6384 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 19:44:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study

Correspondence ID: 6385 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 20:14:28
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,

As a citizen concerned with the welfare of the Isle Royale wolves and the extreme importance of preserving wilderness, I ask that you:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.
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Correspondence ID: 6386 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 20:20:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: BACK TO NATURE !!!!!

Correspondence ID: 6387 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 20:32:54
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I'm writing in favor of Alternative A regarding the wolves in the Isle Royale Wilderness. This is the only alternative that is compatible with the wilderness status of the island. It's really up to the wolves to decide whether or not they can continue to live there, and not for managers to artificially manipulate the situation. Wolves historically, since the end of the last ice age, have not generally been residents of the island. Although their recent presence has provided interesting data for study of predator-prey interaction, if they leave or die out, then other predators and other prey may well take their place. This is for nature to decide, not managers. That's the very essence of wildness and wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 6388 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 20:50:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6389 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 21:00:05
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves will be extinct if not given their rightful place on earth!

Correspondence ID: 6390 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 21:32:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time.

Correspondence ID: 6391 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 22:11:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: In Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6392 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,03,2016 22:45:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale is a fascinating place because it has evolved as nature intended with no "help" from human intervention. Let's keep it that way. I fully support Alternative A, which is the no action plan, as it will keep in place the natural progression as it always has been.

Correspondence ID: 6393 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 00:02:35
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support alternative C!!!

Correspondence ID: 6394 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 02:40:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: If a new wolf population is introduced you will have the same problem with inbreeding depression in 25 to 30 years, so perhaps it is time to consider moose hunting to control the moose population. The deer population on the islands at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore are hunted to control their population. Fees can be charged and used to support conservation efforts in the park.

Correspondence ID: 6395 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 03:16:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Sirs

Please vote for Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks

Correspondence ID: 6396 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 07:07:24
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I think wolves are an integral part to our ecosystem and the y should be reintroduced onto Isle Royale before the last 2 remaining wolves are no.longer with us. I would say option c is my choice.

Correspondence ID: 6397 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 07:58:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Strongly support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6398 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 09:31:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Leave the wolves alone.

Correspondence ID: 6399 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 09:34:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: The wolves are doing FINE without "human" intervention. Leave them alone.

Correspondence ID: 6400 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 09:52:58
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Although your intentions may be well meaning, forcing artificial migration of wild populations to areas where they have no natural access will not strengthen either population in the long term. You are not trying to bolster a population whose territory is fragmented by human activity. This is a population running the course dictated by natural processes and available resources - please don't force another population of wolves to go through this process unnecessarily.

Correspondence ID: 6401 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 09:59:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I favor Option D. It makes sense to allow nature to take its course with the current wolf population without human intervention. However, it makes equal sense to reserve the option to reconsider if future conditions warrant.

Correspondence ID: 6402 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 10:58:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: As a firm believer in the value of preserving unmanaged wilderness in our country, I strongly encourage the NPS to choose to NOT ACT on "managing" the wolf population. Wolves should come and go based on natural migration patterns.

Correspondence ID: 6403 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 11:05:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please keep the wolves free and able to live.

Correspondence ID: 6404 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 11:12:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6405 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 11:20:32
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6406 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 11:43:09
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Regarding this EIS, please select Alternative A, No action. That is, "no action" on the part of humans - - the wolves in question, however, along with things like ice pack and weather, would take many actions that would determine the outcomes This is exactly as it should be in a federally designated wilderness.

Given that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness, the federal law that guides our interaction with this land must be followed. That law clearly states that this wilderness must remain "untrammeled" - - free from manipulation by those that manage it, to the limited extent that wilderness is managed at all. Natural processes, not humans, are in charge.

I strongly supports Alternative A, the no-action alternative, because it not only honors the spirit of the Wilderness Act, it is in fact legally in keeping with the written words of the Act. No Action will preserve Isle Royale's wilderness - - its ecology and its character - - by letting nature and wild animals decide what will live there.

Please select Alternative A to keep Isle Royale's Wilderness what it legally is and should be. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6407 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 11:43:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: While I appreciate that the National Park Service is looking at alternative ways to deal with this situation, I believe the best way is the natural way, let nature determine whether wolves continue to occur on Isle Royale. My choice is Alternative A, it is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6408 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 12:40:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Alternative A
I support the natural process and migration of wolves and anything which will protect the healthy and humane propagation of their species.

Correspondence ID: 6409 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 12:47:01
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6410 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 15:09:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: July 2, 2016

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Sierra Club Comments re: Amended Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Address the Presence of Wolves at Isle Royale National Park (Federal Register/Vol.81, No. 108/Monday, June 6, 2016/Notices - page 36324).

Please note - these comments constitute the comments submitted by the Sierra Club on this Amended Notice of Intent. They are the only comments submitted on behalf of the Sierra Club.

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank You for the opportunity to submit comments on this Amended Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS regarding wolves on Isle Royale. The following are the selection of our preferred Alternative and the rationale for that preference.

Sierra Club Supports Alternative A (No-Action Alternative). Sierra Club Believes That The Narrowing of the Range Of Alternatives Itself Leaves Alternative A as the Only Viable Alternative.

We support this Alternative for the following reasons:

1) The Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives is Inadequate

The effects of the "Presence of Wolves at Isle Royale National Park" simply cannot be analyzed in isolation from other issues, in particular the presence, abundance, and effects of moose on the island. In fact, the effects of moose, absent wolves, is one of the primary drivers for the consideration of augmentation of the wolf population on the island.

The primary stated reason for the need to augment the wolf population is the claimed necessity to reduce the effects of the moose population on vegetation through browse. To then restrict the analysis of methods for controlling the stated problem (the moose population and vegetative effects) to augmentation of the wolf population, without any consideration of other methods (such as culling, fire, etc, and others which were described in the original NOI), is disingenuous at best.

If the "Purpose and Need" of the EIS is to determine whether or not wolves should be brought to the island in order to control moose and their browse, this cannot be done without reference to the moose themselves. Posing the problem of moose browse, and then restricting the analysis of potential response to wolf introduction or not is an arbitrary and unacceptable situation.

There are virtually no references in the scientific literature to wolves on Isle Royal without attendant references to moose. Indeed, the long-running study on the island is about wolf-moose interactions. It is almost beyond comprehension that the NPS could conduct an EIS with the only topic under analysis whether or not to bring more wolves to Isle Royale, without concurrent analysis of other options.

It certainly appears that restricting the range of Alternatives to this truncated set is in response to public clamor for wolves, as opposed to controlling moose browse. NEPA does not provide for restriction of Alternatives considered to be based on public sentiment or popularity. Selection of which Alternative to implement can and often should, take into account public sentiment. But elimination of feasible and prudent Alternatives to place in analysis can not and should not do so.

The Revised NOI states that the Range of Alternatives would be "revised and narrowed" in the EIS, based upon "public comments we received and additional internal deliberations". There is no description of rationale for this revision and narrowing, simply a claim that it was based on public input and internal discussion.

One would hope that all decisions of any type are based upon "public input and internal deliberations". Indeed, it is difficult to conceive of other factors than "public input and internal deliberations" which might go into NPS deliberations. However, the content and conclusions of these discussions should be described, as well as the reasoning which led to the revision and narrowing of the scope of the EIS.

2) The Selection of any Alternative Other Than Alternative A (No-Action) from the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives constitutes an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

Choosing any alternative other than Alternative A is likely to preclude other management options which are not described within this inappropriately narrow range of alternatives. As an example, woodland caribou are known to be intolerant of wolves. Choosing to locate new wolves on the island would preclude future caribou introduction.

Consequently, selection of Alternatives B,C, or D would preclude choices in the future, even before those potential choices have been analyzed. The EIS must disclose that the very narrowing of Alternatives inherent in this EIS will have the effect of shutting off future options.

In addition, even though changing course is theoretically possible after choosing Alternatives B, C, or D, in fact it is highly unlikely. Once the public becomes accustomed to the notion that wolves can be translocated to the island at will, it will be very difficult to reverse that course, and the NPS will be committed to similar future actions. This is doubly true if the primary reason for continued translocation of wolves is in order to satisfy public desire. The stated rationale for the narrowing of Alternatives in this EIS suggests that public sentiment is already driving the options for management.

3) The Selection of Alternative A (No-Action) from the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives will Not constitute an Irretrievable Commitment of

Resources, and in fact is the Only Alternative which Does Not Constitute an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

Alternative A (No-Action) allows for all other Alternatives to be implemented at future date, including those considered but not carried forward. It is the only alternative which does not close off some range of actions in the future.

Contrary to the assertions by some commenters, there is no evidence that a lack of wolves on the island in the short term will cause permanent harm to the island's resources, either vegetative or animal.

Selection of Alternative A is the only option which allows all options for future management to be considered.

4) The "Narrowing and Revising of Alternatives", which led to the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives is Not Necessary to Prevent an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources. There has Been NO Demonstration of Urgency In This Matter

The only stated rationale for the narrowing of the Range of Alternatives is "public comments we received and additional internal deliberations". As described above, this narrowing of Alternatives is inappropriate. In addition, it is unnecessary. Choosing Alternative A, and conducting a full EIS will not result in any Irretrievable Commitment Of Resources.

Many of the public comments urging for immediate wolf reintroduction to the island have described it as a matter of some urgency. The concern seems to be that if wolves are not reintroduced to the island immediately, the moose population will rise sharply, and the attendant vegetative browse will damage the island's resources beyond repair, leading to an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources. We have not seen any evidence to support this claim of urgency, and indeed, history demonstrates otherwise.

Moose were on Isle Royale for almost 5 decades before wolves arrived, and more time passed before wolves achieved numbers sufficient to have any effect on moose population. During that time moose populations fluctuated from between 500 to 2500. Clearly, some significant vegetative damage occurred during periods of high moose population levels. However, we have seen no evidence that vegetation did not recover during periods of low moose populations, which leads to the conclusion that the absence of wolves for a few years will have no permanent deleterious effect on the island's vegetation, and the hence, there is no urgency to the matter.

We would also note that if there is actually concern over the delay in making a decision regarding the presence of wolves on Isle Royale, that no insignificant amount of the responsibility for that delay falls upon those calling most insistently, and applying political pressure, for an immediate decision.

The NPS has appropriately followed it's legal obligation to conduct a full and thorough examination and disclosure of the effects of various management options regarding wolves on the island. However, many segments of the public felt that this was a "needless delay" (as described in many comments) in taking action.

This resulted in public and political pressure to address the wolf question first, without regard to the other interrelated issues. Consequently, the NPS was pressured into conducting an inadequate EIS, with range of alternatives so narrow that the only defensible alternative at this time is Alternative A (No-Action). This alternative must be selected in order to allow the completion of a full EIS, with a full range of alternative, before any management actions are implemented which would preclude future management options.

Consequently, conducting this narrow EIS will require selection of the current No-Action alternative in order to allow for a necessary full EIS. Conducting this narrow EIS therefore will result in the delay of possible selection of any action alternative. The application of political pressure to conduct a less than adequate EIS, under the guise of urgent need for action, has instead resulted in an unnecessary and unfortunate delay in the possibility of any action whatsoever.

In addition, if we are to accept the reasoning which says that uncontrolled moose browse in the short term will cause irreparable vegetative damage, is there not a similar argument with regards to caribou? Perhaps the lack of caribou browse is itself causing irreparable alteration to the vegetative communities on the island. In that case, the longer we wait to consider reintroduction of caribou, the worse the damage gets. If we choose one of the narrowly ranged alternatives, not only will we lose the opportunity to implement that possible action, we will in fact lose the opportunity to even analyze and disclose the effects of implementing that action.

This is just one example of the options which will go unanalyzed if we do not choose Alternative A, and is included as an illustration. There are clearly other options which should be analyzed, but which will go unexamined if the NPS chooses any Alternative other than Alternative A

5) The Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives is Arbitrary and Capricious

The Amended NOI presents alternatives which consider only wolves, and a narrow set of issues related to wolves at that. Absent from the NOI are Alternatives which involve :

- A) Management of moose through means other than wolves
- B) Management of vegetation through means other than wolf predation on moose
- C) Reintroduction of Woodland Caribou
- D) Reintroduction of Lynx
- E) Attempted coexistence of moose and caribou

Also absent is any rationale for elimination of consideration of these (and other) Alternatives. NEPA requires an agency to describe "Alternatives Considered But Not Brought Forward", and the rationale for not considering those Alternatives.

In "revising and narrowing" the scope of the EIS to "focus on the question of whether to bring wolves to Isle Royale in the near future", the NPS has essentially considered, and discarded, alternatives other than bringing wolves to Isle Royale. However, the NPS has provided no rationale for discarding alternatives which were clearly suggested by both "public input and internal deliberations".

Discarding feasible and prudent alternatives with no analysis and no public disclosure of the rationale clearly constitutes an Arbitrary and Capricious decision.

Determination of which alternatives to consider and analyze is not subject to public referendum or sentiment. In some rare instances, there may be feasible and prudent alternatives which carry such a universal lack of support that analyzing them would be a waste of time and resources. In those cases, a description of the alternative not considered, and the reason for eliminating it, are to be disclosed.

However, that is clearly not the case. There is strong public support for consideration of Alternatives beyond the paltry few in the Amended NOI. These include the Alternatives described in 5) above, as well as others. The support for analyzing those other Alternatives was expressed through "public input and internal deliberations".

6) The "Narrowing and Revising of Alternatives" is Simply Contrary to the Spirit and Letter of NEPA, and is therefore likely to lead to an Unfounded and Poor Decision.

The very purpose of NEPA is to examine the full range of potential actions and disclose the effects of each. Only when this is done can the public provide informed input, and federal agencies make informed decisions. Excluding some Alternatives from consideration, and restricting analysis to Alternatives which may in fact preclude some of the excluded Alternatives from ever being implemented, is a grievous error on the part of the National Park Service, and poorly serves the public.

