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## **Wolf Supporters to Rally in Olympia to Protest Killing of Profanity Peak Pack**

OLYMPIA, Wash.— Wildlife supporters, including several conservation groups, will rally Thursday at noon in Olympia to mourn the loss of Washington's Profanity Peak pack and to call on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to stop killing the public's wolves on public lands to benefit the private ranching industry.

The agency has already killed at least six of the pack's 11 members and aims to eradicate the entire pack, including five 4-month-old pups. The wolves are being targeted for conflicts with livestock on federal public lands after a rancher moved his cattle into an area known to be a den and rendezvous site for the pack.

**What:** Members of the public, including members of multiple conservation organizations representing thousands of Washington residents, will rally at Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters to mourn the loss of the Profanity Peak wolf family and to send a clear message that state residents want the agency to protect Washington's endangered wolves, not kill them on public lands to benefit irresponsible ranchers.

**When:** Noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1.

**Where:** The sidewalk and parking lot in front of the main entrance to the headquarters building of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, at 1111 Washington Street, SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

**Visuals:** Attendees will hoist posters and banners with messages in support of protecting wolves from irresponsible ranchers; images of killed wolves will be displayed on the ground. Speakers will include Amaroq Weiss, West Coast wolf organizer at the Center for Biological Diversity; Brooks Fahy, executive director for Predator Defense; Paul Ruprecht, staff attorney for Western Watersheds Project; and several citizen-activists.

*The Center for Biological Diversity is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 1.1 million members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places.*

*Predator Defense is a national nonprofit advocacy organization working to protect native predators and end America's war on wildlife. Our efforts take us into the field, onto America's public lands, to Congress, and into courtrooms.*

*Northwest Animal Rights Network is a Pacific Northwest based animal rights organization which advocates for the rights inherent to all sentient beings to live a full life, to be free, and to not be used and exploited.*

*The mission of Western Watersheds Project is to protect and restore western watersheds and wildlife through education, public policy initiatives and legal advocacy.*

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