



City of Ketchum

February 16, 2021

Greg Cameron, Magic Valley, Commissioner
Members of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission
324 South 417 East, Suite 1
Jerome, ID 83338

Subject: No Wolf Trapping in Blaine County (Units 48 and 49)

Dear Commissioner Cameron and members of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission:

The City of Ketchum is writing to ask that the Idaho Fish and Game Commission (IDFG) keep wolf trapping out of Blaine County, Units 48 and 49, on public and private lands. Continuation of the current ban on wolf trapping is important to our economy, our health, safety, welfare, and the values of our residents and visitors.

The City of Ketchum passed Resolution 14-022 on September 15, 2014, asking Idaho's Governor, Idaho Fish and Game and U.S. Wildlife Services to request their support of the collaborative work of the Wood River Wolf Project and **to provide for the safety of our residents and backcountry recreation users by prohibiting trapping, snares and aerial shooting of wolves on public lands in our County.**

Consistent with the City of Ketchum's support of wildlife coexistence, the City passed Resolution 20-017 joining the Wildlife Smart Communities Coalition and is working with the Magic Valley IDFG Regional staff to prevent conflicts with bears, mountain lions, and other wildlife which are attracted to city neighborhoods.

The yearly efforts of the IDFG, the Idaho Trappers Association and the Foundation of Wildlife Management to keep pushing wolf trapping and hunting in Units 48 and 49 is hard to fathom when our local governments, business representatives and the public are so vocal against the proposal.

We practice coexistence with wildlife and support the Wood River Wolf Project's approach to non-lethal control of wolves. Please keep trapping out of Blaine County.

Sincerely,

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor
City of Ketchum

cc. Dick Fosbury, Chair, Blaine County Board of Commissioners
Senator Michelle Stennett, Representatives Muffy Davis and Sally Toone
Ed Schriever, Director, Idaho Fish and Game
Dr. Craig White, Magic Valley Region, Idaho Department of Fish and Game