

Tourist

I've never seen a wolf before; I think I'd make a special trip to YNP just to see wolves! I'd bring my whole family and make a vacation out of it.



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Rancher #2

I don't think that people who aren't from this area should have a say in the matter. They don't know what's going on, they aren't familiar with the land, and they don't understand how it will impact our way of life.



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Rancher #1

If wolves are released in YNP, very few people are ever going to see them and landowners and ranchers would continuously have to deal with wolves killing their livestock. If wolves are introduced, I feel like the federal government should compensate me for any livestock losses due to wolves.



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Hunter #1

I think the people that want to introduce wolves to the park are the same people that want to ban hunting, trapping, fishing, and other recreational activities. Eliminating livestock from public lands is just one more thing they want to take away. I can't get behind this.



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Hunter #2

I'm concerned that if wolves are reintroduced to the park, the big game like elk and other species that I hunt will be killed off by the wolves and there won't be anything left for me to hunt.



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Scientist #1

The ecosystem of YNP has been so degraded in the absence of wolves, wolf reintroduction is necessary if we are ever going to restore the park. If ranchers don't properly manage their animals, it's not taxpayers' responsibility to compensate them for their losses.



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Homeowner

I'm afraid that wolves will leave the park and kill my dogs and cats. I'm also worried that my life and my children's lives will be endangered by the addition of wolves to the park. What's to stop them from attacking my family?



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Citizen

Public land is for everyone and everyone deserves a say in what happens on that land. Western ranchers have grazed on federal lands for years. Since we taxpayers are subsidizing the livestock industry, we should have the right to demand that the wolves be part of the landscape.



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U.S. Government Official

A private program exists that can pay ranchers for livestock losses due to wolf predation. The U.S. government should not compensate for livestock losses due to wildlife.



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Local Restaurant Owner

I'm really excited about the idea of reintroduction of wolves. My business could really benefit from having more tourists in the park.



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Nez Perce Tribe Member

I'm concerned that by reintroducing wolves to the park, the status of the naturally occurring populations of wolves will be in jeopardy. For example, if hunting the introduced wolves is a management strategy, will the safety of the native wolves be in jeopardy?



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Scientist #2

Wolves were once part of this ecosystem. Until we can bring the wolves back, the ecosystem of Yellowstone will always be disturbed. Wolves aren't going to come back to the park on their own, or they would have done so already.



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