As a result of these inadequacies in the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives, the National Park Service should refrain from taking any actions to implement any of the Alternatives until a full, appropriate, and NEPA compliant EIS, which analyzes the full range of issues and alternatives, is completed.

Selection of any other than A (No-Action) would preclude the National Park Service from accomplishing this, and thus the NPS should select Alternative A (No-Action).

It is important to note the following: It is not the case that the Sierra Club supports the Selection of Alternative A (No-Action) on the grounds of opposing the introduction of more wolves to the island. At the current time, we neither support nor oppose the introduction of wolves to the island as a long-term management option.

We do oppose it as a short-term management option. This is because we believe that absent a full and complete EIS, neither Sierra Club, other interested parties, or the NPS has sufficient grounds to make an informed decision and disclose the effects, as is required by NEPA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 6411 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 15:15:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-pre

Correspondence ID: 6412 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 15:19:51
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: ISLE ROYALE
I support adding a viable pack of wolves on a one time basis. Close monitoring is required, not only re. moose but also the fox population. It is my understanding that the moose have no predators on Isle Royale and have expanded to an unsustainable level.. The Wilderness designation for Isle Royale occurred after the moose and wolves were initially introduced, way back. I am conflicted re. this...The island is unique, should never be developed and remain wilderness. The visitor who comes to the Isle comes for the very reasons I have described. Generally, I support reintroduction of wolves back into their normal ecosystem.

Correspondence ID: 6413 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 15:37:48
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I definitely think that you should reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale. They were there for years and should be there again.

Correspondence ID: 6414 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,04,2016 16:33:10

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6415 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 16:55:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. Thank you. [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6416 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 18:03:31

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please preserve Isle Royle as wilderness. Do not change the wolf population but allow the situation to remain as is and control itself.

Correspondence ID: 6417 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 18:26:09

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Alternative A is the best solution. Allow nature to determine wolf populations.

Correspondence ID: 6418 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 19:08:47

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please implement Alternate C. So much of the other life on the Island is imperiled by an imbalance between wolves and moose.

Correspondence ID: 6419 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 19:44:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I would request that the NPS bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement.

Correspondence ID: 6420 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 20:39:02

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support EIS Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that is consistent with Isle Royale's existence as a Wilderness.

Wolves are relative recent inhabitants at Isle Royale (mid-1900s). Being a Wilderness system, I urge the National Park Service to take a hands-off approach and let nature run its course.

Wolves may return to Isle Royal of their own migratory habits. There is much to learn even if the existing wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency. We can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6421 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 22:12:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: To Whom -

Please Support the Alternative A inaction plan... It is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. But, if the wolves were to naturally die out and no new wolves take up residency, there would be much we can learn e by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6422 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,04,2016 22:47:55

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe Alternative A would be the best for Isle Royale. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6423 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 06:12:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Our family cares very much about our National Parks. We are avid campers and hikers. So far this year, we have traveled to four National Parks. We believe the NPS has done an outstanding job in creating new parks and caring for the ones we own. We are thankful for the many ranger led programs the NPS has offered over the years. Recently, we were able to visit Isle Royale National Park and would like to comment on the wolf and moose project.

Topic Question #1: We believe that ecosystems evolve and change but they shouldn't be affected by human intervention. We believe this is exactly what happened at Isle Royale. Humans brought dogs to the island although the presence of dogs was clearly prohibited. One particular dog had parvo. This virus then spread through the wolf population and caused a huge decrease in a small number of years. These large decreases in population meant that the remaining numbers were too small to be genetically viable. Inbreeding began to occur to the point at which the wolves are no longer sustainable. Since this was a situation that was clearly brought on by people, it's up to us to make it right. We suggest that wolves be reintroduced to Isle Royale to bring back the balance that was originally present before humans brought diseased dogs to the island.

Topic Question #2: The wolves should be periodically monitored for diseases and treated appropriately. Many new types of surveillance and management can be used to monitor the health of both the wolves and moose. Our parks deserve the best in surveillance and treatment of disease.

Topic Question #3: What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider given that approximately 99% of the land area of Isle Royale National Park is designated wilderness? Our parks belong to us and as so, we are responsible for their management. We need to manage in a way so that future generations will be able to enjoy their splendor and beauty. We need to use cutting edge technology and best of practice tools to ensure that our Parks remain viable for all future generations.

Topic Question #4: What type and intensity of management should the NPS consider in the face of a changing climate? The changing climate only means that plants and animals adapt. However, we as humans need to own up to our responsibility when we have done things that affect the flora and fauna in adverse ways. We need to be willing to restore balances that we have affected.

Topic Question #5: What do you like and dislike about the preliminary alternatives?

Topic Question #6: Please submit additional comments here.

Correspondence ID: 6424 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 07:12:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: alternative A - No Action - wolves should be allowed natural migration patterns in accordance with Isle Royale's wilderness. Please don't mess with a successful situation.

Thank You

Correspondence ID: 6425 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 08:16:50
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let nature take its own course, in this case. When we interfere, there are often unintended consequences. There is not a compelling case that human actions will improve the situation. Thanks.

Correspondence ID: 6426 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: July 2, 2016

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Sierra Club Comments re: Amended Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Address the Presence of Wolves at Isle Royale National Park (Federal Register/Vol.81, No. 108/Monday, June 6, 2016/Notices - page 36324).

Please note - these comments constitute the comments submitted by the Sierra Club on this Amended Notice of Intent. They are the only comments submitted on behalf of the Sierra Club.

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank You for the opportunity to submit comments on this Amended Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS regarding wolves on Isle Royale. The following are the selection of our preferred Alternative and the rationale for that preference.

Sierra Club Supports Alternative A (No-Action Alternative). Sierra Club Believes That The Narrowing of the Range Of Alternatives Itself Leaves Alternative A as the Only Viable Alternative.

We support this Alternative for the following reasons:

1) The Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives is Inadequate

The effects of the "Presence of Wolves at Isle Royale National Park" simply cannot be analyzed in isolation from other issues, in particular the presence, abundance, and effects of moose on the island. In fact, the effects of moose, absent wolves, is one of the primary drivers for the consideration of augmentation of the wolf population on the island.

The primary stated reason for the need to augment the wolf population is the claimed necessity to reduce the effects of the moose population on vegetation through browse. To then restrict the analysis of methods for controlling the stated problem (the moose population and vegetative effects) to augmentation of the wolf population, without any consideration of other methods (such as culling, fire, etc, and others which were described in the original NOI), is disingenuous at best.

If the "Purpose and Need" of the EIS is to determine whether or not wolves should be brought to the island in order to control moose and their browse, this cannot be done without reference to the moose themselves. Posing the problem of moose browse, and then restricting the analysis of potential response to wolf introduction or not is an arbitrary and unacceptable situation.

There are virtually no references in the scientific literature to wolves on Isle Royal without attendant references to moose. Indeed, the long-running study on the island is about wolf-moose interactions. It is almost beyond comprehension that the NPS could conduct an EIS with the only topic under analysis whether or not to bring more wolves to Isle Royale, without concurrent analysis of other options.

It certainly appears that restricting the range of Alternatives to this truncated set is in response to public clamor for wolves, as opposed to controlling moose browse. NEPA does not provide for restriction of Alternatives considered to be based on public sentiment or popularity. Selection of which Alternative to implement can and often should, take into account public sentiment. But elimination of feasible and prudent Alternatives to place in analysis can not and should not do so.

The Revised NOI states that the Range of Alternatives would be "revised and narrowed" in the EIS, based upon "public comments we received and additional internal deliberations". There is no description of rationale for this revision and narrowing, simply a claim that it was based on public input and internal discussion.

One would hope that all decisions of any type are based upon "public input and internal deliberations". Indeed, it is difficult to conceive of other factors than "public input and internal deliberations" which might go into NPS deliberations. However, the content and conclusions of these discussions should be described, as well as the reasoning which led to the revision and narrowing of the scope of the EIS.

2) The Selection of any Alternative Other Than Alternative A (No-Action) from the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives constitutes an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

Choosing any alternative other than Alternative A is likely to preclude other management options which are not described within this inappropriately narrow range of alternatives. As an example, woodland caribou are known to be intolerant of wolves. Choosing to locate new wolves on the island would preclude future caribou introduction.

Consequently, selection of Alternatives B,C, or D would preclude choices in the future, even before those potential choices have been analyzed. The EIS must disclose that the very narrowing of Alternatives inherent in this EIS will have the effect of shutting off future options.

In addition, even though changing course is theoretically possible after choosing Alternatives B, C, or D, in fact it is highly unlikely. Once the public becomes accustomed to the notion that wolves can be translocated to the island at will, it will be very difficult to reverse that course, and the NPS will be committed to similar future actions. This is doubly true if the primary reason for continued translocation of wolves is in order to satisfy public desire. The stated rationale for the narrowing of Alternatives in this EIS suggests that public sentiment is already driving the options for management.

3) The Selection of Alternative A (No-Action) from the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives will Not constitute an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources, and in fact is the Only Alternative which Does Not Constitute an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

Alternative A (No-Action) allows for all other Alternatives to be implemented at future date, including those considered but not carried forward. It is the only alternative which does not close off some range of actions in the future.

Contrary to the assertions by some commenters, there is no evidence that a lack of wolves on the island in the short term will cause permanent harm to the island's resources, either vegetative or animal.

Selection of Alternative A is the only option which allows all options for future management to be considered.

4) The "Narrowing and Revising of Alternatives", which led to the Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives is Not Necessary to Prevent an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources. There has Been NO Demonstration of Urgency In This Matter

The only stated rationale for the narrowing of the Range of Alternatives is "public comments we received and additional internal deliberations". As described above, this narrowing of Alternatives is inappropriate. In addition, it is unnecessary. Choosing Alternative A, and conducting a full EIS will not result in any Irretrievable Commitment Of Resources.

Many of the public comments urging for immediate wolf reintroduction to the island have described it as a matter of some urgency. The concern seems to be that if wolves are not reintroduced to the island immediately, the moose population will rise sharply, and the attendant vegetative browse will damage the island's resources beyond repair, leading to an Irretrievable Commitment of Resources. We have not seen any evidence to support this claim of urgency, and indeed, history demonstrates otherwise.

Moose were on Isle Royale for almost 5 decades before wolves arrived, and more time passed before wolves achieved numbers sufficient to have any effect on moose population. During that time moose populations fluctuated from between 500 to 2500. Clearly, some significant vegetative damage occurred during periods of high moose population levels. However, we have seen no evidence that vegetation did not recover during periods of low moose populations, which leads to the conclusion that the absence of wolves for a few years will have no permanent deleterious effect on the island's vegetation, and the hence, there is no urgency to the matter.

We would also note that if there is actually concern over the delay in making a decision regarding the presence of wolves on Isle Royale, that no insignificant amount of the responsibility for that delay falls upon those calling most insistently, and applying political pressure, for an immediate decision.

The NPS has appropriately followed its legal obligation to conduct a full and thorough examination and disclosure of the effects of various management options regarding wolves on the island. However, many segments of the public felt that this was a "needless delay" (as described in many comments) in taking action.

This resulted in public and political pressure to address the wolf question first, without regard to the other interrelated issues. Consequently, the NPS was pressured into conducting an inadequate EIS, with range of alternatives so narrow that the only defensible alternative at this time is Alternative A (No-Action). This alternative must be selected in order to allow the completion of a full EIS, with a full range of alternative, before any management actions are implemented which would preclude future management options.

Consequently, conducting this narrow EIS will require selection of the current No-Action alternative in order to allow for a necessary full EIS. Conducting this narrow EIS therefore will result in the delay of possible selection of any action alternative. The application of political pressure to conduct a less than adequate EIS, under the guise of urgent need for action, has instead resulted in an unnecessary and unfortunate delay in the possibility of any action whatsoever.

In addition, if we are to accept the reasoning which says that uncontrolled moose browse in the short term will cause irreparable vegetative damage, is there not a similar argument with regards to caribou? Perhaps the lack of caribou browse is itself causing irreparable alteration to the vegetative communities on the island. In that case, the longer we wait to consider reintroduction of caribou, the worse the damage gets. If we choose one of the narrowly ranged alternatives, not only will we lose the opportunity to implement that possible action, we will in fact lose the opportunity to even analyze and disclose the effects of implementing that action.

This is just one example of the options which will go unanalyzed if we do not choose Alternative A, and is included as an illustration. There are clearly other options which should be analyzed, but which will go unexamined if the NPS chooses any Alternative other than Alternative A

5) The Revised Preliminary Range of Alternatives is Arbitrary and Capricious

The Amended NOI presents alternatives which consider only wolves, and a narrow set of issues related to wolves at that. Absent from the NOI are Alternatives which involve :

- A) Management of moose through means other than wolves
- B) Management of vegetation through means other than wolf predation on moose
- C) Reintroduction of Woodland Caribou
- D) Reintroduction of Lynx
- E) Attempted coexistence of moose and caribou

Also absent is any rationale for elimination of consideration of these (and other) Alternatives. NEPA requires an agency to describe "Alternatives Considered But Not Brought Forward", and the rationale for not considering those Alternatives.

In "revising and narrowing" the scope of the EIS to "focus on the question of whether to bring wolves to Isle Royale in the near future", the NPS has essentially considered, and discarded, alternatives other than bringing wolves to Isle Royale. However, the NPS has provided no rationale for discarding alternatives which were clearly suggested by both "public input and internal deliberations".

Discarding feasible and prudent alternatives with no analysis and no public disclosure of the rationale clearly constitutes an Arbitrary and Capricious decision.

Determination of which alternatives to consider and analyze is not subject to public referendum or sentiment. In some rare instances, there may be feasible and prudent alternatives which carry such a universal lack of support that analyzing them would be a waste of time and resources. In those cases, a description of the alternative not considered, and the reason for eliminating it, are to be disclosed.

However, that is clearly not the case. There is strong public support for consideration of Alternatives beyond the paltry few in the Amended NOI. These include the Alternatives described in 5) above, as well as others. The support for analyzing those other Alternatives was expressed through "public input and internal deliberations".

