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**To: Secretary of Interior Gale Norton
USFWS Director Dale Hall**

From: Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council (ISCAC)

**Subject: Amendment to Existing Section 10J Rule for Protection of
Personal Property Against Gray Wolf Attacks**

As currently written, regulations promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under Section 10j) of the Endangered Species Act provide that wolves in the Idaho experimental area that are attacking, chasing, molesting, or harassing livestock, and livestock herding and guarding animals on public federal lands can be shot by grazing permittees and guides/outfitters that use livestock as part of their federal land-use permit, on their active livestock allotments, without prior written authorization (See 50 C.F.R. 17.84 (j)(3)). ISCAC encourages the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to amend the special rules for experimental wolf populations in such a manner that will allow any person lawfully using public lands to have the right to use that force necessary, up to and including deadly force to protect pets, livestock, hunting dogs, pack animals and any other personal property from an attack by a wolf.

ISCAC agrees with the current rule that federal permittees should have the ability to protect personal property from wolf attack. However, we believe that ability should be extended to any person lawfully using public federal lands.

