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Re: Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review

To: Environment Yukon & Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Wolves are an important part of the Kluane National Park and Reserve ecosystem. In order to maintain a healthy ecosystem in the Kluane region, all the components of predator prey relationships need to be intact. Healthy ecosystems have wildlife populations that are naturally cyclic and, among other factors like habitat, dependent on healthy and relevant predator prey relationships. As with other wildlife species, and as you are well aware, wolves do not recognize human-based boundaries.

As regional land managers, along with our management partners, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Kluane First Nation, we would appreciate being informed in advance of any planned action on wolves that could affect the park ecosystem. We also appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the management of wolves and their prey in the Kluane region. If in the course of developing the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, if it is felt that there would be a benefit to obtaining information on wildlife populations in Kluane National Park and Reserve we would gladly share our data.

We feel fortunate to have worked together on this issue in the past, both directly with Environment Yukon and through the Alsek Renewable Resource Council. We hope that working together in the future will prove beneficial, not only for the resources and the ecosystems of the Kluane region, but also the people of the Yukon and of Canada.

Sincerely,

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