6) The "Narrowing and Revising of Alternatives" is Simply Contrary to the Spirit and Letter of NEPA, and is therefore likely to lead to an Unfounded and Poor Decision.

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Selection of any other than A (No-Action) would preclude the National Park Service from accomplishing this, and thus the NPS should select Alternative A (No-Action).

It is important to note the following: It is not the case that the Sierra Club supports the Selection of Alternative A (No-Action) on the grounds of opposing the introduction of more wolves to the island. At the current time, we neither support nor oppose the introduction of wolves to the island as a long-term management option.

We do oppose it as a short-term management option. This is because we believe that absent a full and complete EIS, neither Sierra Club, other interested parties, or the NPS has sufficient grounds to make an informed decision and disclose the effects, as is required by NEPA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 6427 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,05,2016 08:26:25

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As avid supporters of the NPS, our treasured national parks and their role in preserving viable populations of our precious native wildlife, we have looked at your alternatives for Isle Royale and find ourselves conflicted for various reasons on whether or not you should transplant wolves into Isle Royale. Obviously, there needs to be balance between moose and wolves. Both came to Isle Royale naturally over the ice, even though wolves came much later. Alt. D offers the flexibility the NPS needs to balance the natural resources of the park without being forced into a particular option at present. For this reason we think Alt. D may be the best option. Scientists on the ground should make decisions concerning wolves and moose based upon the best available science. Climate change is also a factor. We trust the NPS will do the right thing to keep Isle Royale a premier wilderness park while retaining the responsibility to preserve our native wildlife and natural predator-prey-vegetation relationships for future generations. Congratulations on your Centennial!

Correspondence ID: 6428 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,05,2016 08:42:54

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please protect this keystone species - they are vital to the holistic health of our environment.

Correspondence ID: 6429 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,05,2016 09:02:03

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6430 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,05,2016 09:19:17

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Transplant NO wolves. They have been a disaster in the yellowstone park area and will be a disaster anywhere they are artificially transplanted.

Correspondence ID: 6431 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,05,2016 09:20:29

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I urge you to choose Alternative A. Leave wilderness alone.

Correspondence ID: 6432 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,05,2016 09:38:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you

Correspondence ID: 6433 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 09:47:15
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please implement Alternative A - no action - for the Royale Isle wolves.

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6434 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 10:17:25
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I too support Alternative 1. There has been too much "fooling" with Mother Nature. Sometimes we just need to let nature take it's course even though we think we know better.

Correspondence ID: 6435 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 10:25:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please maintain the wilderness status of Isle Royale by not interfering with the wolf population that now exists there. Thank you Sue [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6436 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 10:27:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please allow the wolves to come and go based on their natural migration. This is the only option that honors and upholds Royale's Wilderness status as well as honoring the majestic wolves.

Correspondence ID: 6437 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 11:00:43
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Save wildlife! thanks

Correspondence ID: 6438 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 11:19:10
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Hello, I am writing to say I support Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Correspondence ID: 6439 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 11:33:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: At this time, I feel compelled to recommend alternative A, but do so with some reservation because I do not consider myself fully educated. My hesitation comes from having been involved in reintroduction of the Osprey in western Pennsylvania, due to its extirpation in our area.

The only reason I would deviate from my opinion is if the scientific community felt it important for the overall survival of the wolf population that a separate pack be established or reestablished on the island to help ensure its biodiversity in other areas of the country.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Correspondence ID: 6440 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 12:18:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale. When we mess with Mother Nature, we often make things worse.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6441 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 12:18:42
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Having recently visited Isle Royale National Park and being informed about the decline of the wolf population, I feel that I need to comment on the options given in the recent newsletter. I would like to see plan B or plan C (take action soon to introduce wolves to Isle Royale) implemented for a number of reasons. First, I believe that the moose population will grow unchecked, and often unhealthy, without introduction of a predator species to cull the herd(s). The wolves in the past have been instrumental in keeping the moose numbers within reasonable bounds for the good of the vegetation and the island's ecology. I would like to see a number of wolves introduced to Isle Royale as soon as possible for the good of the whole park. Secondly, I really like the idea of a wilderness area within the U.S. that has both moose and wolves. Visitors to Isle Royale seem intrigued with the idea of possibly seeing a wolf or hearing wolves as part of their wilderness experience. Wolves would be a magnet to attract visitors for the first time and would be one of the reasons for visitors to want to return to this national park. Taking no action at this time seems impractical to me; wolves will help to balance the herbivore/vegetation ratio in the park. Please consider taking some action - - Plan B or Plan C - - that will bring wolves in reasonable numbers back to Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6442 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 12:28:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I Support Option A, to let events take their course. The wolves are relative newcomers in the big scheme of things, as are, for that matter, the moose. This is a wilderness area and natural processes, including evolution and the coming and going of species, should be allowed to proceed.

Correspondence ID: 6443 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 13:31:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6444 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 14:20:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I choose option A. Let wilderness be wild and left alone. No interference from humans...nature can take it's course.

Correspondence ID: 6445 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 14:31:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: We have seen the benefits, we have heard the arguments, we know whats right, we know what we need to do, we know the government is jockeying budgets, we know there's always "talks" on it, but nothing seems to be getting done. This is just a small step, lets do the right thing.

When you have a couple house dogs, and they get old, you need to get your puppy, BEFORE the old dogs die off, because the old dogs train the puppy what you took years to train that told dog. He teaches that puppy where to eat, where to do their business essentially. We need to get these wolves replaces before the others are lost for starters. We need to get these wolves to a sustainable population as a main goal. The environment needs this, the hordes of people asking need this, the wolves need this.

Action, Action, Action, its Time for ACTION!!

Regards,



Correspondence ID: 6446 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 14:51:21
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I vote no to the energy bill.

Correspondence ID: 6447 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 14:58:20
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6448 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 15:09:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks for your time.

Correspondence ID: 6449 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 15:14:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Let's do nothing; let nature take its course.

Correspondence ID: 6450 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 16:10:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.

Correspondence ID: 6451 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 16:32:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would like to let you know that I strongly support Alternative A, which is the best approach for leaving Isle Royale as a Wilderness area. We should let the wolves decide if they want to live there, as nature intended. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Correspondence ID: 6452 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 16:59:02
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am writing to support Alternative A.

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my viewpoint.

Correspondence ID: 6453 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 17:14:29
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6454 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 18:51:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Dear Decision Makers, National Park Service,

Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status!

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there!

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study!

We so hope you will consider our comments and do the right thing for the wolves!

Thank you kindly,

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Correspondence ID: 6455 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 19:44:46
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: My spouse, James, and I recommend no action at this time, and reserve the right to consider the matter again in the future.

Correspondence ID: 6456 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 19:47:33
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: No action, please. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. The no-action alternative would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

The no-action alternative is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6457 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 20:23:59
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A and take no action on wolves, allowing them to come and go based on natural migration. This is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there

Correspondence ID: 6458 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 20:27:11
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please strongly support Alternative A in which no action is taken which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Correspondence ID: 6459 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 20:46:06
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I urge adoption of Alt. A, leaving the question of wolves on Isle Royale to nature. The park is not a zoo, nor a primitive Disneyland; indeed, most of it is wilderness. The NPS should not be in the business of manipulating the environment for the benefit of a handful of scientists or spectacle-hungry tourists. I have been there several times and enjoy the wolf howls. But that is a small part of the overall experience. Moreover, rangers can use the demise of the wolves as a dramatic example of how things work in the real world, not the fantasy world of amusement parks and television dramas.

Correspondence ID: 6460 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 21:14:16
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Isle Royale Wilderness :

Regarding the history of the island and wolves - to retain the island's wilderness character.....
Please choose Alternative A : No Action.
Let the wolves decide whether or not to migrate/live on the island.

Correspondence ID: 6461 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 22:03:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: June 2016 - To All Stakeholders: I first visited Isle Royale 40 years ago in 1976 when I was 25 years old with my wife. We canoed and hiked the entire park for 14 days. We shared the island at that time with a number of wolves and were privileged to glimpse them on three occasions, once on a trail and twice from a distance with binoculars. We often heard them at night. I recently returned to Isle Royale with my wife and a lighter canoe and were saddened to learn that the wolf population is likely down to one lone wolf at this time!! After reading about the different perspectives and proposals under consideration at this time, I urge all stakeholders to support proposal alternative three (3) and take whatever action is required to sustain and support a wolf population on Isle Royale. Dr. Rolf Peterson's and John Vucetich's "Ecological Studies of Wolves on Isle Royale - Annual Report 2015-

2016 and the work they have done for the past 40 years in collaboration with numerous other scientists and stakeholders clearly shows that 'science' supports Alternative 3.. 'to provide wolves to Isle Royale for the next 20 years' will improve the health of the moose population and positively impact the overall ecological health of Isle Royale National Park.

Correspondence ID: 6462 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 22:27:39
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I ask you to Support Alternative A as it is the only offered option that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

As wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time I believe their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm for this Island's very long history. I believe we should let nature, and individual wolves decide if they want to live there.

If the current wolf population dies out (and no new wolves take up residency) I believe a valuable alternative study of the ecological responses to the loss of wolves becomes possible. That data could be as important as continuing the current "natural" predator-prey study, by artificially inserting another wolf population onto the island.

Correspondence ID: 6463 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,05,2016 22:45:03
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence:

I think you should support Alternative A. The wolves haven't lived on Isle Royale very long. It's possible more wolves will migrate from the mainland on their own. If not, we will learn what part the wolves have played in the ecology of the island.

Correspondence ID: 6464 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 00:17:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,

Please support Alternative A. and protect our wolves.

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Thank you for your consideration of our wolves.

Sincerely,
Kim [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6465 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 00:31:04
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I would support either Alternative A (or less enthusiastically - D).

I realize there can be no wolf/moose study without wolves. However bringing in wolves so you continue a study seems a perversion of reasons for studying natural relationships. Rather I would like to see a new purpose evolve for a study...what happens without wolves? How does the vegetation change? Are wolves from the mainland more likely to migrate to the island when they don't sense the presence of other wolves? Perhaps they can smell or sense in some other way that the current pack is compromised and they seek only healthy mates. Will disease will arise to cull the moose herd? While this would be a painful occurrence, it might be worthwhile to note scientifically.

Recently my husband and I had to give a small talk about the trip we took to Isle Royale in 2015. In the course of studying for the slide presentation, I learned that miners had effectively denuded the landscape in the 1840s to expose the mining potential. Suddenly I realized that none of the growth on the island is original growth! I also read that at one time the fauna on the island was different: with caribou, lynx, and coyotes, etc - creatures which aren't there now, so obviously the island has found ways to regenerate from a drastic assault. I see no reason why it won't cope with change again. It may not be fast enough for our taste though, so for that reason, I could accept D as well as A.

Correspondence ID: 6466 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 07:49:40
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6467 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 08:02:41
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am urging that re: wolves on Isle Royale, that Alternative A be adopted. This alternative calls for no action regarding wolves, allowing for natural processes to determine wolf migration.

Correspondence ID: 6468 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 08:05:34
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Phyllis Green
Superintendent
Isle Royale National Park
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, Michigan 49931-1896

Subject: Keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and protect the autonomy of its wolves by choosing Alternative A - - Isle Royale Wolves EIS Public Scoping Newsletter

Dear Superintendent Green,

Thank you for accepting public comments as you consider whether the National Park Service should transplant wolves to Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in Lake Superior to replace those dying or leaving. It is a challenging question, yet one with a clear answer.

Wolves are relative newcomers to Isle Royale, having arrived in the late 1940s by walking across frozen Lake Superior from northeastern Minnesota or Ontario. Other wolves have arrived since that time and, conversely, many have also left. The island's wolves have been the subject of one of the longest-running studies of predator-prey relations. But inbreeding and other factors associated with their isolation have caused the wolf population to steadily decline for many years.

With the wolf population now at only two, many are calling for capturing wolves from the mainland and relocating them to the island, where they are likely to suffer the same "inbred and deformed" future as those currently there. The motivations for relocating the mainland wolves to the island are primarily to continue the predator-prey study and to satisfy tourist desires to see or hear wolves. There is some concern that Isle Royale's moose population-the wolves' primary prey-could explode, but moose numbers are declining throughout the upper Midwest to the point they have been proposed for listing as a threatened or endangered species. And even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. The proposal to relocate wolves to Isle Royale ignores the fact that 98 percent of Isle Royale is designated Wilderness and, by law, must remain "untrammled" (unmanipulated, untamed, wild) with natural processes unimpeded by managers. In Wilderness, nature decides what happens. Their recent presence on the Island is more of an anomaly than the norm in the Isle Royale's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

I strongly support most efforts to protect wolves from trapping, shooting, and other forms of harassment in and outside of Wilderness areas across the country. However, I believe that in Wilderness natural processes, not human demands, should determine whether predators stay or go. For this reason, I support Alternative A, the no-action alternative, which would honor and preserve the area's wilderness character while letting the wolves decide if they want to recolonize Isle Royale.

Please keep the Isle Royale Wilderness wild and protect the autonomy of its wolves.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,



Correspondence ID: 6469 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 08:26:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please support Alternative A for Isle Royale. Nature, not man should dictate the natural process of the region. Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6470 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 08:30:27
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose the true wilderness alternative: Alternative A: No action. Wolves would come and go based on natural migration.

Why? Because 99 percent of Isle Royale's 209 square miles is congressionally designated wilderness. It is meant to stay as wild as possible.

The prime directive of the Wilderness Act is for you, the National Park Service, to maintain or enhance the wilderness character of this rare ecotype. There is no evidence that wolves lived on this island prior to 1950. They are like the caribou who lived on the island in the early 20th century. And the caribou are like the lynx, coyotes, and spruce grouse, who had appeared and then disappeared on the island.

Although the subject of intriguing and important research, wolves are not essential to the island, and, indeed, if they "blink out" on Isle Royale, their existence will not be endangered elsewhere. The predominant principal here is whether humans can restrain their desire to control nature.

