

# BC PETITION

BC's newly released (April 17, 2014) "Wolf Management Plan" presents a barbaric and grim future for wolves that amounts to a government sponsored kill program. Lactating females and their pups can be killed with no limits and no reporting in more than 1/2 of the province and practice does not meet international standards for humane trapping (according to the BC Trappers Association).

Wolves need your voice now. They are being killed at an unprecedented rate for "recreation" and targeted as scapegoats for caribou decline. They are killed by hired trappers, by government members, captured and sterilized, all as part of a failed experiment. **PLEASE help stop this cruel and needless killing.**

**To the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:**

**We, the undersigned residents of British Columbia and Canada, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge BC Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson, and the Government of British Columbia to take the following measures to improve the treatment and protection of the wolf population in British Columbia:**

- 1) **Stop helicopter killing and sterilization of wolves immediately.**
- 2) **Amend trapping and hunting regulations to ban leg hold traps, snares and the use of bait.**
- 3) **Set aside large tracts of wildlife habitat where large carnivores are protected from human influences so that wolves can develop natural packs and behaviour to fulfill their ecological role as a keystone species in BC (Note only 5% of wolves die naturally in the Mountain National Parks; most protected areas are too small).**
- 4) **Promote responsible husbandry practices, provide education and incentives for prevention of livestock losses, and use reliable numbers when describing the impacts wolves have on the livestock industry**

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**Please note:** The name and address of the persons who sign this petition may be made available to the public if the petition is in proper form to be presented to the Legislative Assembly.