

**Greetings Friends of Grizzlies,**

**NEW PODCAST: Grizzly Times Launches 2018 Season**

This week, I am launching the 2018 season of the Grizzly Times podcasts with a delightful interview with **Nick Arrivo, attorney with Humane Society of the United States**, who is bringing suit against the US Fish and Wildlife Service over its decision to delist Yellowstone grizzlies. Listening to this interview, you will appreciate that grizzlies are well represented in court! Nick is bringing important arguments to the coalition of tribal and conservation litigators tackling delisting, particularly the lack of adequate state regulatory mechanisms to protect grizzlies after delisting. (See photo below.)

This from Nick: "I think the [Fish and Wildlife] Service knew that the states were doing a pretty poor job throughout the entire process, and kind of looked the other way, while the states went through regulatory processes that were legally and substantively pretty poor -- the most important component of which of course is the plan to allow trophy hunting."

Listen here: <https://www.grizzlytimes.org/the-grizzly-times-podcast>

**TAKE ACTION:**

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is threatened now more than ever. Trump and congressional enemies of the ESA have promised to repeal or gut this landmark law. On the chopping block are wolves, as congressmen are poised, again, to strip protections of wolves, and allow state-sponsored sport hunts to circumvent court actions. But potential congressional delisting of grizzly bears could be next. If legal challenges against Trump's 2017 decision to delist Yellowstone's grizzlies prevail, Congress could attempt to delist grizzlies legislatively.

Please tell your members of congress that you won't stand for these legislative attacks on wolves, grizzlies and other species. One of the world's strongest and most effective wildlife protection laws, the ESA has prevented the extinction of 99% of listed species, from the bald eagle to the gray whale and grizzly bear.

Read More Here: <https://www.grizzlytimes.org/>

**IN THE NEWS:**

**Rob Wielgus, Leading Carnivore Scientist, is Crushed by Thugs in Washington State**

Read and weep for Dr. Rob Wielgus, a world renowned large carnivore expert with Washington State University, whose Large Carnivore Research lab was closed because of a ridiculous over-reaction of ranchers and thugs in state government to Rob's truthful remarks about the dumping of cows right on top of a wolf den, which caused predictable conflicts. The result was that the Profanity Peak pack was destroyed, along with Rob's career. (See photo below.)

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/feb/03/i-just-want-out-large-carnivore-conservation-lab-d/>

An interview with Rob is featured in a 2016 film that I produced, *Keep Grizzlies Protected*, that featured leading scientists speaking on Yellowstone grizzly delisting:

<https://www.keepgrizzliesprotected.com/>

**Political Populations Plague Wildlife Management**

A new paper in *Conservation Biology* by an international team of researchers, led by Dr. Chris Darimont of the University of Victoria, BC, exposes the faulty underpinnings of how wildlife is managed by many governments across the political spectrum and around the world. Case studies revealed governments justifying politically preferred policies by exaggerating — without empirical confirmation — the size and resilience of carnivore populations. Such contempt of the public trust fosters what the authors term, "political populations" — those with imaginary attributes contrived to serve political interests.

<http://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/opinion-political-populations-plague-wildlife-management>

For the bears,

**Louisa**

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