I believe that the island's wilderness designation mandates that we let nature take its course. Please don't intervene. Leave this rare, wild island a authentic wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 6471 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 08:34:30
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I write to encourage you to select Alternative A, the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a minuscule fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any case it's appropriate to allow the wolves to decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we would learn so much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves rather than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Correspondence ID: 6472 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 09:50:38
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I believe that Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status. As much as I would like to see wolves living there, the presence of wolves on Isle Royale is an anomaly. I strongly believe that wolves should be left to chose if they wish to live there, and even if the wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves rather than inserting a population of the animals artificially.

Correspondence ID: 6473 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 10:11:07
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I support Alternative A:

â€Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

â€Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6474 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 10:55:55
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: As you work toward a final decision on the question of whether wolves should remain a part of the Isle Royale National Park and Wilderness in future, please take the following comments into consideration:

* Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

* Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

* Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you for considering our point of view.

Correspondence ID: 6475 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 11:16:37
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: The study has been monumental, but the NPS should consider Alternative b or Alternative C.

Due to the fact that climate change has diminished the frequency of ice bridges and human intervention (fear) has lowered the mainland population of wolves that would have a chance to cross the rare ice bridge, it should be up to NPS scientists to balance the system again.

Without intervention, the moose will starve and suffer. Vegetation on the island, especially native vegetation, will suffer from the overpopulation of moose leaving the island open to more invasives.

To me, we as humans should intervene in this system to keep things in balance, despite the fact that the natural experiment will end. It's time to step in.

Correspondence ID: 6476 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 11:22:17
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I am opposed to reintroduction of wolves to Isle Royale NP. They were not present when Europeans first visited the island. Wolves in the vicinity of the Great Lakes are not particularly endangered.

I suggest you consider reintroducing woodland caribou and lynx. Both were present on the island in the 1920s and before. Woodland caribou are exceedingly rare in the United States.

I realize a problem for lynx would be lack of snowshoe hares, perhaps because of moose which did not occur on the island before the 1900s. But the moose themselves may disappear due to global warming.

Correspondence ID: 6477 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 11:33:14
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study. Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6478 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 11:45:23
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I do not think the NPS should take any action. I support Alternative A.

Correspondence ID: 6479 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 12:06:44
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: Please choose Alternative A: No action.

Correspondence ID: 6480 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 12:11:56
Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Everytime college educated people, not woods smart people, try to mess with Mother Nature they lose. I hunt, fish, trap, etc.....in area listed above and have seen what the reintroduction of the wolf has done to the forest. Besides the management plan does not allow it.

Correspondence ID: 6481 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 12:53:31
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I support option A

Correspondence ID: 6482 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 12:54:18
Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: To the NPS:

I am a resident of Minnesota and am very concerned about our wild life and wild lands. I strongly believe that humans have over-manipulated our environment in almost every place they have tried to "manage" these natural processes. Wilderness is one space were we have held some restraint and should continue to do so - in fact it is the law.

I support ALTERNATIVE A - the no action alternative. I do not believe in a human created Facsimile of a natural process just because we wish to use it for our own interest (the predator-prey study).

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Please refrain from faking nature. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this plan.
Lois [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6483 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Jul,06,2016 13:01:12

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: I strongly support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Correspondence ID: 6484 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,06,2016 14:27:11

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: Let wolves themselves decide who belongs on beautiful wild Isle Royale, and when and how to arrive. There is a troubling Disneyfication of wild spaces. Isle Royale is not to be sacrificed for either science or tourists!

Carolyn [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6485 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,06,2016 14:32:51

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

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Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6486 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,06,2016 14:34:16

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence:

Support Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Correspondence ID: 6487 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,06,2016 14:34:34

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: we need to make sure we do whats best for wilderness and wildlife not corporations.

Correspondence ID: 6488 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605

Received: Jul,06,2016 14:53:52

Correspondence Type: Web Form

Correspondence: July 6, 2016

Isle Royale National Park
Attention: Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan
800 East Lakeshore Drive
Houghton, MI 49931

Sent via: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ISROwolves>

Dear Isle Royale Staff,

The following are comments from Wilderness Watch on the scoping stage of the Isle Royale Wolves EIS Public Scoping. Wilderness Watch is the only national wilderness conservation organization solely focused on protecting the existing National Wilderness Preservation System and its individual units like the Isle Royale Wilderness. Wilderness Watch has members in every state in the country, including Michigan, and has long been interested in the Isle Royale Wilderness. Our conservation director and executive director have both visited the Island within the past year on multi-day wilderness trips.

In general, Wilderness Watch has strongly supported the presence of wolves in designated Wildernesses, and we understand the ecological roles played by such a keystone, apex predator within a wilderness ecosystem. We have fought to prevent the killing of wolves within Wildernesses to bolster prey species such as elk or moose. Most recently, for example, our litigation suspended and possibly ended the State of Idahos program of sending a trapper deep into the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness to kill wolves in order to allegedly boost elk populations.

Wilderness Watch also supports scientific research in Wildernesses like Isle Royale, provided that such research is conducted in accordance with the 1964 Wilderness Act. We believe the opportunity to learn from Wilderness is one of, if not the most important wilderness values. Wilderness Watch appreciates and values the long-term wolf-moose predator-prey study that has been conducted over the past 60 years on Isle Royale.

Wilderness Watch also understands the problems with inbreeding of the wolves on Isle Royale and the flattening of genetic diversity in that population. We also recognize the declining number of wolves in the Isle Royale Wilderness, and some of the potential changes in the Isle Royale ecosystem should wolves become extirpated there, be it for one year, ten years, a century or forever, just as it is different today because of the extirpation of lynx and caribou decades ago.

Of the alternative concepts listed in the Spring 2016 newsletter for the Isle Royale Wolves EIS Public Scoping Newsletter, Wilderness Watch supports Alternative A, the No Action Alternative. We suggest strengthening this alternative to clarify that this alternative best upholds the wilderness designation of 99 percent of Isle Royale by Congress. We don't believe that wilderness designation is sufficiently highlighted or focused on in the public scoping newsletter.

Alternative A is also the only alternative that respects the wolves' autonomy and lets them decide whether or not they inhabit Isle Royale. For reasons known only to the wolves, they have apparently chosen to not be long-time residents of the island, having arrived fewer than 70 years ago, less than the span of a single human lifetime. Since that time, some if not many wolves that have followed the ice-bridge trail from the mainland to the island have left in short order, while others born on the island have left for the mainland, resulting in the genetically-impoverished population on the verge of extirpation. Perhaps the wolves intuitively know of the genetic downsides to island isolation, or maybe they prefer the freedom to roam beyond the confined borders of Isle Royale. Regardless of the reasons wolves have chosen to not be a permanent, continuous presence on Isle Royale, and consistent with the Wilderness Act's fundamental tenets of humility and respect, a decent respect for wolves and their right to exist free of human desires argues we should let the wolves decide whether and when to return to Isle Royale.

The heart of the issue—and an apparent bias of the National Park Service—is found in the agency's statement of purpose for the plan: The NPS began this planning process by considering a broad range of potential management actions as part of determining how to manage the moose and wolf populations. (2016 newsletter, p. 1). This purpose presumes that, contrary to the intent of the Wilderness Act, the Park Service needs to manage these species and their interactions. That is, the ecological and evolutionary processes that created and continue to shape the island systems need to be controlled and manipulated to conform to what the agency thinks they should be. This bias appears to pre-determine the outcome by inappropriately assuming that the National Park Service's job is to manage and manipulate the populations of wolf and moose. This agency bias must be removed in the next step of environmental review for this project.

As detailed below, Wilderness Watch believes that wilderness designation requires a non-intervention approach, and we believe a non-intervention approach must be taken even if it means that wolves might become extirpated from the Isle Royale Wilderness. Our reasons for supporting non-intervention at Isle Royale include the following:

1. Wilderness. In 1976, Congress designated about 99% of Isle Royale National Park as Wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act, Public Law 88-577: 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136. Wilderness designation is the law of the land, and wilderness designation cannot just be ignored in the case of Isle Royale. (We note that in the Spring 2016 newsletter, the word wilderness was used just once in reference to the island's wilderness character, and that the Congressional designation of 99% of Isle Royale as Wilderness was completely missing.)

The prime directive of the Wilderness Act is to preserve wilderness character, not to preserve individual species, even popular or charismatic ones. The prime directive is not to artificially maintain a specific predator-prey population, but all of the ecosystem dynamics, even if that results in the extirpation of a current predator or prey species as frequently happens in island ecosystems even absent the actions of humans. Similarly, the Wilderness Act does not direct us to preserve the ecosystem function of a species that is waning, but all ecosystem functions unfettered and unmanipulated by humankind. The prime directive is to preserve wilderness character, to let nature run its course.

The Wilderness Act did not define wilderness character, though Wilderness Act author Howard Zahniser reminded us as early as 1953, We must remember always that the essential quality of wilderness is its wildness. The best definition of wilderness character is the degree to which wilderness is free from deliberate human modification, control and manipulation of a character and scope that hampers the free play of natural ecological processes. (David Cole et al. 2016. In press. The 'Keeping It Wild' Monitoring Frameworks Definition of Wilderness Character Jeopardizes the Wildness of Wilderness, International Journal of Wilderness.)

The Wilderness Act also defines Wilderness in part as untrammeled or unmanipulated. This means that we allow Nature to call the shots in Wilderness, even if that means that Nature might make decisions that we humans may not like, such as the extirpation of wolves from the Isle Royale Wilderness, either temporary extirpation or permanent extirpation.

Dr. Robert Lucas, a pioneer wilderness researcher, could have been speaking directly to the situation with wolves on Isle Royale when he wrote, If ecological processes operate essentially uncontrolled within the wilderness frame of reference, the results, whatever they might be, are desirable by definition. The object is not to stop change, nor to recreate conditions as of some arbitrary historical date. The object is to let nature 'roll the dice and accept what results with interest and scientific curiosity. (Lucas, R.C. 1973. Wilderness: A management framework. Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, 28: 150-154.) From a scientific/research standpoint, there is probably volume more to be learned by letting nature take its course than by artificially injecting more wolves into the Isle Royale ecosystem and trying to perpetuate the status quo of the past five or six decades.

This is the very essence of Wilderness, that we humans must treat Wilderness with humility and restraint. The current debate over the potential loss of wolves indicates the fairly short-sighted approach of most land management practices that are often based on the next few years, a career-post, or human lifetimes at best, not millennia. Because Wilderness is forever, we need to look beyond the short timeframe of human lifetimes. We need to allow these natural processes to play out over much longer time spans, to make it possible for those areas from the eternity of the past to exist on into the eternity of the future, as Wilderness Act author Howard Zahniser once eloquently described it.

Some people may argue that wilderness designation is a nice add-on, but it really doesn't or shouldn't change the way a national park should be administered. That argument, however, doesn't hold water. In a case involving Wildernesses in the High Sierra, for example, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 2004 that the Wilderness Act imposes substantive requirements on an administering agency to protect the wilderness. (High Sierra Hikers Assn v. Blackwell, 390 F.3d 630.) In another case, a Federal District Court ruled, [S]ubjective characterizations aside, the Wilderness Act is as close to an outcome-oriented piece of environmental legislation as exists. As such, it is as close to a 'purist manifesto as may be found in the area of environmental law. (High Sierra Hikers Assn v. U.S. Forest Service, 436 F.Supp. 2d 1117.)

Wilderness designation therefore has significant meaning. And wilderness designation at Isle Royale strongly argues against manipulating the wolf and moose populations, against both transplanting more wolves from the mainland as well as culling the moose herd.

2. Island Biogeography. As the National Park Service wrote in the Summer 2015 newsletter, Isle Royale exhibits a unique biogeography. Organisms that live on islands have more dynamic population trends and are more often subjected to extinction events with colonization and immigration occurrences depending on island size, distance to the mainland, length of isolation (time), chance events, habitat suitability and human activity, to name a few influencing factors. In other words, things come and go from islands; local extirpation is natural, as is establishment and re-establishment of new

populations.

Wolves and moose are relatively recent natives to Isle Royale. Canada lynx and woodland caribou, two earlier natives, provided the predator-prey dynamic up to about the turn of the 20th century but have both become extirpated. So it may ultimately be with wolves and moose, to be replaced with other species. These are common occurrences related to island biogeography. Moose arrived in the early 1900s, and their population has fluctuated dramatically at times since then. Wolves became an even later migrant when they crossed the ice to Isle Royale between 1948-1950.

The presence of wolves and moose on Isle Royale has provided a unique and well-documented opportunity to study the predator-prey dynamics since the mid-20th century, however, a study that continues to this day.

Yet even the length of this noted study does not mean that the dynamics of island biogeography have ended. Species come, and species go. Extirpations can occur. Particularly because of wilderness designation, we must let it be Nature that makes those decisions, not us humans who want to impose human preferences on the Wilderness.

The DEIS also needs to assess whether Isle Royale can support a self-sustaining wolf population over the long-term. Isle Royale is relatively small for a wide-ranging, territorial species like the wolf. Even at its highest level of 50 or so wolves, Isle Royale has never harbored a large enough population to sustain itself, nor has inflow from the mainland been enough to avoid the detrimental effects of inbreeding after just a handful of generations. Given the average number of wolves on the island-around 20-the problem only gets worse, and even 20 wolves might be an unusually large population for such a small area. For comparison, Yellowstone National Park-at 2.2 million acres-harbors roughly 100 wolves in 10 packs. That's one pack and 10 wolves for every 220,000 acres in an area that provides a banquet of prey species, and pack territories that in many cases extend well beyond the park. Isle Royale, wonderful as it is, provides none of these beneficial characteristics and, at best, might only sustain intermittent wolf populations. Recent history suggests this is the case, while long-term history suggests wolves might never have inhabited the island. The alternatives that contemplate translocating wolves to Isle Royale need to explain why the future will be different and why maintaining a stable wolf population on the island won't require managing Isle Royale like a zoo, where individual wolves and or packs will need to be routinely captured from their native homes and exiled on Isle Royale to perpetuate an unnatural condition to appease some visitors and researchers alike.

