



June 23, 2016

The Honorable Kate Brown
Governor of Oregon
900 Court St NE, 160
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Wolf Delisting & Letter from Rep. Peter DeFazio

Dear Governor Brown,

We were appalled to learn, via Rep. Peter DeFazio's June 9, 2016 letter to you, of the duplicity involved in your office's deal-making to pass HB4040, which removed endangered species act protection for Oregon's gray wolves. The bill not only delisted wolves prematurely, it did not meet the requirement in Oregon's existing wolf plan for an independent scientific peer review. And it was approved against the recommendations of leading scientists and against the public will.

What Rep. DeFazio's letter makes clear is that not only were you disingenuous in your communications with him about HB4040, but you and your natural resources advisor, Mr. Brownscombe, blatantly sided with agricultural interests while professing neutrality. We would ask that you dismiss Mr. Brownscombe, except he was likely simply following your direction in giving support to agricultural and hunting special interests who desire only to kill, not conserve, wolves and other predators.

Equally appalling is the fact that you restricted the civil right of Oregonians to challenge their government by using HB4040 as a tool to block a lawsuit filed by environmentalists who wanted to challenge the delisting decision. Our membership has been advised of your track record on this issue and your callous and unprofessional trading of Oregon's wildlife and wildlands for political gain.

We ask that you please stop presenting yourself as a supporter of Oregon's wildlife and wildlands, and remove the words from your website where you tout you are "building a healthy environment" and "making government more accountable."

You have ignored true science while destroying the integrity of our political system.

Sincerely,

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