3. Slippery Slope of Manipulation. As mentioned above, an essential part of wilderness designation is that humans must avoid the hubris and arrogance we often exhibit towards landscapes and wildlife. We must instead show humility and restraint, allowing untrammelled Wilderness to remain unmanipulated to chart its own ecological and evolutionary course without succumbing to human preferences and desires.

If humans start transplanting wolves to Isle Royale, we start on a slippery slope that may have no end. Additional wolves will almost certainly be needed on the island after the first installment, to freshen up the gene pool again. With a warming climate, Isle Royale may eventually lose its moose population, too. Will we then import moose to Isle Royale in perpetuity to keep the wolves fed, in order to perpetuate 1950s predator-prey conditions? Or will we have to control the wolves to give the moose a fighting chance? And what of the native lynx and woodland caribou that inhabited the island before the wolves and moose? Should we reintroduce them to re-create 1900s conditions?

4. Research Can Continue. Some people fear that a loss of wolves from Isle Royale will mean that ecological research on the archipelago will come to an end. Ecological studies on Isle Royale will continue to provide new scientific insights, however, whether or not the wolves survive or become extirpated. Wolves are not the only species to be studied on Isle Royale, even if the somewhat exaggerated symbolism of the wolf and some of its promoters might have us think otherwise.

Research will actually become even more important if the wolves do become extirpated. If the wolves die out, how will the moose population respond? Will genetic variability in moose also flatten over time? Will the moose population return to the boom-and-bust cycles of the 1920s to 1950, or will something else occur? Will wolves naturally re-colonize Isle Royale on their own, utilizing ice bridges to the mainland such as those that have formed in recent winters? How will the vegetation respond?

We have far more to learn about the ecological dynamics of Isle Royale if wolves actually do become extirpated from the archipelago, rather than re-creating a temporary wolf-moose dynamic that has already been studied for more than 60 years.

5. Proposed Listing of Moose. While we appreciate the NPS desire to separate this current analysis from the larger wolf-moose analysis originally proposed, we think the current dramatic decline of moose throughout much of the Upper Midwest and the proposed listing of moose under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) suggests we can't disentangle the issues of wolves and moose on Isle Royale. If moose begin to struggle on Isle Royale, as they are in much of the Midwest, then a decision to translocate wolves to the island could spell the moose's demise. Moose might well be listed on the endangered species list by that point. The DEIS needs to address this issue.

6. Visitation without Wolves. While wolves are a popular species on the island, the question of whether the absence of wolves will have an appreciable impact on the number of visitors should be addressed. Some might argue that losing this popular species will have an impact on visitation to Isle Royale and, potentially, on the economy of mainland communities. We don't think that will happen, though; people will still come to visit Isle Royale even if wolves become extirpated. But that question should also be addressed in the DEIS.

7. Researchers Who Call for Non-Intervention. Wilderness Watch is not alone in calling for a non-intervention approach on Isle Royale. Other highly respected researchers have also supported this approach. Their research and writings addressing the issue of wolves on Isle Royale should be reviewed and incorporated into the Isle Royale wolf analysis. Some of those writings include:

Dr. L. David Mech. 2013. The Case for Watchful Waiting with Isle Royale's Wolf Population, *The George Wright Forum* 30(3): 326-332.

Dr. Tim Cochrane. 2013. Island Complications: Should We Retain Wolves on Isle Royale? *The George Wright Forum* 30(3): 313-325.

Dr. Tim Cochrane. 2014. Rejoinder to 'Discernment and Precaution: A Response to Cochrane and Mech', *The George Wright Forum* 31(1): 94-95.

██████████ 2015. A Case Against Intervening in the Isle Royale Wolf/Moose Issue. Attached.

Please keep Wilderness Watch on your contact list for further steps in this analysis. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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A CASE AGAINST INTERVENING IN THE ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK WOLF/MOOSE ISSUE
October 2015

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BACKGROUND:

Isle Royale, a 209 square mile (133,782 acres) island in northwestern Lake Superior was dedicated as Isle Royale National Park in 1940. In 1976, approximately 99 percent of the park became a designated wilderness area- a part of The National Wilderness Preservation System. In 1980, Isle Royale was added to the list of International Biosphere Reserves. The island lies in the transition zone between the southern edge of the Boreal Coniferous Forest and the northern edge of the Northern-Temperate Deciduous Forest. The island is best known for its six-decades-long Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Project, a series of investigations of moose-wolf interactions and its influence on the islands habitat.

Wolves first appeared on the island sometime during the winters of 1948-50 when ice bridges connected the island to the mainland (1 female, 2 males). Genetic evidence suggests that there were several additional wolf arrivals from the mainland in the past 60-plus years. It is also known that several wolves left the island for the mainland. Regardless, recent genetic analysis has shown that all remaining members of the Isle Royale wolf population have descended from a single female. This past winters wolf survey found three wolves on the island- a female and male and what appeared to be a juvenile. One female was discovered to have crossed over to Minnesota where it was shot, and one male was found dead on the island. Three wolves from the mainland were seen on the Isle Royale in February of 2015, but returned to the mainland after six days. Currently, the remaining wolves exhibit signs of inbreeding and may die off due to lowered or non-existent breeding capacity. Park officials have through the NEPA process raised the question of whether or not to supplement the remaining population by capturing and introducing new wolves from the mainland in an effort to genetically rescue the population. That is currently where we stand.

Before proceeding, let me make it clear that I am not in favor of intervening with a genetic rescue, but do favor allowing the current situation to play itself out unhindered by human manipulation. And for full disclosure, [REDACTED], an organization dedicated to keeping wild the nations wilderness areas, and whose position on this issue is also one of non-intervention. However, I am [REDACTED] not representing Wilderness Watch.

THE CASE:

Over the past decades Ive formed my conservation principles, and hence the basis for many of my desired outcomes from an amalgamation of some of our nations greatest environmental laws, including the National Park Services Organic Act which allows certain environmental manipulations, and the text of the 1964 Wilderness Act whose core value is to leave the land untrammelled by man. To these I must add my respect for the Precautionary Principle. All of which are reinforced by the writings of various conservation leaders and my own extensive travels in the U.S. and to over two-dozen foreign countries where I was introduced to numerous endangered species and land management programs. Ironically, on Isle Royale we have two of our Nations strongest land conservation laws overlapping on the same piece of land, each providing somewhat conflicting guidance as how to proceed with the wolf issue. This is not an easy one.

A strong argument can be made that many of the wolfs current problems can be traced back to human intrusions, primarily the impacts of human-caused climate change and the accidental introduction of parvovirus to the island in 1980 or 1981. However, over and over I read that the lack of genetic diversity leading to inbreeding poses the most imminent threat to their existence. A whole host of scientists attest to this. No question- I believe them and their findings. However, inbreeding is a consequence of many factors, including, but not limited to, disease, climate change and the fact that Isle Royale is a remote and relatively small island. I firmly believe the most significant of these three factors is the isolation of the islands wolf population-which of course is made worse due to climate change.

The real question is what should be done about this- if anything? And not wanting to split hairs, the word extinction is regularly used to describe the likely future of the Isle Royale wolf population. That could happen, but if it does it is unlikely that it will in any way threaten the overall survival of the wolf as a species. If species survival were at stake here, I would almost certainly have a very different opinion.

Faced with the possibility of losing the islands wolves, we need to remember that there is no evidence that wolves were on the island prior to 1948-50. And it was only in the early 1900s that moose appeared on the island, apparently having swum from the mainland. Also, recent genetic analysis of the islands moose population suggests that they are most closely related to Minnesotas northwestern moose population. This has lead to speculation that Isle Royales moose may have been brought onto the island by humans, contradicting the assumption that all or most of the first immigrants swam from nearby, northeastern Minnesota.

It is known that at the beginning of the 20th century, Isle Royale was home to caribou, lynx, coyotes and spruce grouse- all now extinct on the island. And who knows how many other species have appeared only to disappear later for unknown reasons, but likely human-related. This is not unusual for island ecosystems whose species composition tends to be less complex and much more volatile then larger mainland systems. This is particularly true when modern humans enter the picture. (Isle Royale is home to 19 mammalian species while the nearby mainland is home to 40.)

Many people question the meaning and very existence of natural and wildness. Isle Royale is an island and history shows that its species composition has changed in modern times. Consequently, where on the time-line of the islands biotic history do we define natural: Pre- or post-caribou? Pre- or post-moose? Pre- or post-wolf? When and how often in the past have human actions affected species make-up on the island? What significance should we assign to Pre- or Post National Park designation? What do we hold up as our naturalness standard?

Evolution is a process and it takes place on all scales, even at the ecosystem level, and even within small island systems. And by my thinking, evolution itself is a process worthy of protection, one worth leaving alone. Importing wolves to the island would be a significant, conscious act of human intervention in this evolutionary process- however tarnished we might think it is.

The 2006 National Park Services Management Policies states: The National Park Service will preserve and protect the natural resources, processes,

systems, and values of units of the national park system in an unimpaired condition to perpetuate their inherent integrity and to provide present and future generations with the opportunity to enjoy them. (Emphasis added). I believe these words make a strong case for the protection of the system or process of change- of evolution, even if it means by not intervening we might lose a species.

Perhaps seen as weakening my own argument, I will add that the same policy document makes clear that native species extirpated by human action shall be restored. Unfortunately I'm not aware of any park document that provides guidance or establishes protocol for dealing with species extirpated due to indirect human phenomenon such as climate change. And to the best of my knowledge, park service documents provide no clear guidance as to the appropriateness of intervening to rescue a species as opposed to restoring a lost species. This is the new ground we as conservationists must find our way through. This isn't going to be the only such dilemma we face as climate change increases its impact on the globe and humans continue to encroach into our shrinking wildlands.

Regarding the human-caused presence of parvovirus- that is the argument I see as having the strongest legs in this discussion. However, looking at the wolf and moose numbers before and after the occurrence of parvo and up to about 2010, it seems wolf numbers remained in the 20 to 40 range with one or two years exceeding 50. Clearly, in the past 5-6 years wolf numbers have plummeted, but the strongest, proximal culprit still appears to be inbreeding as evidenced in large part by the observation that since 1994, every wolf skeleton found on the island has shown significant abnormalities.

As mentioned earlier, recent genetic analysis suggests that the remaining wolves all descended from a single female. Additionally, at least twice single males have immigrated to the island (1967 and 1997), and contributed to the populations genetic diversity, but to no long lasting benefit.

During the same period moose numbers fluctuated widely- as they did before the arrival of wolves. The literature suggests that part of the more recent fluctuations can be attributed to severe winters and above normal summer temperatures accompanied by heavy winter tick infestations. And, of course, there is the predatory role of wolves. A publication by M. Nelson, R. Peterson and J. Vucetich (2008. The George Wright Forum. Vol. 25, No. 2) concludes that These discoveries (50 years of moose-wolf interactions on Isle Royale) suggest wolves are the proximate, but not ultimate, cause of most moose deaths. The article went on to say that: That is, wolves seemed to have relatively little impact on moose abundance. And last, the article stated that: Most importantly, most of the fluctuations in moose abundance are attributable to factors that we have yet to identify. I don't pretend to say that wolves are not a major factor in lives of Isle Royale moose, only that they are far from being the only, significant factor.

With ongoing climate change, future environmental factors may have even greater impacts on the moose population, particularly as the islands average temperature increases causing habitat shifts from boreal forest species to temperate forest species with the potential loss of balsam fir, an important winter food source of moose. This is a trend already being noticed on the island. In nearby northeastern Minnesota the moose population has recently plummeted primarily due to parasite infestations augmented by warming climate. A similar situation is occurring in northern New England where declining moose numbers are tied to rising temperatures and a huge increase in winter ticks. Consequently, the Isle Royale moose population may very well undergo a decline- or extirpation caused more by environmental changes than by the presence or absence of wolves. Or stated differently, importing wolves to Isle Royale may contribute little to the long-term survival of the islands moose population. In fact, under the worst case scenario doing so could hasten their demise.

I have very reliable information that the park service recently ran five population models with various scenarios, four of which predicted that moose would go extinct on the island with or without wolves while the fifth predicted a drastic fall in numbers, although perhaps not extinction. The point is that if current environmental trends continue, the Isle Royale moose population will very likely drop significantly if not completely die out. What do we do then? Begin limiting wolf numbers in order to increase moose survival? Import moose to augment their population? Where does this end?

Climate change is certainly largely due to human activities, but to use climate change to drive a decision as significant as this is wrought with unintended consequences. I say this because if we open this door, where does it lead us: do we attempt to modify the islands habitat in response to climate change by planting balsam fir even though the species can no longer compete with the encroaching temperate deciduous forest species? Do we somehow manipulate the terrestrial environment or even the moose population so that they can better adjust to warming temperatures, regardless of the direct impacts of disease and parasites- or the absence of wolves? Where is the wilderness or naturalness then?

I understand the emotions and share the desires to keep wolves on the island to keep the systems operating as we know them, to hang on to the conditions of yesterday when the island was dominated by moose-wolf interactions. But then what? Does it, as many prominent biologists admit, cause us to adopt a long-term plan of importing wolves every time inbreeding shows its deadly head? That is not sustainable, that is not natural and that is not wilderness.

Science is critical in any environmental discussion, but so too is the rule of law and the authority of existing regulations. Isle Royale functions under the authority of the park services Organic Act, its enabling legislation, Directors Orders etc , AND the 1964 Wilderness Act. The parks web page states that The purpose of Isle Royale National Park is to: (1) Preserve and protect the parks wilderness character for use and enjoyment by present and future generations. (2) Preserve and protect the parks cultural and natural resources and ecological processes. (The next two purposes deal with the publics recreational and educational opportunities.) And the last purpose listed- (5) Provide opportunities for scientific study of ecosystem components and processes, including human influences and use, and share the findings with the public. Clearly, these purposes can be interpreted differently. For me, the need to protect the wilderness character and on-going ecological processes stand out. I say, continue to document the changes and share the (tragic) results with the public. Yes, results that could make Isle Royale one of the first, dramatic examples of the consequences of societys refusal to act on climate change.

Many scientists and wolf proponents state that a reason to import wolves to the island is to continue the 50 year wolf-moose interaction research. That could be seen by some to be just a few words short of saying wolves need to be imported so someone can maintain their job. The proponents likely don't mean it that way, but proposing an action as precedent-setting as importing wolves to a national park in order to keep a research project going seems inappropriate. Plus, once wolves are imported, the resulting research reports will always have to include a bold asterisk explaining that at some point the system was deliberately altered by the importation of X-number of wolves from the mainland. The resulting data would not represent information from a continuing, natural predator-prey study, but rather it might best be described as a before and after intentional human intervention study. And again, how long will it be before additional wolves have to be imported to again avoid the perils of inbreeding? When does this wolf population shift from being free-ranging to becoming a routinely manipulated population experiment in a natural island impoundment? Where is the wilderness and naturalness then? Importing wolves may provide a short-term fix, but it is not a long-term solution.

The argument is made that with climate change, ice bridges are occurring far less frequently, and therefore the chances of wolves naturally immigrating to the island are diminished. That makes sense, but if I'm reading the most recent information correctly, the past two winters have seen ice bridges form in Lake Superior. And apparently, two wolves from the mainland did get to the island this past February (2015), but after spending 6 days wondering about they returned to the mainland. Their departure is truly unfortunate, but apparently all natural. If we are willing to physically import wolves, should we not have tried to entice these two wolves to remain the island? I say this rather tongue-in-cheek, but doing so could be seen by some as being half natural while physically importing wolves is totally unnatural. And then there was the recent case where the ice bridge allowed one female to leave the island and

migrate to the mainland. In the future do we haze wolves away from such behavior?

Many make the case that the reintroduction of wolves into central Idaho 20 years ago occurred in a wilderness area, so why not do the same on Isle Royale? There is a significant difference between the Idaho reintroduction and the Isle Royale situation. First, wolves were very deliberately removed from Idaho decades ago whereas if Isla Royales wolves die off it will be due only in part to unintentional human actions (parvo and climate change). Reintroducing wolves, or righting an earlier wrong, as was the case in Idaho (and Yellowstone Park) seems compatible with the intent of the Wilderness Act which repeatedly states the need to preserve wilderness character. The Act considers the restoration of native wildlife populations that have been depleted due to human actions as compatible management actions.

The Wilderness Act also recognizes that natural processes and fluctuating populations are important components of wilderness character. Unfortunately, as with national park policies, the Act does not differentiate between intended and unintended human actions, or the degree to which either supplements natural events. Nor does the Act give guidance as to what human actions, if any are appropriate responses to such events. That seems to be where we are with the Isle Royale issue. (Perhaps existing case law can shed some light on these questions, I just havent taken the time to begin that search.)

I point all this out only to say that I can look at the circumstances and make an argument for leaving events play out without additional human interference. It becomes a personal value call and I respect the well-reasoned opposing positions. What I fear most is the precedent that would be set if wolves were imported into a national park of which nearly 99 percent is a designated wilderness. I worry that this could set a disturbing precedence for the next wave of wilderness challenges looming on the horizon: do we begin planting disease and beetle resistant whitebark pine into Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem wilderness areas to augment the grizzly bears fall diet? Do we try and fabricate some method of cooling our mountain streams in order to maintain our native cutthroat and bull trout populations in our parks and wilderness areas? Or some similar scheme- perhaps cloud seeding in order to ensure deep snows at high elevations to prolong summer run offs, or to support wolverine populations?

We can all add to this list of forthcoming challenges brought on by human-caused climate change. My fear-laden questions are simply these: does the trammeling brought on by human-caused climate change justify more trammeling? Do drastic interventions that may at best prolong changes in ecosystem mechanics then allow the climate change deniers to say see, humans can fix these problems without having to address the root causes, thus delaying the real work that needs to be done now?

And once we begin making exceptions to the provisions of The Wilderness Act, we weaken our defense to those arguing that because no landscape is now free of human trammeling, we should do away with the concept of wilderness all together. Or, how do we argue against those pushing to open up wilderness areas for other activities such as mountain biking. If you are not aware, there is a new Colorado-based organization, The Sustainable Trails Coalition, whose sole purpose is to amend The Wilderness Act so as to allow mountain bikes, chain saws and wheelbarrows in wilderness areas. Where does this end?

The Wilderness Act and the wildlands they protect are under attack like never before. I will defend wilderness because I strongly believe we need intact ecosystems and large contiguous, undisturbed habitats where species can survive by their own wits, with minimal human interference. If we dont maintain the integrity of our wilderness areas, we weaken the heart of our wildlands, and by so doing; we jeopardize the very landscapes all these species require for their survival.

Likewise, I will defend national parks and their charge to allow natural systems to play out, and their authority to restore native species. However, in the case of Isle Royale and its wolf population, importing wolves will almost certainly not be a one-time event, and even if repeated many times, it may still fail in that the wolfs major food source- the moose may go extinct on the island with or without wolves.

I also understand the problem the park service has had, and perhaps still has with The Wilderness Act. Of all the land management agencies, the park service has had the most difficult time embracing this legislation, certainly in the lower 48 states. I dont know what to say other then I wish it werent so and I hope it isnt part of this Isle Royale issue.

Humans have contributed indirectly to the problem facing the Isle Royale wolves, but it is inherently difficult to retain genetic diversity in isolated island ecosystems, particularly for an apex species such as the wolf that evolved to exist at very low densities spread across extremely large landscapes. This strategy ensured genetic diversity through connectivity even for this naturally low-density species. It appears that the Isle Royale wolves were never, even at best of times, a part of a larger wolf habitat or population. And now their prospects for diversity through connectivity, looks even worse. Available information would suggest that the past 60 years were an anomaly, not a period of normality for the islands very long history. This has even lead some to questioned whether or not wolves and moose are true natives to the island.

This is by far one of the most difficult questions I have faced, but for now I support protecting the wilderness character of Isla Royale over manipulating the islands wolf population. I dont like it either, but this is why I stand where I do on this issue. I dont expect many to change their minds, but I hope we can agree to disagree- with respect.



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Correspondence: I Support Alternative A which is to take no action. The wolves should come and go based on natural migration. It should be left to nature and the animals to decide. Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

Thank you.

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Correspondence: The Sierra Club North Star Chapter strongly supports Alternative A. Isle Royale is a designated Wilderness area, and therefore it is to be left untrammled. Manipulating wildlife populations interferes with natural processes and is counter intuitive to the legal mandate of an untrammled Wilderness area. Human reintroduction of wolves will only result in the same isolation problems of the past. The no action alternative is the best fit to preserve Isle Royale's unique Wilderness area.

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Correspondence: [REDACTED]

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Correspondence: I believe Alternative D is best in this situation. I think NPS should continue current management allowing natural processes to control the wolf population in this Wilderness Area. The two wolves may migrate elsewhere, or new wolves may migrate in like they did before. I think NPS should have the means to bring wolves to the Island in the future to reduce in-breeding if certain conditions of prey are met so that the species will survive there. If the moose population does not decline to where it is listed as a threatened or endangered species, then wolves could be transported there. I believe in giving the NPS the scientific means to monitor this island and using good judgment to maintain this pristine wilderness island. The island should not be populated with wolves because tourists wish to hear them howl at night.

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Correspondence: To me the issue of whether or not the National Park Service should intervene to maintain a population of wolves within Isle Royale National Park is not ultimately a question for science to answer, but rather a matter of human preference and will. It is a cultural question.

But if the best science was to be the primary deciding factor used to maintain the wild natural character of the island, I hold that the most obvious conclusion would be to let the wolves disappear from the island. Island biogeography is defined by booms and busts, comings and goings, peaks and valleys. Should the wolves disappear the island will find a new albeit altered "balance".

And then there is the different argument, also based in the language of science, that Isle Royale needs park managers to release wolves on the island to preserve the current perceived ecological equilibrium. Most of Isle Royale was designated as Federal Wilderness in 1976, which means it is to be managed to retain "its primeval character and influence...affected primarily by the forces of nature". Releasing wolves would be a force of human will, not a force of nature. Using the language of science to justify releasing wolves is simply employing coded and indirect language to justify a personal or cultural vision for what Isle Royale's wilderness should look like. If we craft the wilderness to our image, to me it will signal a collective surrendering of hope and an abandonment of humility, as if to say, Nature, step aside, you can no longer care for yourself and we know what is best. So let's acknowledge that what we are debating here is the aesthetic of the wild and, ultimately, the desires of the human heart.

I prefer my wilderness in its least-curated form, thank you, even if that means wolves disappear from the island. To see the wolves go, however, would not come without an element of sadness for me. Some of the most powerful moments of my life have been with wolves on Isle Royale: following fresh tracks in the sparkling February snow; falling breathless and silent around the camp stove to listen to a pack howling in the distance; exchanging burning stares across a lily-strewn dark water beaver pond. The wolves' presence is electrifying and intoxicating. I wish they could cling to the bedrock and swamps of Isle Royale forever.

In this story, my love for wolves is surpassed only by my love for wild places—the unpredictable order of the wild—where humans exercise restraint in controlling and sculpting the natural world that sustains us. While humanity's fate is intertwined with the health of nature, and we must learn and practice more sustaining ways of caring for the land, water and air we occupy, we must also let places like Isle Royale be wild and free. We must honor the natural cycles of this insular wilderness. When we enter wild spaces we are able to experience true stillness, reflection, perspective and solace. It is in places like Isle Royale where we are able to connect to the purest sense of who we are and where we came from.

There is no question that we live in an extraordinary and uncertain time of environmental change. Through climate change and atmospheric pollution, wilderness everywhere is changing. But despite a warming planet, and theoretically fewer opportunities for new wolves to reach the island over winter ice, in both 2014 and 2015 ice bridges formed between the mainland and the island. In 2014 a resident Isle Royale wolf left for the mainland never to return. And in 2015 two mainland wolves walked to the island, sniffed around for six days, then set out across the ice again back to the mainland. Migration stories such as these—surprising, elating, and unpredictable—stories are all rooted in the context of a hands-off management approach. Bringing wolves to the island changes the context, and therefore the meaning and impact of the stories yet to unfold. For me, the wild character is diminished if we are tampering with the make-up of the living community.

The brief 65-year tenure of the wolf on Isle Royale is ending because of genetics, not because of human-caused environmental changes. Wolves are disappearing because Isle Royale is an isolated island in the middle of the world's largest lake, an island so wild even the wolf—one of our greatest symbols of the wild—can't hold on.

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Correspondence: Please support Alternative A- it makes the most sense!

Thank you,
Carla [REDACTED]

Correspondence ID: 6495 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: I've only read the first line and it stopped me. NO, I DO NOT BELIEVE TRANSPLANTING WOLVES OR ANY OTHER PREDATORS WORKS. Therefore, I am against transplanting wolves in this case. I live in N.M., adjacent to national forest. Any bears I've seen "transplanted" have returned. Wolves and other predators need hundreds of sq. miles to wander...to consider their territory. We, humans are the ones who need to accommodate the predators....not the other way around. THEY BELONG - WE DO NOT.

Correspondence ID: 6496 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern: National Park Service concerning Isle Royale and their remaining 2 wolves:

As you are aware there are four alternatives that will be voted on concerning the present state and issues on Isle Royale. First I wish to display the choice in which I've chosen: quote: Im in favour of the following for many reasons: Alternative C

The NPS would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan. The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island would be determined based on best available science and professional judgement. This action would occur as soon as possible following a signed record of decision.

QUOTE: Although wolves have not always been part of the Isle Royale ecosystem, they have been present for more than 60 years, and have played a key role in the ecosystem, affecting the moose population and other species during that time, plus were an expected tourist attraction.

The situation on Isle Royale is one of the most fascinating ones I've been following for quite some time. My hope is that due to only 2 wolves remaining as of 2016 and of course earlier, plus the overpopulation of moose, the two wolves should be removed and possibly cared for in retirement on the mainland. The overpopulation of moose will continue to overgraze and over populate, plus it's quite possible that deer have made it across to make matters worse. This has been an ongoing scientific debate and study for decades and if something should happen to one of the remaining two, the other one could not make it alone, nor should have to after so many decades of study. The humane decision is to first remove them now and perhaps as stated allow them to live out the rest of their lives in a sanctuary environment as a humanitarian rescue. I feel that at least 3 or 4 healthy packs (between 5 and 6 individuals) of wolves with strong DNA genes should be reintroduced to the Island now before the next winter season. In the following year another 2 packs could possibly supplement the Islands newer packs. This past year a few wolves from the mainland supposedly made it to the island, but turned around heading toward the mainland. This decision shouldn't be put on hold any longer for the sake of the two remaining male and female as they shouldn't be mating as it only resulted in deformed offspring and an unhealthy outcome that will never be rectified. I believe further packs of wolves would make a difference in reducing the now overpopulated moose herds. When reading about the tick problem, I'm just wondering if this has lead to the demise of so many wolves as it can be fatal and even the moose which number in the range of approx. 1400 are most likely plagued with ticks. Due to a certain type of tick, the blacklegged tick of Ontario described at: <http://health.gov.on.ca/&/pu&/publications/disease/lyme.aspx> https://www.researchgate.net/publication/258797417_Fatal_acute_babesiosis_in_captive_grey_wolves_Canis_lupus_due_to_Babesia_canis (references purposes only)The site described is very detailed in it's medical/veterinarian findings, but there is also a worldwide tick described and discovered after 2 Eurasian male wolves were found dead and a necropsy was performed...they both had enlarged spleens, as well as the gallbladder and kidneys and subcutaneous tissues plus haemorrhaging under the facia. It was determined that both wolves suffered from Fatal acute babesiosis in (Canis lupus) due to Babesia canis. Im not saying this was the cause of demise for so many wolves in the past few years, only an observation.

I have read comments from last July, 2015 where they too have suggested that reintroduction is the only way to solve this problem at present. After a year the same questions have been put forward once more. This year should be the year to consider such action and not wait any longer. The Isle Royale study has continued for over 60 odd years, but biologists must have learned from it and feel that due to many circumstances it warrants a reintroduction after all these years. If there were healthy packs of wolves the overpopulation of moose would once again diminish rather than augment as is the case. Its also been stated that deer made their way across last winter and most likely will remain.

Its a difficult task for the two remaining wolves to take down a moose, and risk injury unless a calf was targeted. Its a chore for them and they will weigh their chances to take down any unless the moose are ill or weak or old. Its a sad situation all around, but Isle Royale has been studied since the 50's and there were over 50 wolves at one time. For an area of approx. 894 square miles, it seemed(s) the perfect spot for them.

In addition, quote: an ice bridge formed again this past winter for the second year in a row, and a pair of wolves crossed the ice bridge from their home range on the Grand Portage Indian Reservation and traveled about 14 miles to Isle Royale. The pair explored the island, but did not stay, returning to the mainland five days later.

Not taking immediate action is a cruel fate for these two wolves as neither one could survive on their own. They are now 9 and 7 which is a normal but dangerous age for wolves, although they do not have other packs to challenge for territory. One could not survive on his/her own if an incident or illness takes either wolfs life. In this situation, it is a fate worse than death for the other.

Most comments submitted on this issue are leaning towards reintroducing more wolves (individuals) to Isle Royale which is totally suggested and required , but they need to take into consideration the remaining two and their age. If other packs were reintroduced, yearlings would have an opportunity to disperse in order to locate a mate from another pack. One pack will not do when it pertains to this scenario, but a few could. Ive studied wolves for 20 years, not formally of course, but via many books, documentaries, groups as well being a member of ██████████ Park and approx. 16 years membership with the ██████████. I usually investigate ALL issues concerning wolves and their lives and of course the manner in which they have been persecuted endlessly. That of course is never ending to attempt to advocate in a plethora of ways possible and attempt to teach others on the importance of wolves. Im involved as an ██████████ with a group entitled ██████████ which has exceeded 27,100 members at present. These obviously are not proper qualifications to judge the outcome of this study, but studying wolves from a distance and learning a great deal about them not only in North America, but around the world makes one want to express how they feel on this pressing issue. Im sorry for the length of this comment, although I had to delve into as many aspects as possible which obviously Park Service is already aware. I wish to make an additional comment which is more of a question which is while the comment page requires where one lives, I obviously displayed Canada, but in another drop down menu, the province choice was not available, thus I had to use the N/A option, as well I added my province (Ontario) after my city. Thank you for your time and allowing such a lengthy comment which I hope proves positive for all involved. On another note, I feel the public should be involved in some way (optional of course)not hands on per se, but monetarily to be a part of a historical event/decision. This of course would be left up to the individual to donate to a great cause.

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Correspondence: I would like to voice my opinion that the NPS should choose Alternative A. Alternative A is the only alternative that honors and upholds Isle Royale's Wilderness status.

Wolves have inhabited Isle Royale for only a tiny fraction of post-glacial time. Their recent presence on the Island is more an anomaly than the norm in the Island's very long history, but in any event we should let the wolves decide if they want to live there.

Even if the current wolf population dies out and no new wolves take up residency, we can learn much more by studying the ecological responses to the loss of wolves than by artificially inserting another wolf population on the island to continue what has been a "natural" predator-prey study.

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Correspondence: I support option A

Correspondence ID: 6499 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
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Correspondence Type: Web Form
Correspondence: I am sure this decision making process must be difficult with all of the emotions and special interests involved. As I offer my opinion on this subject, I would also like to wish you all the best of luck as you weigh your options.

I am in favor of option A (hands off approach)
(Please Read Why)

I believe a literal interpretation of the NPS guidelines and the Wilderness Act should be fully considered. Artificially introducing wolves to IR (as was previously attempted in the 1950s via the Detroit Zoo) would go against the conservation of the "natural" history of the island.

Using NPS policy and the Wilderness Act as my guide.

- Scientific value?

The wolf/moose study, although informative, has run its course. We now know why there is no archeological, cultural, or historical evidence of Wolves on IR prior to 1949. They cannot survive long term on an isolated island environment. As the forest continues maturing, the boom and bust cycles of the moose population are going to get worse (young forests are more suitable for moose). These lower moose populations, especially during bust cycles, will cause rapid declines in the "pet" wolf population. This will accelerate genetic bottlenecking, and lead to the inhumane suffering and inevitable demise of the introduced wolves. Do we really want to be stuck choosing between forced inbreeding and indefinitely supplementing a "non native" wolf population in a national park and wilderness area?

Also the research seemed to almost exclusively focus on the wolves, with little attention paid to the moose. I cannot find any published studies on the genetic origins or original herd size (common ancestry) of the Isle Royale moose population (both of which could help better answer the question as to how moose really got to the islands in the first place!)

This is an opportunity, to focus any scientific study on the moose, the environment, and the natural history of the islands.

-Educational value?

For educational purposes, it would be best to teach the islands "natural history" and use science to better understand that natural history so it can be more accurately explained. Turning it into a zoo for a species incapable of survival on IR serves only one educational value (teaching what not to do).

- Historical Value?

Wolves serve little historical value to an island in which they only have a 60 year history. Most zoo animals have longer histories than that. The long running study is the most important historical value and there is no need to do it again, this time 100% artificially.

- Conservational Value?

Wolves are neither endangered nor threatened in any adjacent mainland (unlike woodland caribou). They have had opportunities to naturally migrate and their instincts told them to go back to the mainland. All that is left to conserve is the myth that they are part of the island ecosystem, "left as it was, untrammelled by man." Most have no idea they were not on the islands all along! Some seem to think they are some kind of subspecies on the verge of extinction! Forcing more of them to live on the island serves only to further miseducate the public

Chapter 6 on Wilderness Preservation and Management

"Allow natural processes insofar as possible to shape and control wilderness ecosystems"

However

"To the extent necessary correct past mistakes"

Any action, other than option A only serves to perpetuate past mistakes.

NPS policies for restoration of "NATIVE" species:

- Historical presence?

Unknown prior to 1949.

This area WAS a pristine wilderness with a functioning ecosystem for 3500 years, the recent "brief" wolf colonization and subsequent extirpation hardly constitutes a historical presence.

-Role of Humans in its extirpation?

The population received a genetic infusion in the 1950s from wolves introduced from the Detroit zoo, contributing to their longevity on the islands.

This is to complement the Center for Biological Diversity's comments that were submitted to the National Park Service on Aug. 29, 2015 for the previous scoping period on management of wolves, moose and vegetation in Isle Royale National Park. The Center is a national, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to protecting and restoring endangered native plants and wildlife and their ecosystems. Many of our million-plus members and supporters have visited Isle Royale National Park, in part to experience an ecosystem shaped by trophic cascades induced by wolves. Indeed, Isle Royale's wolves have helped teach scientists how ecosystems function.

The Center for Biological Diversity continues to support Alternative C - translocation of wolves to ensure the persistence of the island's wolf population through the planning period of 20 years. (footnote 1)

Some commentators in last year's scoping period argued that translocating or reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale is not natural and thus, they suggest, inimical to the 1964 Wilderness Act. They point out, for example, that Isle Royale previously supported caribou, lynx, coyotes and spruce grouse - all of which no longer inhabit the island, and that wolves are only known to have existed on the island since the 1940s. Yet, the fact that some species have disappeared from the island and are not considered at the present juncture for reintroduction has no bearing on the propriety of wolf reintroduction; to paraphrase the title of Edward Abbey's last book of essays, "One Life At A Time, Please," here we must exclaim: One species at a time - for that is better than none.

At least one critic also opposes the reintroduction of wolves to Isle Royale National Park by distinguishing the inadvertent causes of wolf extirpation from the park from the purposeful reason that wolves were extirpated in the northern Rocky Mountains, where, according to this line of argument, the 1995-1996 reintroduction of wolves to central Idaho and to Yellowstone National Park was justified because deliberate human action caused the original loss of the wolves. In contrast, human actions bereft of malice, such as those that cause global warming, which increasingly prevents formation of an ice bridge from mainland Canada to Isle Royale, supposedly do not suffice to justify wolf reintroduction to the island to make up for the loss of ice which the wolves could otherwise utilize. (Additional anthropogenic causes of insufficient wolf immigrants to the island may lie in the destruction of the ice bridge to the mainland through the use of ice-breakers, and the persecution and diminution of wolves in southern Canada that lessens the likelihood of a dispersing wolf heading to Isle Royale even when the ice bridge is present.) However, the naturalness of wolf reintroduction does not hinge on whether the effort seeks to correct an intentional or inadvertent set of human actions.

Moreover, abstractions such as whether wolves would be unduly prioritized over other species in restoration, and thus whether wolf restoration reflects an arbitrary human value system, or whether humanity intended to harm the wolves of Isle Royale or not, do not implicate the Wilderness Act in proscribing or even frowning up translocation of wolves to Isle Royale National Park. In 1995, wolves were translocated to and released at the edge of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness Area in Idaho. And at various times since 2000, Mexican gray wolves have been released within the Gila Wilderness Area in New Mexico. The Mexican wolves were packed deep into the Wilderness in specially-designed panniers carried by horses, and then placed in temporary mesh enclosures constructed within the Wilderness and later removed. As these and other precedents to the contemplated instant action suggest, the Wilderness Act, which bans construction of roads and operation of motors within designated wilderness areas, was never intended to proscribe reintroduction of native species.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Footnote 1: We note our frustration that the National Park Service chose to disregard our advice from almost a year ago to expedite and simplify the NEPA process greatly and begin to translocate wolves into Isle Royale during last Fall or Winter. Had the park service done so, the last two or three surviving wolves on the island might have had mates and passed on their genes and their multi-generational knowledge of the island. The park service's inaction is particularly galling since, as we explained last year, the agency's 2006 management policies authorize and even mandate wolf conservation, the 1998 Isle Royale General Management Plan suggests a responsibility to conserve the wolves, and a simple environmental assessment would have sufficed to take action. The park service's refusal to act over the past year is the latest manifestation of several years of unconscionable delay while scientists warned that the wolf population would not survive.

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Correspondence: Protect the wolves!

Correspondence ID: 6504 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,09,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Dear National Park Service,
I believe the NPS should put alternative C into effect as soon as possible. This plan lends to a more diverse and healthy wolf population, with support from humans as needed. Having a sustained and stable wolf population will keep the moose in check, helping with overgrazing on the island. With the least risk of severely changing the balance on Isle Royale, alternative C is the best course of action for the island and wolf/moose relationship. I believe this choice is the best option available to the island and everyone that visits, along with the animals living on the island. As a concerned outdoor citizen of Michigan, I would like to see this alternative chosen. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully yours,

Correspondence ID: 6505 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,06,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Park Form

Correspondence: I had to voice my opinion on the subject of introducing more wolves to Isle Royale. It would be a tragedy if the wolves were not brought back. Letting nature take its course, is not an option here. Man has influenced events on the island for hundreds of years. It needs our help now. Bring the wolves back! Use your common sense! Listen to Rolf and Candy Peterson. They are the experts! They know more on the subject than any politician!

Correspondence ID: 6506 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam:

I recommend Alternative C, bringing wolves to the island as often as needed.

Alternatives A and B would allow damage to the island ecosystem from high moose numbers, and D would simply delay the introduction of wolves which is needed now.

A single (one time) introduction is inadequate as this small isolated population will always be subject to inbreeding and genetic drift.

Furthermore, this action is needed as the "naturalness" of the system has been and is being severely compromised by a warming climate, which now makes ice bridges to the mainland increasingly rare, making the entry of new wolves to the island unlikely, and if it did occur, inadequate to maintain a healthy population.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Correspondence ID: 6507 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: We support Alternative C for the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park.

This plan would bring wolves to Isle Royale as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

The wolf population range and number of breeding pairs to be maintained on the island should be determined based on best available science and professional judgment. We support this option as it allows for maximum flexibility and presents the best long-range view for the health of Isle Royale National Park's ecosystem. Evidence suggests that the few wolves on the island will not be able to keep moose populations in check, which will further degrade the island's vegetation.

Without wolves, Isle Royale will become a site of starvation, disease and death. Thank you for your consideration.

Correspondence ID: 6508 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,29,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: I am in favor of Alternative A. Most of Isle Royale is a wilderness area and should be treated as such.

In regard to the wolf moose study, if the wolf population disappears then part of the study would be to see what happens when there are no wolves there.

Without a wolf presence the ecosystem would revert to the natural wilderness state it was before the wolves migrated there.

If we interfere with the natural process it is no longer a wilderness but a managed park/zoo.

It is possible wolves may naturally migrate to the island as has happened before. With the cycles in climate there would likely be ice bridges again as happened last year.

We should let nature take its course.

Added thought:

In a wilderness area, are we to define what the ecosystem should be like or do we let nature take its course? If we don't it is no longer a wilderness.

Correspondence ID: 6509 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Apr,09,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Fax

Correspondence: Dear Sir or Madam:

It came to my attention that you now only have two wolves surviving in your park. I have signed a petition asking that you do all you can to save those wolves.

I would like to suggest a couple of places where you may be able to get more wolves to populate your park. I know through emails from Defenders of Wildlife coming into my account, that wolves are being routinely killed out in the western states. Idaho and Wyoming are even gassing the dens to kill pups. Also in Chattanooga, TN, the Reflection Riding Arboretum & Botanical Gardens organization is breeding red wolves in an attempt to help save them from extinction. I am hopeful that you can contact these sources to obtain wolves for your park.

It would be a pleasure to visit your park in the future. I look forward to getting back up to Upper Michigan one day. Good luck in your attempt to save wolves!

Sincerely yours,

Correspondence ID: 6510 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,29,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Dear Superintendent Green:

My seasonal ranger-husband, [REDACTED] at Malone Bay on Isle Royale National Park the summers of 1970 and 1971.

At that time, the Isle Royale wolf pack made an attempt to leave the island. Since that "failed" attempt, the wolf and moose populations together have been

an unnatural existence.

Therefore, it has been an adulterated study from the start. It has been more of a study to see how many generations it would take for the unmerciful genetic failure of a sequestered species.

I would recommend that this pack be allowed to totally die out. I do not recommend a reintroduction of more wolves. If they want to come, let them, on their own. But let the islands mend themselves. Let the soil rest, unnatural pests die out, and the wolf-moose cysts become less prevalent. Let the moose be self-regulating, healthier. Let them leave the islands if they wish as they are tremendous swimmers, or self-limit their population to the quantity of food.

Please allow the islands to take on their own persona. Let the wolf-moose relationship be a part of the history like the native visitors and the copper. Study the islands for their great changes that are arriving there due to climate change. Extoll the incredible geology. Enjoy the islands for their raw beauty and challenge. The relationship between the islands and Lake Superior is exhilarating. Consider all that exists there, naturally.

Please do not allow a relationship between wolves and the moose to continue on Isle Royale.

Sincerely,

Correspondence ID: 6511 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: Mar,21,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: To whom it may concern:

I urge the National Parks Service to reintroduce wolves to Isle Royale for many reasons. How sad to see one pair of wolves and their unhealthy pup as the only wolves left in Isle Royale. It appears symptomatic of a landscape that needs to be brought back to a healthy balance. Bringing back wolves will help to reestablish that healthy eco-system. It will enable researchers and scientists to study the interaction between predator and prey in another controlled environment as they are doing in Yellowstone. Bringing wolves back will be a wonderful educational opportunity for families with their children, animal lovers and the general public to come to see and hear wolves. This would be a significant and worthy resource to help get visitors back to enjoy our parks. Wolves back in Isle Royale will help to teach the public about the important role they play in a healthy ecosystem, foster public acceptance and appreciation of our natural landscape. It's a vital step in enlightening the public in social tolerance and the acceptance of wolves.

Thank you.

Correspondence ID: 6512 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter

Correspondence: I think the Park Service should do nothing in regards to the wolf situation on Isle Royale. If the island is to be a true wilderness area, it should be allowed to find its own solution to the wolf problem. The moose might dwarf down as an island species or fall prey to the same inbreeding problems as the wolves. One way or another an ecosystem will develop. It may not be the lovely "Disney" wilderness that everyone loves now, but it will be unique to Isle Royale. It's not often that we get a chance to see what happens with a problem not caused by human intervention.

Correspondence ID: 6513 **Project:** 59316 **Document:** 71605
Received: May,12,2016 00:00:00
Correspondence Type: Letter
Correspondence: Dear Sir:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and select an alternative regarding future wolf management within Isle Royale wilderness.

I strongly request the no action alternative, alternative A to be the only choice. Please take no manipulative actions with wolves in accordance with the intent of the Wilderness Act Statute of 1964.

Wilderness is the one place in America where the hand of man is absent and it must remain that way to be wilderness. To chose otherwise opens the door to unintended consequences and likely the ultimate unraveling of the wilderness act in its entirety. Let us not be responsible for that, please.

I believe wilderness managers are special people with a challenging job. I also believe wilderness oversight should come from a two person cabinet level position within the White House and wilderness rangers should be among the highest paid positions in our government. Please select the no action alternative for Isle Royale wolves. Let wilderness be true wilderness.

Thank you for reading my letter and carrying out my request.

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Correspondence: To Whom It May Concern,
I understand the National Park Service's idea of being noninterventionist with the wildlife on Isle Royale, thoughtful but not realistic. NPS's idea of no human involvement in altering the environment is short sighted.

On the other side of thinking there is no reason to arbitrarily introduce or experiment with new species at this time, or immediately repopulate the wolves, though I would default to the knowledge of Dr. Rolf Peterson.

With regard to the Wolf/Moose study, is there more to learn? Can we apply learned events to help the current world?

Action D seems the most logical as perhaps others wolves could find their way, let's watch and observe the reaction of the two remaining wolves and observe all affecting aspects.

At some point of critical mass, again I default to Rolf Peterson's expertise, an introduction of (2) competing wolf groups could add value to the study between wolves and wolves and wolves and moose. I am no expert, I do not know what value the two remaining wolves have, but if their demise is apparent and they have apparent value, perhaps they could be moved onto the main land and be studied for their potential. Perhaps the (2) remaining wolves have some built-in radar remembrance system that would have them return one day with a new pack for a known food source. Perhaps the smell of overpopulated moose dying off would attract other wolf groups.

I appreciate the NPS, but sometimes their thinking involves self imposed "blindness". NPS does not consider the fact the wolves and moose likely found their own way onto the island.

In any event this island is a great study and to restrict human interaction is absurd. Our educated best deserve a place to continue their studies, elevating the knowledge of our world.

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Correspondence: Dear Superintendent:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received notice of a public scoping opportunity requesting feedback regarding the purpose, need, and range of preliminary alternative management concepts for the Moose-Wolf-Vegetation Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Isle Royale National Park (Park). This letter provides EPA's comments on the scoping document, pursuant to our authorities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. Wolves have been part of the Isle Royale ecosystem for approximately 65 years. During that time, wolves played a key role in the ecosystem, affecting the moose population and other species as the apex predator on the island. The average size of the wolf population on the island over the past 65 years has been approximately 22 wolves, with as many as 50 wolves on the island. At the present time, only two wolves remain. Due to this decline, the National Park Service (Park Service) needs to determine whether additional wolves should be brought to the island. The Park Service believes that natural recovery of the population is unlikely. During 2015, the Park Service began its planning process by considering a broad range of potential management actions to manage moose and wolf populations for the next 20 years or more. Based on public comments received during 2015, the Park Service narrowed the scope of the EIS to focus on the question of whether to bring wolves to the Park in the near term, and if so, how to do so.

The scoping newsletter indicates four alternatives are being considered for analysis in the EIS: Alternative A, the No-Action Alternative -The Park Service would not intervene and would continue current management. Wolves travel to the island through natural migration, although the current population of wolves may die out.

Alternative B - The Park Service would bring wolves to the island as a one-time event over a defined period of time (e.g., over a 36 month period) to increase the longevity of the wolf population on the island.

Alternative C - The Park Service would bring wolves to the island as often as needed in order to maintain a population of wolves on the island for at least the next 20 years, which is the anticipated life of the plan.

Alternative D - The Park Service would not take immediate action and would continue current management, allowing natural processes to continue. One or more resource indicators and thresholds would be developed to evaluate the condition of key resources, which could include moose or vegetation-based parameters. If a threshold is met, wolves would be brought to the island as a one-time event or through multiple introductions.

EPA offers the following comments, categorized by topic, to help the Park Service prepare the EIS.

- clearly explain how wolves travelled to the Park historically and the chances of similar travel in light of climate change;
- clearly explain the cause(s) for the current low numbers of wolves;
- if wolves are reintroduced to the Park, from where will they be selected? Will an entire pack(s) be introduced to the Park?; and
- if wolves are reintroduced to the Park, will they be released using "hard" or "soft" release methods, similar to the releases in Yellowstone National Park in 1995?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project at its earliest stages. We look forward to receiving future NEPA documentation concerning this project. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact [REDACTED] of my staff at [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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Correspondence: Final Position Statement: Wolf Restoration and Management in the Contiguous United States

Gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) were once distributed throughout most of North America, except possibly the southeastern U.S., where a different wolf species (*Canis rufus*) may have once lived. Wolf taxonomic theory continues to develop and the scientific debate on speciation will continue. We refer to 'wolves' as those designated as *Canis lupus* across North America, and include wolves of southeastern Canada and the eastern U.S., that some have recently referred to as *Canis lycaon*. By the 1970s wolves were deliberately extirpated from Mexico, nearly all of their historic range in the contiguous U.S., and parts of Canada and Alaska in deference to other social objectives, primarily livestock production, enhancement of big game populations, and human health and safety. In recent years, wolves have recolonized suitable habitat (e.g., typically areas with limited human development that are not used for intensive livestock production) throughout Alaska and Canada. Those areas now support > 70,000 wolves. Conservation of those secure wolf populations includes: monitoring, law enforcement, public outreach, research, and regulating human-caused mortality through public harvest, defense of property by the public, agency control to reduce livestock depredation and predation on wild ungulates, and mitigation of the potential threat to human health and safety.

In this position statement we address wolf conservation and management in the contiguous U.S. Wolves were listed throughout the contiguous U.S. by the 1973 Endangered Species Act (ESA). Wolves were restored by a combination of natural recovery and translocations in the Northern Rocky Mountains. In 2011, there were >1,700 wolves in a 3-part meta-population in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming; eastern one-third of Oregon and Washington; and a small part of northern Utah. Wolves recovered naturally in the Western Great Lakes. In 2011, there were >4,500 wolves in a 3-part meta-population in Minnesota (the only area in the contiguous U.S. where wolves were not extirpated): Wisconsin, Michigan, and parts of surrounding states. Both distinct population segments (DPS) of wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains and Western Great Lakes are well-connected southern extensions of the wolf population in Canada. Wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains, except in Wyoming, were delisted by Congress in 2011 when it reinstated the 2009 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) delisting rule that had previously been overturned in federal court. Wolves in the Western Great Lakes were delisted in 2007, but were returned to ESA protections in 2008 by court order. In January 2012, the FWS announced that the Western Great Lakes DPS of wolves had fully recovered and was healthy, leading to these wolves again being delisted. The wolf population in the southwestern U.S. resulted from translocations. For the past decade, the Southwest has contained about 50 wolves in a single isolated wild population, but several hundred others are maintained in captivity, all originating from only 7 founders. Recovery efforts in the Southwest are continuing but additional efforts over a larger area will be needed to achieve recovery. Suitable habitat exists in other areas of the Southwest and in Mexico. Wolves will continue to disperse naturally beyond the Northern Rocky Mountain, Western Great Lakes, and Southwest populations, but currently there are no other established populations.

While some areas of suitable habitat exist elsewhere, attempts to reestablish viable wolf populations outside of the Northern Rocky Mountains or Western Great Lakes through natural recolonization or by translocation will be more challenging due to human modification and fragmentation of once suitable historic habitat and no, or very limited, connectivity to larger secure wolf populations. Wolf restoration in the Northern Rocky Mountains and Western Great Lakes succeeded because of connectivity between secure wolf populations, there were large blocks of suitable habitat that could support persistent packs, agency management minimized conflicts, and adequate tolerance by local residents was achieved. That combination of conditions is uncommon elsewhere. Wolves do not need wilderness or protected lands to thrive, but they do best and there are fewer wolf-human conflicts in large blocks of wildlands that are not used for intensive livestock production.

The ESA played an essential role in restoring wolves to the Northern Rocky Mountains, Western Great Lakes, and Southwest; however, this legislation is not the most effective tool for long-term management of biologically recovered wolf populations or to conserve wolves in some areas where establishment of a self-sustaining population is unlikely. Thus, restoration and conservation of wolves beyond these three regions could be best achieved by localized efforts by states and tribes. Wolf conservation requires a variety of management efforts that range from protection in areas such as national parks, enforcement of the federal ESA to enhance recovery of listed populations, state and tribal management of resident wolf populations, and discouraging wolves from areas where wolf presence is not desirable due to unacceptable levels of conflict with humans. Wildlife management agencies should consistently inform the public that there are

areas where wolves have been restored and where some might be restored in the future (e.g. Cascade Mountain Range in the northwestern U.S.), but that in the majority of vacant historic range, wolf populations will never be restored to biologically sustainable levels.

Scientific inquiry can help provide accurate information about wolf biology and the likely effects of various management options. Science should be an important part of the complex process that human society uses to make decisions about wolf conservation and needs to include the human dimensions of wildlife management. While The Wildlife Society continues to advocate for the appropriate use of science in wolf conservation, it recognizes that all branches of government and many others with expertise (i.e., stakeholders) are involved in making decisions. Scientific expertise and data, however, should be clearly distinguished from advocacy positions and different human values in debates about wolf conservation.

The policy of The Wildlife Society regarding wolves in the contiguous U.S. is as follows:

1. Recognize that wolves occupy an important ecological niche and should be conserved in portions of their original range in North America where suitable habitat exists, natural ecological processes are desired, conflicts are minimal or can be minimized through management actions, and there is adequate public tolerance for wolf restoration.
2. Recognize the existence of wolf-human conflicts (e.g., domestic animal depredation, competition for wild ungulates with big game hunters, and concerns about public health and safety due to attack, diseases, or parasites) and that many wolf populations will require active management to be tolerated by local residents.
3. Encourage continued work with Canada and Mexico to maintain adequate connectivity with U.S. wolf populations and to support wolf conservation in all appropriate areas of North America.
4. Promote habitat conservation that sustains adequate space for the life history characteristics of wolves and their wild prey, including the establishment and management of areas (e.g., parks, National Wildlife Refuges, wilderness, and natural areas) where natural processes, including natural wolf population structure and predator-prey dynamics, would be encouraged, and where limited human-wolf interaction is likely.
5. Support wolf restoration and delisting, when appropriate, under the ESA in the Northern Rocky Mountains, Western Great Lakes, and Southwest and strongly encourage professional state and tribal wolf conservation programs to maintain viable wolf populations in those areas.
6. Encourage inclusion of the concerns from all stakeholders in wolf conservation issues and dissemination of scientific information regarding wolf conservation and management.
7. Encourage scientific agencies and organizations to clearly distinguish biology and science from issues that have an ethical, political, or legal foundation when establishing positions or providing information on wolf conservation and management.
8. Encourage adequate public and private funding to support wolf conservation, management, and damage control.
9. Recognize the ESA has limitations regarding wolf conservation and in many areas state and tribal agencies can be more efficient and cost effective in the conservation and management of wolves than maintaining federal-level protections.

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